

## Finding the Clues in *Megillat Esther* - Answers to Worksheet Questions

### Clue #1

- 127
- Sarah lived 127 years
- (Thought questions)

### Clue #2

- טובת מראה
- Rachel and Yoseif
- Esther
- (Thought question)
- יפת תאר וטובת מראה – Esther  
יפת תאר ויפת מראה – Rachel and Yosef
- (Thought question)
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### Clue #3

- Kish
- Shaul *haMelekh*
- וְיְהִי אִישׁ (מבן ימיו) [מבנימין] וְשָׁמוֹ קִישׁ בֶּן אֲבִיאל בֶּן צְרוּר בֶּן בְּכוֹרֵת בֶּן אֶפְיִח בֶּן אִישׁ יַמִּינִי גְבוּר חָיִל
- (Thought question)

### Clue #4

- Hadassah; Esther
- Myrtle; either “hidden” or “Ishtar” (who was a Mesopotamian/Persian goddess)
- (Thought question)
- וְאֶנְכִי הִסְתֵּיר אֶסְתֵּיר פָּנַי
- (Thought question)

### Clue #5

- Daniel and Yosef
- (Thought question)
- (Thought question)

### Clue #6

- Agagi* (Agagite)
- King Agag the *Amaleki*
- Shaul fought and defeated *Amalek*, but left Agag alive. According to tradition, Haman was Agag’s descendant
- (Thought question)

**Clue #7**

- a. "המן היעץ..."
- b. (Thought question)
- c. War with *Amalek*; mitzvah to wipe out *Amalek*; struggle with *Amalek* with span generations; God's throne/honor part of the battle
- d. (Thought question)

**Clue #8**

- a. (1) The word "קרהו" has the same root as "קרה בדרה" the allusion to *Amalek*  
(2) thematically – once *Amalek* starts losing and the Jews win, then *Amalek* will lose and the Jews will win.
- b. (Thought question)

**Clue #9**

- a. Both describe the King's number 2 (Yosef or Mordechai) being sent out to the public in royal regalia
- b. (Thought question)