

STATS

10th of 54 sedras; 10th of 12 in Bereshit;

Written on 254.6 lines, ranks 6th.

Mikeitz is a one Parsha Petucha (open)(the longest parsha in the whole Torah).

Contrast this parsha's 2022 words with the shortest parshiyot with 2 words.

146 pesukim - rank: 8th (5th in Bereshit) tied with Bereishit (the sedra).

2022 words - ranks 3rd (2nd).

7914 letters - ranks 2nd (first).

Mikeitz's pesukim are unusually long for a big sedra. That's why it is so high in the rankings for words and letters. On the other hand, with no parsha breaks, the "number of lines rank" drops a bit.

MITZVOT

No mitzvot are counted from Mikeitz.

One of 17 sedras without mitzvot.

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A SHORT VORT

BY RABBI CHANUCH YERES
RAV, BEIT KNESSET BEIT YISRAEL, YEMIN MOSHE

"And he took Shimon from among them" (42:24) – יקח מֵאֵתָם אֶת שִׁמְעוֹן (מב:כד)

Why the need to state that Yosef took Shimon from amongst the brothers? Where else would Shimon be taken from?

The Meshech Chochmah (Rabbi Meir Simcha Hachohen M'Divinsk 1843-1926) explains that Yosef originally gave the brothers the prospect of choosing by themselves which brother would remain behind. "If you are upright men, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison house" (42:19). Since the brothers refrained from choosing themselves who would remain hostage, Yosef was compelled to choose one of the brothers himself. Yosef enacted "a measure for a measure". During the sale of Yosef, they ignored the cries and persecuted the individual. So now, Yosef presented them with the situation where the individual must be abandoned to save the rest of the family. This is why the verse points out that they "wept", upon realizing the comparison of their fate to the original sale of Yosef.

- Shabbat Shalom