

מעשי השליחים Ma'asei HaShlichim

[ACTS OF THE APOSTLES]

Acts 6 *"The Seven Deacons"*

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you know when someone is “full of the Spirit and of wisdom?” How do you measure that?
2. What about widows made them especially economically disadvantaged that they relied on the generosity of others?
3. How does the appointing of seven deacons (parnasim, “providers”) parallel Jethro’s advice to Moses in Exodus 18:17-26?
4. In 6:10, it states that they “couldn’t stand against the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke.” What do you think that means?
5. What were the four specific charges Stephen’s enemies lodged against him? How serious were they?
6. Who else was very likely in the room during the proceedings? At this point in his life, what might he have been thinking?

