

Word Power

Build Your Vocabulary

*Perfect Pairs—for each word, please find the homophone—a word that sounds the same but is spelled differently. All begin with A in honor of August.

1. AID _____

2. AD _____

3. AISLE _____

4. ALTAR _____

5. AUNT _____

6. ARC _____

7. AWAY _____

8. AIL _____

9. AXLE _____

10. AURICLE _____

Thoughts on Summer

In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.

--Albert Camus

There is no real need for decorations when throwing a barbecue party—let the summer garden, in all its vibrant and luscious splendor, speak for itself.

--Pippa Middleton

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Kosher Meals on Wheels

The Kosher Konnection

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*Wednesday, 8/1/17/9 of Av—Tish B'Av

*Starbucks and Tish B'Av**excerpted from aish.com

The Talmud teaches that the first Tish B'Av of history was the seed from which all future national tragedies would develop. Numerous cataclysmic events befell the Jewish people with the same eerie timing.

But why? What did our ancestors do to justify this day of mourning for generations to come?

The Talmud says it was the Sin of the Spies. After Moses had led the Jews out of Egypt and into the desert, they sent spies to check out the Promised Land. The spies returned with a dismal and disheartening report: "We cannot go up to the people...They are too strong for us." (Numbers 13:31)

Upon hearing the spies' words, the Jewish people wailed a collective cry, and with that cry, the Almighty, (said) that since today you "cried for nothing, on this same date in the future you will truly have something to cry for." That day was Tish B'Av.

But what was so terrible about the Jewish people's reaction that warranted such a harsh decree?

In all areas of human achievement, the next peak can only be scaled by letting go of the sure-footedness of the ground beneath. Greatness, by definition, requires risk.

We all know about the billion-dollar corporation created by Howard Schultz called Starbucks. But before Mr. Schultz was Mr. Starbucks, he was the vice-president of Hammarplast, a Swedish manufacturer of kitchen wares. One fateful day, Schultz traveled to Seattle to meet with clients who were purchasing a specific type of coffee grinder from his company. Schultz was so impressed with the coffeehouse he saw, he wanted to take it across America. But the three original owners of Starbucks weren't interested in expanding. After opening his own coffeehouse, which was an instant success, Schultz finally bought out Starbucks for \$3.8 million. The risk paid off; the rest is history.

Summer Trivia

1. Summer solstice occurs on which two sequential days in the northern hemisphere?
a. June 20-21 b. July 14-15 c. August 9-10
2. The English word *summer* developed from what Germanic word for the season?
a. zimer b. sumaraz c. sama
3. What is the traditional birthstone for August?
a. diamond b. topaz c. peridot
4. What is the most popular grilling meat throughout summer?
a. hamburgers b. hot dogs c. chicken
5. Of these “summer smells,” which is said to most often stimulate pleasant memories?
a. chlorine b. coconut c. cut grass
6. Before artificial dyes, how did people create pink lemonade?
a. beet juice b. cherry juice c. pink lemons

FYI

KMOW Annual Surveys will be distributed this month. Please provide your honest opinions to help us improve the meals!

LAUGH A LITTLE

*excerpted from Jewlarious.com

FLOWER POWER

Sol Lieberman stopped off at the flower store and picked up a beautiful bouquet of flowers for his wife’s birthday.

“A little surprise, eh?” smiled the clerk.

“You bet,” answered Sol. “She’s expecting a cruise.”

A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

Dave Schiffman was playing basketball in his driveway with some of his friends after school when suddenly he lost his contact lens. After a fruitless search, he went inside and told his mother the lens was nowhere to be found.

Undaunted, she went outside, and in a few minutes, she returned with the lens in her hand.

“How did you manage to find it, Mom?” Dave asked.

“We weren’t looking for the same thing,” Mrs. Schiffman replied. “You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for 150 dollars.”

Answers to Perfect Pairs: 1.AIDE 2.ADD 3.ISLE 4.ALTER 5.ANT 6.ARK 7.AWEIGH 8.ALE 9.AXEL 10.ORACLE
Answers to Summer Trivia: 1.a 2.b 3.a 4.b 5.c 6.a