

# TORAH TIME

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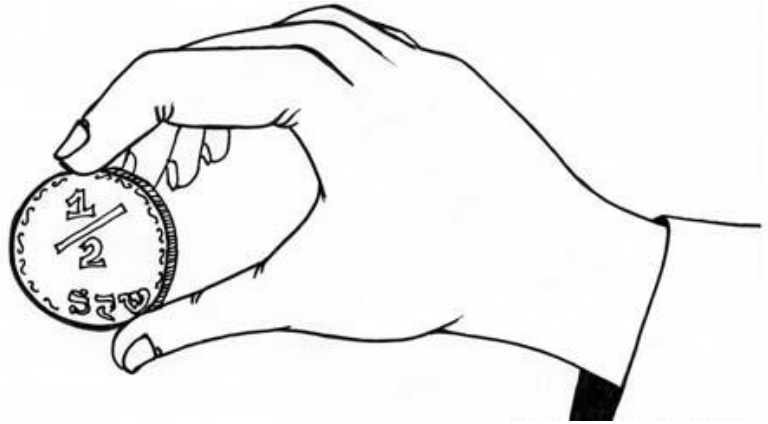
## PARASHA

Ki Tisa

- Exodus 30:11-34:35
- 1 Kings 18:1-39
- 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

## TORAH TIME

The people of Israel are told to each give exactly half a shekel of silver to the Sanctuary. Instructions are also given regarding the making of the Sanctuary's water-basin, anointing oil and incense. "Wise hearted" artisans named Betzalel and Ahaliav are placed in charge of the Sanctuary's construction, and the people are commanded to keep the Shabbat.



The people become impatient when Moses does not return from Mount Sinai. Finally, they take their gold and make an idol in the shape of a cow. They worship the cow! Moshe hears their worship and returns. Moses comes down the mountain carrying the tablets engraved with the Ten Commandments. Seeing the people dancing about their idol, he breaks the Tablets. Moshe then destroys the Golden Calf and has many people put to death. He then returns to YHWH to say: "If You do not forgive Israel, then blot me out from the book that You have written." The people should have turned from their idols and renounced their evil practices as our memory verse teaches.

YHWH forgives, but says that the effect of their sin will be felt for many generations. At first YHWH proposes to send His angel along with them, but Moses insists that YHWH Himself accompany His people to the Promised Land. Moses prepares a new set of tablets and once more goes up the mountain. This time Moshe gets a second set of tablets. On the mountain Moses is also granted a vision of the divine Thirteen Attributes of Mercy. When Moshe

returns his face glows bright. His face is so bright that he has to cover it a veil, which he removes only to speak with YHWH and to teach His laws to the people.

(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" - available at [www.emetministries.com](http://www.emetministries.com))

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your evil practices," Ezekiel 14:6

**LEARNING ACTIVITY**

Think about someone special in your life, like your mom or dad. Now, describe that person in 13 statements or words. What makes them great? How do they treat you?

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- 11) \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know that YHWH has given us 13 statements that describe His greatness?

It is in the Torah of Moshe that we have the best description of YHWH. It is in this Torah portion that YHWH gives of himself! By reading and learning these words or statements we can know more about YHWH. As we really get to know the character of YHWH we can then begin to understand Him and follow Him better.

On the mountain Moses cried out to “see YHWH.” What Moshe really wanted was to know YHWH better. YHWH answered Moses by passing before him and calling out 13 words...

“And Moshe said, I beg You, show me Your glory. YHWH passed before him and proclaimed, “YHWH YHWH an elohim merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation,” Exodus / Shemot 33:18-23 & 34:6-9.

This section of Scripture in Hebrew is called the “Shelosh Esreh Middot” or the “Thirteen Attributes.” The Shelosh Esreh Middot is a listing of YHWH’s adjectives by YHWH Himself. This is YHWH. Just like you can name 13 words about someone special in your life, these are 13 words YHWH uses to talk about Himself.

In Hebrew this reads, “YHWH YHWH el rachum chanun erek a’payim rav chesed v’emet notzer chesed la’alafim nosei avon, nosei pasha, nosie chata v’nakel”

For this learning activity you should learn about the following 13 statements. Look online, in a dictionary, and ask adults about what these comments mean. Then consider how each of these terms describe YHWH. Remember, if you don’t truly know YHWH’s character then you may disobey Him. It’s so important to view YHWH correctly. He is loving, kind, patient, and full of truth. As you learn the “Shelosh Esreh Middot” you will know YHWH like Moses did.

One)

First, His Name YHWH is repeated twice in a row.

This is a picture of YHWH The Father and YHWH The Son.

The Son, Y’shua, came in the name of the first YHWH.

Two)

YHWH is listed twice to show us His compassion before we sin and His compassion after we sin. YHWH YHWH is full of mercy!

Three)

Next, He is called “el.’ This term literally means “mighty.” It is often translated as “god.”

