

Vayigash Answers

1. *Teshuvah*
2. Return
3. Sacrifice
4. Yehudah was willing to take Benyamin's place as Yosef's prisoner.
5. Forgiveness
6. Similar to the way HaShem forgives us when we return, Yosef forgave his brothers when they demonstrated their changed hearts.
7. Renewal
8. Because the hearts of Yosef's brothers had changed, Yosef's family was allowed to enter Egypt for protection from the famine. As a result, Yisrael emerged from Egypt as a renewed nation that was stronger and more wealthy than the nation that had entered Egypt.
9. Propagation
10. Repentant individuals realize the blessings that occur as a result of the sacrifice, forgiveness of transgression, and renewal of the soul that *Teshuvah* brings. Therefore, repentant individuals are compelled to pass these blessings on to others. Yaakov did this when he shared with Pharaoh the story of his sojourning and he blessed Pharaoh.