1. When was the first בית המקדש destroyed?
2. How many years ago was the first בית המקדש destroyed?
3. What was גלות בבל?
4. How long was גלות בבל?
5. What is the name of the period of history that preceded גלות בבל?
6. What is the name of the period of history that followed גלות בבל?
7. What is נבוכדנצר famous for?
8. What four things were special about דניאל that made נבוכדנצר want to kidnap him?
9. Where did נבוכדנצר put דניאל when he first arrived in בבל?
10. What did נבוכדנצר want דניאל to learn when he first arrived in בבל?
11. What job did נבוכדנצר plan to give to דניאל?
12. What religious challenge did דניאל encounter in the “Harvard of Babylonia”?
13. Why wasn’t the cook willing to help דניאל deal with his religious challenge?
14. What bet did דניאל make that helped him overcome the challenge?
15. What was the outcome of דניאל’s bet?
16. How did נבוכדנצר react to his dream?
17. What did נבוכדנצר ask the sorcerers of בבל about his dream?
18. How did דניאל rescue the sorcerers of בבל?
19. How did חנניה מישאל ועזריה help דניאל in this matter?
20. Please translate Hashem’s ברכה to אברהם אבינו of ונברכו בך כל משפחות האדמה ובזרעך.
21. How was דניאל a fulfillment of Hashem’s ברכה to אברהם אבינו?
22. How did דניאל demonstrate humility?
23. What were the five parts of the statue in Nevuchadnetzar's dream?
24. What three things happened with the stone in the dream?
25. What do the head, chest, stomach, and legs of the statue symbolize?
26. What three things do the iron-clay feet symbolize?
27. What three things does the stone symbolize?
28. What was the lesson of נבוכדנצר’s dream?
29. What was דניאל’s reward?
30. What monument did נבוכדנצר build?
31. What did נבוכדנצר command his subjects to do to celebrate when his monument was completed?
32. What was the punishment for anyone who disobeyed his command?
33. How did נבוכדנצר’s Jewish subjects react to his command?
34. How did חנני'ה מישאל ועזרי'ה react to his command?
35. What did נבוכדנצר see in the fiery furnace?
36. What miracle happened for חנני'ה מישאל ועזרי'ה?
37. What object did נבוכדנצר see in his second dream?
38. What happened to that object?
39. What three fates were decreed on Nevuchadnetzar in the dream?
40. What lesson was Nevuchadnetzar supposed to learn from the dream?
41. How did Daniel interpret Nevuchadnetzar’s second dream?
42. What advice did דניאל offer after he explained נבוכדנצר’s second dream?
43. Please translate the following word: גאוה / gaavah.
44. According to ba’alei mussar, what is the precise definition of ga’avah?
45. Please translate the following instructions: לְבִלְתִּי רוּם לְבָבוֹ מֵאֶחָיו.
46. What mitzvah do the above words refer to?
47. What mitzvah is unique to Jewish kings to protect them against arrogance?
48. Why were Jewish kings supposed to carry a mini-sefer-Torah with them at all times?
49. Please explain the concept of “the golden mean.”
50. How does the Jewish kings’ mini-sefer-Torah fulfill the golden mean?
51. How did Nevuchadnetzar’s dream fulfill the golden mean?
52. What is בלשאצר famous for?
53. Why did בלשאצר make a party?
54. What happened at בלשאצר’s party?
55. How did בלשאצר react to the happenings at his party?
56. What four words did the hand write on בלשאצר’s wall?
57. How did דניאל explain what the four words meant?
58. Please translate the words מנא מנא תקל ופרסין.
59. What is דריוש famous for?
60. Why did דריוש like דניאל?
61. Why did דריוש’s officials dislike דניאל?
62. What law did דריוש’s officials convince דריוש to make in order to get rid of דניאל?
63. What was the punishment for disobeying this law?
64. How did דניאל run afoul of this law?
65. How did דריוש react when he discovered דניאל had disobeyed his law?
66. What did דריוש do with his royal seal?
67. Why did דריוש do this with his royal seal?
68. What parts of the story teaches us how much דריוש liked דניאל?
69. What miracle happened to דניאל?
70. What is דניאל famous for?
71. What are חנני'ה מישאל ועזרי'ה famous for?
72. What does the term שיבת ציון refer to?
73. Please translate the words כבש אחד בין שבעים זאבים.
74. Please explain the story of כבש אחד בין שבעים זאבים.
75. What made שיבת ציון unique in world history?
76. What is כורש famous for?
77. Why does ישעי'ה הנביא call כורש the משיח?
78. What decree did כורש make in the first year of his rule?
79. How did the minority of Jews react to כורש’s decree?
80. According to the גמרא, what did the members of this minority share in common?
81. How did the majority of Jews react to כורש’s decree?
82. According to the גמרא, how should the majority of Jews have reacted?
83. According to the גמרא, what would have happened if the majority reacted properly?