Four)

YHWH is a mighty el who is willing to judge with mercy. He is full of “rachum” or mercy. He is merciful that mankind would not be distressed.

Five)

He also has “chanun” or “favor” for us. This is to comfort and help us if we already in distress or have problems.

Six)

The Torah calls Him “erek a’payim” or “slow to anger.” Though we are quick to judge and cast out, YHWH is patient and slow to get angrily easily.

Seven)

He is “rav chesed” or “abundant in kindness.” His mercy knows no end. It endures forever!

Eight)

YHWH is “emet” or “truthfull.” YHWH has truthful and instructive consequences in place to push us closer to His love.

Nine)

The Torah also describes Him as a “preserver of kindness for thousands of generations.” The Hebrew reads “notzer chesed la’alafim.”

Ten)

YHWH also forgives all types of sin, beginning with iniquity. Iniquity is the result of a heart that is hardened against YHWH and His ways.

Eleven)

YHWH forgives transgression. This is a willful violation of the Torah.

Twelve)

YHWH forgives sin. Man is sinful and lives according to the sinful nature.

Thirteen)

YHWH offers “v’nakel or “cleansing or pardon” for all sin. This is YHWH! He is an El full of Mercy and Forgiveness.

## **WALK THE TALK**

An idol is anything that we honor more than YHWH. In Bible times an idol was a usually an item made out of wood, stone, or metal. Idols were usually in the shape of an animal, thing

or person. Today, idols take many different forms. An idol is anything that we think is more important than YHWH.

In this week's Torah portion the people of Israel were waiting for Moses to return from getting the 10 Commandments. He didn't come down the mountain for a very long time. The Israelites grew impatient waiting. They were frustrated so much that they went to Aharon and begged him to make them an idol. Aaron agreed! He took their gold and melted it into the shape of a calf. The people now had an idol. Sadly, they began to celebrate their idol. The sound of their worship made its way to the top of the mountain. Moses came down and caught them misbehaving. They were worshipping their idol and not YHWH. As a punishment for their sins Moses took the cow, melted it into a golden powder, and then made a bunch of Hebrews mix the powder into a drink! Others were killed because of their idolatry or false worship. Idols bring death and destruction.

Idolatry is very evil. It is anything that takes our attention away from YHWH. Even good things can become an idol. Many people worship money by spending all of their efforts in getting more. Others worship the television by constantly watching shows instead of seeking YHWH. Other idols include sports, game systems, work, and even religion. Our memory verse warns us to turn away from idols. The verse states, "Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your evil practices," Ezekiel 14:6. In this passage the Hebrew word for "repent" is "teshuvah." In Hebrew "teshuvah" means to TURN and RETURN. It is an action picture. A person who does teshuvah stops their wrong ways, turns from their sin, and then returns to YHWH. Teshuvah is like a stop sign and a u-turn sign all combined. In English we use the word "repentance" but "teshuvah" is much greater than just saying "I'm sorry." Teshuvah is being sorry for your sin, turning FROM your sin, and then coming to YHWH. We must do teshuvah and leave wrong ways behind. Idolatry will cause us to forget YHWH. Teshuvah will help us remember Him. Are there any sins that you need to do teshuvah for? Have you ever committed idolatry? You probably haven't worshipped a golden cow but you may have put other people or other things before YHWH. Don't continue in this sin. Turn from your ways and return to YHWH. Do teshuvah!

## TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

What commandments are in this portion?

What is the main subject of this portion?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

Why is this portion special?

What did you learn from the Torah?

How can you live this portion?

## HEBREW LESSON



### MEET THE SHIN:

SHALOM = PEACE, HELLO      SHOFAR = HORN

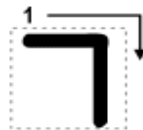
SHABBAT = SABBATH      SHULCAN = TABLE

## WRITE THE LETTER



Two strokes are used to create this letter.

## REVIEW THE LETTERS



This letter looks a little like a backwards English letter "r." Be careful not to confuse this with the letter Dalet.



This letter looks like the English letter "p." Note that the second stroke descends below the letter's baseline. Note the "gap" between the end of the first stroke and the second stroke.

