

שמיני

Sh'mini

(Eighth)

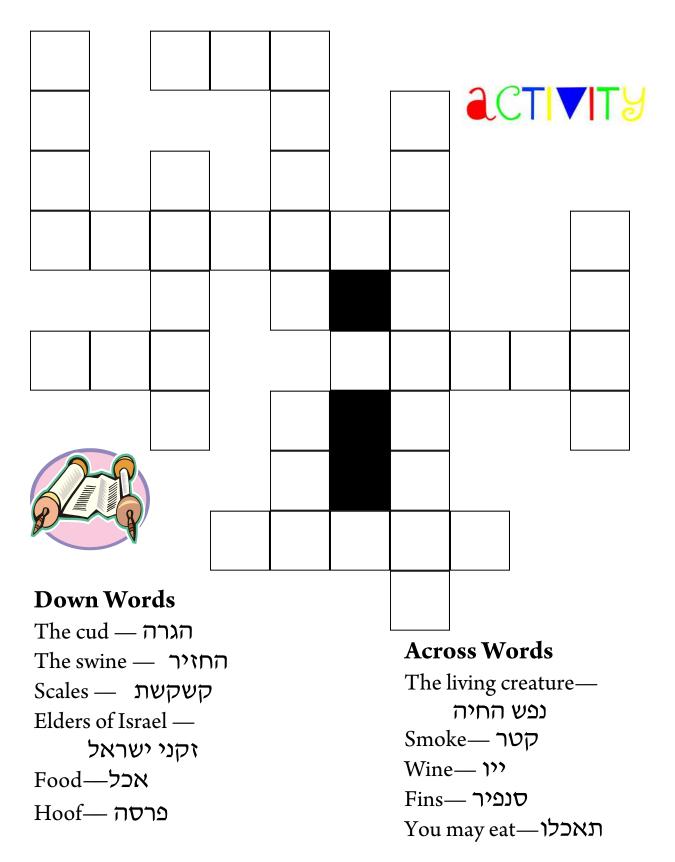
In this Torah Parasha we find a list of all those animals, birds and fish and other creatures upon the earth that YHWH has specified as food for us. And all those creatures which are not food for us.

In the mammal class of animals YHWH teaches us that in order for us to consider the animal as clean for food that it must chew the cud and divide the hoof. If it does not do both of these things then it is not clean and should not be considered as food and we are not to eat it. For example, YHWH tells us that the pig is not clean even though it divides the hoof, because it does not chew the cud. Likewise, the camel chews the cud, but it does not divide the hoof, so it is not clean and is not food and should not be eaten.

Of all the fish in the waters a fish must have both scales and fins for it to be clean and considered as food. If it does not have both fins and scales it is unclean and not to be considered as food and should not be eaten.

Of all the birds, YHWH gives us a list of those birds which we are not to eat, like those birds which eat other animals or dead creatures.

Of all the other creatures YHWH tells us that only certain kinds of the locust or grasshopper are clean and are to be considered as food. All other creatures are unclean and not to be considered as food and not to be eaten.



Put the appropriate Hebrew words in the boxes.

Match the English word with the Hebrew word. If you need some clues, look around on the other pages.

The rock badger הגמל

The camel השפן

Abomination עקץ

The birds הנשר

The eagles קעוף

Unclean

Unclean

טמאים Clean

תאכלו Food

אכל

You may eat זקני ישראל

Elders of Israel

The cud

Hoof נפש החיה

The living creature

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Which one is clean (טהר)?

Which one is unclean (טמא)?