84. Please explain the metaphor of the wall and the door.
85. What is ששבצר famous for?
86. What did the descendants of ברזילי הגלעדי search for?
87. What was the consequence of their failed search?
88. How many Jews made עלי'ה with עזרא? ,
89. How many horses made עלי'ה with עזרא?
90. How many mules made עלי'ה with עזרא?
91. How many camels made עלי'ה with עזרא?
92. How many donkeys made עלי'ה with עזרא? ,
93. According to the Malbim, what did the Jews do out of fear of the local gentiles?
94. What halacha does the Gemara learn from this?
95. How might this Malbim have influenced Moshe Dayan's conduct after the six-day war?
96. According to R. Yitzchak Isaac Herzog, what can we learn from this about the modern State of Israel?
97. In the first month of the second year, what did זרובבל and יהושע build?
98. What rule of R. Akiva Eiger follows from this construction?
99. What ceremony did זרובבל and יהושע perform in the second month of the second year?
100. How did the young people behave at the ceremony?
101. How did the old people behave at the ceremony?
102. Why did the old people behave this way?
103. Whose reaction was more intense?
104. What was our enemies’ first reaction when we began to rebuild the בית המקדש?
105. Why did they react this way?
106. What הלכה does the גמרא learn from this?
107. What were our enemies’ second and third reactions?
108. What was our enemies’ fourth reaction? (Please give three opinions.)
109. What was our enemies' fifth reaction?
110. In Sefer Ezra, what is אחשורוש famous for?
111. Why did אחשורוש halt the rebuilding of the בית המקדש?
112. Why did we restart rebuilding the בית המקדש?
113. How did the Persian governor react to our restart of the rebuilding?
114. How did the Persian king react to our restart of the rebuilding?
115. What did עזרא look for when he reached the river אהוא?
116. Why did עזרא fast at the river אהוא?
117. What did the Persian king offer עזרא on his way to ארץ ישראל?
118. Why did עזרא refuse the Persian king’s offer?
119. What problem did the officers tell עזרא about when he arrived in ירושלים?
120. How did עזרא address this problem?
121. On כ' כסלו, why did the people in the plaza tremble?
122. What did the people want to do?
123. What did the people not want to do?
124. What compromise did they reach?
125. What is עזרא famous for?
126. What did נחמי'ה ask חנני about in שושן?
127. What was חנני’s answer?
128. How did נחמי'ה react to חנני’s answer?
129. What frightened נחמי'ה in the month of ניסן?
130. What did נחמי'ה ask from the king?
131. What did the king answer נחמי'ה?
132. What is סנבלט החורוני famous for?
133. Why was סנבלט upset by the arrival of נחמי'ה?
134. What did נחמי'ה do for the first three nights after he arrived in ירושלים?
135. What was the first thing סנבלט did in order to discourage נחמי'ה?
136. What was the second thing סנבלט did in order to discourage נחמי'ה?
137. What was the third thing סנבלט did in order to discourage נחמי'ה?
138. How did נחמי'ה respond to each of סנבלט’s discouragements?
139. Why did people want to stop helping נחמי'ה?
140. What did נחמי'ה want the rich people to do?
141. How many people did נחמי'ה entertain every day?
142. What was the menu that נחמי'ה served his guests?
143. Who paid for the food on נחמי'ה’s menu?
144. What things did נחמי'ה do in order to set an example for the rich people?
145. What else did נחמי'ה do to ensure that the rich people would do what was right?
146. What was the fourth thing סנבלט did in order to stop נחמי'ה?
147. What was the fifth thing סנבלט did in order to stop נחמי'ה?
148. What was the sixth thing סנבלט did in order to stop נחמי'ה?
149. How did נחמי'ה respond to each of סנבלט’s provocations?
150. What is שמעי'ה בן דלי'ה famous for?
151. What did שמעי'ה warn נחמי'ה about?
152. What did שמעי'ה tell נחמי'ה to do?
153. How did שמעי'ה act similar to real נביאים?
154. How did שמעי'ה act different from real נביאים?
155. Why did so many important Jews support סנבלט?
156. What did עזרא do on ראש השנה?
157. How did the people react?
158. What did עזרא and נחמי'ה tell the people not to do?
159. What did עזרא and נחמי'ה tell the people to do?
160. What reason did עזרא and נחמי'ה give for their instructions?
161. What was אלישיב הכהן famous for?
162. What did אלישיב build while נחמי'ה was in Persia?
163. How did נחמי'ה react when he discovered אלישיב’s building?
164. What did נחמי'ה discover that people were doing on שבת?
165. What was נחמי'ה’s plan to preserve the קדושה of שבת?
166. How did the people respond at first to נחמי'ה’s plan?
167. How did the people respond eventually to נחמי'ה’s plan?
168. What is נחמי'ה famous for?