

Rosh Hashana as a Day of Judgment Student Worksheet

I. Mishna Rosh Hashana 1:2
1. What are the four judgment days?
2. Why do you think there is a need for four different dates to judge the world?
3. What are the two meanings of "Bnei Maron"?
4. Why is there a need to judge man?

II. Gemara Rosh Hashana 16a

5. How does the Gemara explain the Mishna? What are the opinions of R' Meir and R' Yehuda on the issue?



6. What are the opinions of R' Yossi and R' Natan. Do the two contradict?
III. Gemara Rosh Hashana 16b 7. What three books are opened on Rosh Hashana?
8. How is it that "reshaim" (wicked people) are still alive after Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur?
9. What is the difference between judgment of a man on Rosh Hashana and after he dies?

IV. Rambam Mishne Torah Hilchot Teshuva 3

10. According to the Rambam, who is a "rasha" (wicked man) and who is a "tzadik" (righteous man)?



11. How does the Rambam answer question 9?
V. "U'Netana Tokef" Prayer
12. How does the author describe Rosh Hashana as the judgment day?
13. Who wrote this prayer and when?
14. How do you feel when this prayer is recited during the holiday?