**Shabbat Shuba**

**1. From all the readings for this Shabbat which verse or verses impressed your heart and fired your imagination?**

**24 either good or evil** **All the good of the wicked is considered evil to the righteous/generous.**-[from Yev. 103]

**2. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:3?**

RETURN TO THE LAND OF YOUR FOREFATHERS – Why did Ya’aqob need to return to the land of his forefathers?

**3. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:7?**

TEN TIMES TEN TIMES – What is the meaning of the Hebrew expression עֲשֶׂרֶתמֽנִים ?

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**4. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:15?**

ARE WE NOT CONSIDERED BY HIM AS STRANGERS – how does Ya’aqob determine he is a stranger?

OUR MONEY – Why does he say “our labor”?

**5. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:23?**

HIS KINSMEN – What is the meaning of the Hebrew expression אֶחָיו?

SEVEN-DAY’S JOURNEY – How do we arrive at a “seven day journey?

**6. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:34?**

INTO THE CAMEL SADDLE – What is the meaning of the Hebrew expression בְּכַר?

**7. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:39?**

ANYTHING TORN – torn by what?

I WOULD SUFFER ITS LOSS – What is the meaning of the Hebrew expression אֲחַטֶּנָה?

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WHAT WAS STOLEN BY DAY AND WHAT WAS STOLEN BY NIGHT – What is the meaning of the Hebrew expression גְנֻבְתִי יוֹם וּגְנֻבְתִי לַיְלָה?

WHAT WAS STOLEN – What is the meaning of the Hebrew expression גְּנֻבְתִי?

**8. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:42?**

AND THE FEAR OF ISAAC – Why is this phrase worded in this manner?

AND HE REPROVED [YOU] LAST NIGHT - What is the meaning of the Hebrew expression וַיוֹכַח?

**9. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:50?**

...MY DAUGHTERS...MY DAUGHTERS – Why is this statement repeated?

IF YOU AFFLICT MY DAUGHTERS – What is the meaning of afflict here?

**10. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 31:32?**

SHALL NOT LIVE – is this a curse and who did it affect?

WHAT IS WITH ME OF YOURS.- where do we find this expression?

**11. According to the Ramban what were the Teraphim?**

The idle or weak handed and those who give weak prophecy, i.e. false prophets

**12. According to the Ramban what important principle is hidden behind the word *Mahanaim”*?**

The hidden principle is that of the angels which attend the righteous/generous in Eretz Yisrael. The Angels of Yisrael always approach before the angels of exile leave. And they. the angels of Eretz Yisrael leave before the angels of exile arrive. Therefore, we must depend on HaShem to be our shield at all times.

**13. Why should one never ask to be tested by G-d. most blessed be He?**

Because we will be tested and these testing’s will reveal our flaws. Furthermore, **We should never put ourselves into a dangerous situation where we are subjecting ourselves to the evil inclination wilfully**

**14. What import miracle occurs when a Hakham teaches?**

**When the “Hakham”, or “Sage”, sits and teaches, G-d cancels and forgives the trespasses of Israel”**.

**15. Who are the “watchers” in Jer. 31:5 and what exactly is their mission?**

**Heb. Notserim – guardians of the soul (Nazarean Jews)**

**16. How does the pericope of Hakham Yehudah relates to Shabbat Shuba?**

His use of nomenclature such as “Inscribed”

**17. What is exactly meant by the phrase “changing G-d’s Chessed into licentiousness”?**

“**Changing the loving-kindness of our G-d into licentiousness** is clearly a denial of the Master, the Torah, Written and Oral. The ignorance of these preachers is that they build a seedbed for modern religion, which focuses on sexuality. The wise will understand!

**18. The seven men of the Esnoga are mentioned again in one of the readings for this Shabbat. Here it allegorically elucidates one of their functions. Which one?**

Chesed – Masoret

**19. In Hos. 14:3 the Prophet says: “Take words with yourselves and return to the LORD.” What is the Allegorical meaning of this phrase?**

Prayer is equal to offerings of bulls.

**20. Taking into consideration all the readings for this Shabbat what is the prophetic statement for this week?**

**The Jewish people must live separate from the antinomian culture, which surrounds it. In similar fashion, the Gentile who embraces Abraham and claims him as his path to the Olam HaBa must also separate himself from the antinomian culture by embracing the *Nomos* –Torah and structured faithful obedience mandated by the Torah and Oral Torah.**