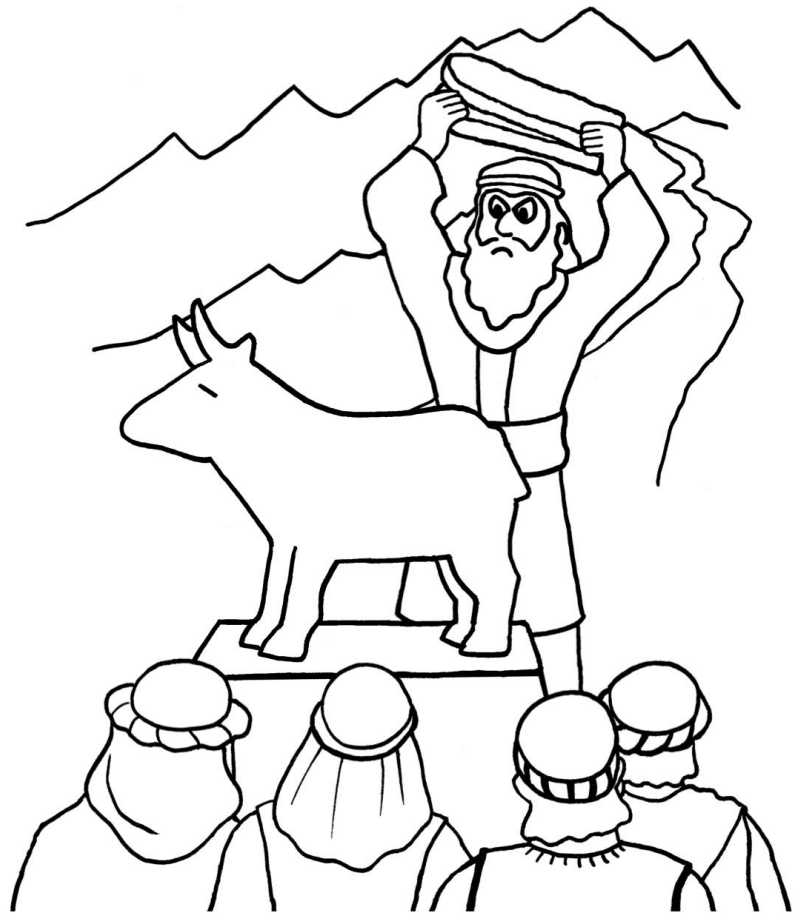
# Activity Ideas

Continue to learn the Ten Commandments.

Use books about Egypt to find pictures of some of the idols that they worshipped.

An idol is something we think is more important than YHWH. Make a collage of some things that are idols today.

Write and draw a picture of the Ten Commandments on yellow construction paper and cut out the two tablets. Now tear the two tablets into pieces. Take the torn pieces and make them into the shape of the golden calf. Read Exodus Chapter 32.



Read Exodus 30:7. Make box with sweet spices like one that is often used in Havdalah (which usually marks the end or closing of the sabbath). Smell the box and remember the sweetness of the Sabbath as well as what was being used for the altar of incense. You can use any type of box, small cardboard box, a wooden box, or even a spice jar. Decorate it too. Typical spices to add would be cinnamon sticks, orange peels, star anise, whole cloves, and/or nutmeg. You can tie them together with a ribbon or put them in a netting material with a ribbon. Here is one of the prayers that is typically said:

Blessing over the spices:

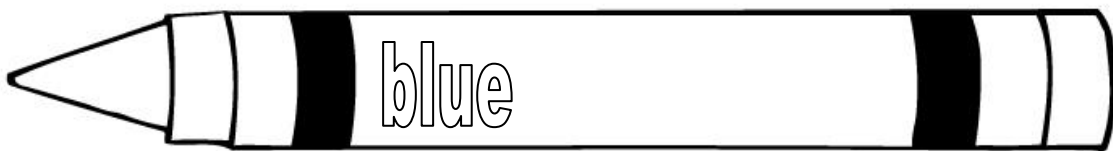
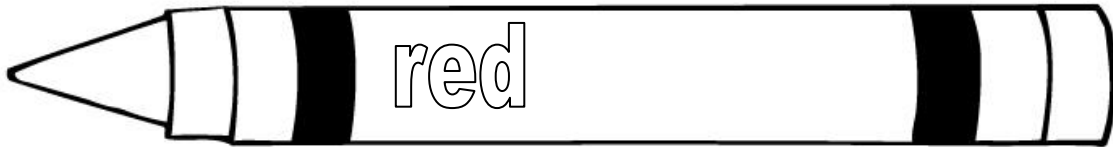
Barukh ata YHWH, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, borei minei v'samim.

Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, Ruler of the universe, Creator of many kinds of spices.

Eat a snack of animal crackers or Cows Tails candy to remember this Torah portion.

# HEBREW REVIEW

Write the name of each color in Hebrew. Color the crayons too!





# Colors in Hebrew

Yellow	tsah-hov	צהב
Orange	kah-tom	כתם
Pink	vah-rod	ורד
Red	ah-dom	אדם
Brown	khoom	חום
Green	yah-rok	ירק
Light Blue	te-khe-let	תכלת
Blue	kah-khol	כהל
Purple	sah-gol	סגל
Black	shah-kor	שחר
Grey	ah-for	אפר
White	lah-vahn	לבן

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AARON  
 ANGEL  
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DRINK  
 GOLD  
 MOSES  
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 TABLETS  
 WORSHIP

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 \_\_\_\_\_ and renounce all your evil  
 practices,” Ezekiel \_\_\_\_\_