

Challenge

Your

Table

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Good Shabbos!

Welcome to **Challenge Your Table** - the Shabbos trivia game for the entire family!

Here's how it works:

- Start at Section א.
- The leader asks a question to the first contestant.
- If he answers correctly, the table earns the point value of that question, and a new question is asked to the next contestant.
- If he does not know the answer, no worries! The next contestant can give it a shot.
- If the table earns 20 points by the end of the game, everyone wins!

Enjoy!

Questioning Initials

Figure out the question. Then answer it!

1. W W C on the F day?

What was created on the fourth day?

Answer: sun and moon

2. H M R came out G E?

How many rivers came out of Gan Eden?

Answer: 4

3. W is the N of K first C?

What is the name of Kayin's first child?

Answer: חנוך

4. H L did A L?

How long did Adam live?

Answer: 930 Years

2 points

Who/What Am I?

1. I come in handy on a daily basis in the operating room and was used for the first time אדם הראשון.

Answer: Anesthesia

2. Since my creation, I have not been able to fully function on my own, but לעתיד לבוא, I will gain my independence.

Answer: The Moon

2 points

Name That Day

Can you figure out which day I was created?

1. Betelgeuse

Answer: DAY 4 - It's a star.

2. Angler

Answer: DAY 5 - It's a fish.

3. Tangelo

Answer: DAY 3 - It's a fruit.

4. Vanga

Answer: DAY 5 - It's a bird.

1 point

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Story Stop

At a fundraising dinner for an American school that services disabled children, the father of one of the students shared a story that would never be forgotten by all who attended.

Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but his father also understood that being allowed to play would give Shay a much-needed sense of belonging and confidence - to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play, not expecting much. The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team, and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. His Father watched with a tear in his eye and warmth in his heart. The boys saw the father's joy seeing his son being accepted.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field.

Even though no hits came his way, he was grinning from ear to ear, obviously ecstatic just to be part of the game and on the field, while his father waved to him from the stands. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

At this juncture, should they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

The pitcher recognized that the other team had put winning aside for this moment in Shay's life. As Shay stepped up to the plate, he moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly, so Shay could at least be able to make contact. The first pitch came; Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher.

The game would now be over, but the pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game.

Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the head of the first baseman, out of reach of all teammates. Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!" Shay scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Never in his life had he ever ran that far, but he made it to first base.

Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!" Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second. His face was gleaming with joy as he struggled to make it to second base. By the time Shay rounded second base, the right fielder - the smallest guy on the opposing team - had the ball. Now was his chance to be the hero of his team for the first time ever. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions and he too intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home. All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way Shay!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams and those watching were on their feet were screaming, "Shay, run home!"

Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the "grand slam" and won the game for his team.

True or False

1. קין and הבל both married their twin sisters. Answer: TRUE
2. The Torah existed before the world was created. Answer: TRUE
3. אדם was in charge of naming all the animals that were created. Answer: TRUE
4. אדם was made from חוה's rib. Answer: FALSE

2 points

Quote of the Week

"Hashem has sent you into this world on an appointed errand. It is His will that you accomplish your errand B'simcha. Sadness implies an unwillingness on your part to carry out Hashem's will."

~ The Baal Shem Tov

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