

קִיבוּץ גְּלוּיֹת

"Gather the Exiles"

The Tenth Blessing of the Shemonei Esrei (Eighteen Benedictions)



The Tenth Blessing of the Shemonei Esrei (Eighteen Benedictions) is known as "Gather the Exiles" and is a berachah for God's promise to bring back His people from all over the world to eventually reside in Israel, the Promised Land. Like each of the Benedictions, *Kibbutz Galilot* ends with a berachah to HaShem for who He is, and what He has promised to do:

Sound the great shofar for our liberty,
and raise a banner to gather our exiles,
and gather us together from the four corners of the earth.

Blessed are You, Adonai
Gatherer of the dispersed of His people Israel.

It is said for the Jewish people that no matter where we are going, we are heading toward Jerusalem. Our God has given us a Land, the Land of Israel, and that is why we call it the "Promised Land." But we have not always done what God has told us to do. Sometimes we have disobeyed Him, and even said that He is not our Lord, our Master, our God. We have worshiped false gods, and given honor to false idols, honor and worship which should go only to Him.

Adonai told us through our teacher, Moses, that if we disobeyed Him and would not turn from our sins, He would make us leave our wonderful Land, and put us in the land of our enemies. But He also promised us that wherever we are sent, if we pray to Him and ask for His forgiveness, putting our faith only in Him, then He would hear us and bring us back to our Land. Every time we pray this Tenth Blessing prayer, we are asking HaShem to "raise a banner" so that all of Israel, and those who have attached themselves to Israel to worship the One true God, would be gathered together in the Land of our Fathers.

In fact, the banner which God holds up for all of Israel to see, is a banner which asks us all to repent, or to be sorry for our sins, that we have turned away from God and worshiped false gods, and thus confessing that Yeshua is the true Messiah and that it is only through Him that our sins can be forgiven. He is waiting for us all to come to Him and seek forgiveness. When we honestly come to HaShem, confessing Him to be the One and only true God, the God of our father Abraham, and tell Him that we are sorry for not obeying Him—He has promised He will bring us back. And we know He will keep His word.

HIDDEN WORD PUZZLE—JOSEPH

The following words can be found on the word search grid below. Circle the letters that make the word. The letters must be in straight lines, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Words may be spelled either forward or backward. How many of these words can you find?

JOSEPH

BENJAMIN

JACOB

EGYPT

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ISHMAELITES

RACHEL

POTIPHAR

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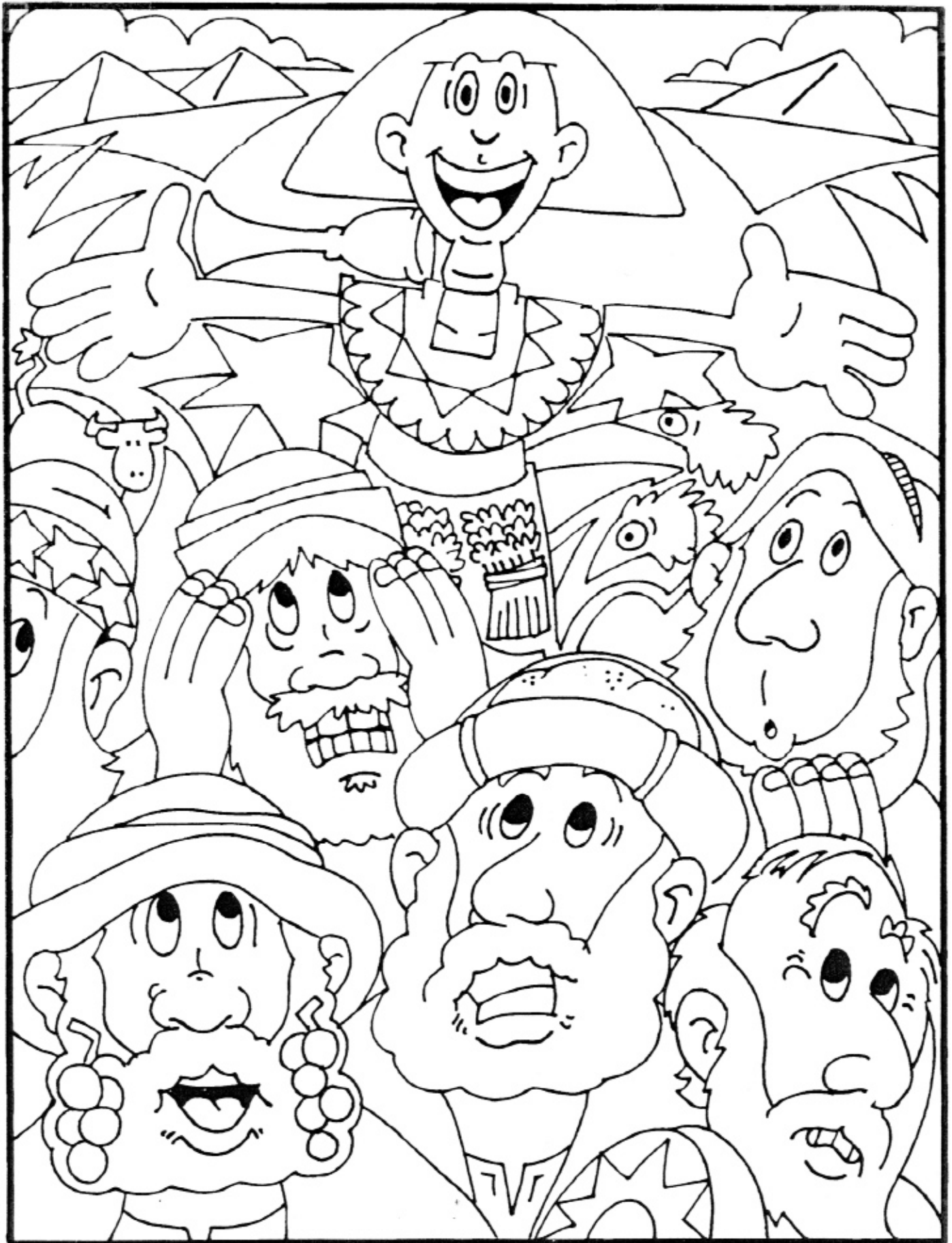
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Joseph loved God, and God blessed him for his obedience. Fourteen items from his story are hidden in the picture. Can you find a cup, a cow, two birds, some wheat, five stars, a loaf of bread, two bunches of grapes and the sun?



And He will lift up a
standard for the
nations, And will
assemble the banished
ones of Israel, And will
gather the
dispersed of Judah
From the four corners
of the earth.



Isaiah 11:12

