



Kids Parsha packet

פ"ש לילדים

Parshat Naso

Last Week in Parshat Bamidbar:

We counted and arranged Bnei Yisrael as they wandered through the desert .

Get your Muscles Ready...

Do you like to hike? Do you usually come home clean or dirty after a trip? Most people get dirty when they hike. There is a lot of dust outside and when it's hot you get sweaty and dirty. Since Bnei Yisrael left Egypt they have been on one long hike. Of course there were lots of miracles that helped them along the way but after all, they were in the desert. The vessels used in the Mishkan were holy and important, and Bnei Yisrael worked hard to prepare them. Hashem commanded the Kohanim to carefully cover the Mishkan and its vessels with sheets to protect them whenever they began to travel. The Leviim were in charge of dismantling and carrying the Mishkan and its vessels during the journeys, as well as rebuilding them when they set up camp. The Levites were divided into three families: Kehat, Gershon, and Merari. Each family was responsible for dismantling, carrying and assembling different parts of the Mishkan. It was a huge responsibility to take care of these holy vessels while traveling through the desert.



"גבן

שלשים שנה

ופעלה ועד בן

הגשים שנה כל הבא

לעבד עבדת עבדה ועבדת

גשא באהל גועד"

(ד', ג"ז)

"From thirty years of age and up, until fifty years of age, everyone who comes to preform service of a service and the work of carrying in the Tent of Meeting" (4, 47)

Activity

"Weightlifting challenge" - Have a contest to see who can lift the most things.

Starting Today it is Prohibited to me!

Have you ever done more than what was expected of you? Maybe your mother asked you to clean your room and you cleaned the entire house instead? Meet the Nazir. A Nazir is a man or woman who feels that they want to do more than what was commanded to serve Hashem. They vow not to do all different things, and they make extra demands of themselves in order to serve Hashem. Hashem forbids the Nazir to cut their hair, drink or eat

derivatives of grapes and wine, and to become impure. Why isn't the Nazir allowed to do all of these things? The Nazir wants to become closer to Hashem, so why make things harder? Hashem teaches Bnei Yisrael that it is good to want to serve Hashem, but it is impossible to serve Hashem this way for a long time. Hashem gave Bnei Yisrael many mitzvot and he wants us to serve him by keeping those mitzvot. There is no need to add extra prohibitions to serve Hashem. If the Nazir wants to stop being a Nazir he brings a sacrifice to the Mishkan, and then he is allowed to do the things that were forbidden as a Nazir.

"אִישׁ אוֹ אִשָּׁה כִּי
יִפְּלֵא לַנָּזִיר נָזִיר
נָזִיר לַהֲזִיר לָהּ"
(ו', ב')

"A man or a woman who shall set (himself) apart by taking a nazirite vow to set (himself) apart to Hashem"
(6,2)



Do you like to cut your hair or grow it long?

Activity

"Nazir Tag"- Play a game of tag, but each time someone is tagged, chose something that the tagged person is not allowed to do (for example, no tagging with two hands, no running, no talking, etc.)

Everyone Stand Up But Do Not Look

Do you remember the jobs that the Kohanim had in the Mishkan, like bringing sacrifices, teaching Torah to Bnei Yisrael, maintaining the Mishkan, and keeping the Mishkan pure? The Kohanim had another job too - to bless the entire nation. What does that mean? Hashem appointed the Kohanim to say a bracha (blessing) every day to create a connection and closeness between each member of Bnei Yisrael and Hashem. They bless the people that Hashem will bless them and watch over them, that Hashem will shine his light on his people and bring them joy and favor in everything they do, that Hashem will be close to his people and that he will bring peace to them.

The Kohanim used to bless the nation in the Beit Hamikdash with these words every day. Today we do not have the Beit Hamikdash and the Kohanim bless the community in shul (synagogue). Before going up the steps to stand in front of the Holy Ark, they take off their shoes and the Leviim wash the Kohanim's hands. The Kohanim cover their faces with a tallit, and the community does not look at them.

The Kohanim raise their hands and bless the community. Only the Kohanim are allowed to bless the nation this way.



"יברכך ה'

וישגורך

(וי, כ"ד)

"May
Hashem
bless you
and guard
you"
(6,24)



Have you ever heard Birkat Kohanim?

Activity

"Giving out blessings"- Every person gives a bracha to someone else (for example: that you should succeed in school, that someone should buy you lots of chocolate, that your house should be neat, etc.)

Each Shevet and its Nasi

Have you ever been in a place with lots of other people? This happens often, like in kindergarten or in school, at family events, and more. What do you think? Can everyone speak together at the same time? Of course not! We won't be able to hear one another! There is usually someone responsible for making sure that everyone speaks in order (a teacher, for example), and then everyone can hear each other. Since Bnei Yisrael consists of so many people, they were divided into groups to help maintain order, to teach them in an organized way, and to make announcements. Bnei Yisrael was divided into twelve tribes, but each tribe included many families. If Moshe had an announcement to make to Bnei Yisrael he couldn't go to each tribe and tell each person individually. So Hashem commanded him to appoint a Nasi (leader) for each tribe. The leader would be an important person that would be responsible for the tribe. After the Mishkan was built, the twelve leaders (Nesiim) brought sacrifices for twelve days in honor of the inauguration of the alter.

"ויקריבו נשיאי
ישראל ראשי
בית אבתם
הם נשיאי הגזט
הם העגדים על
הפקדים"
(ד', ב')



"The Princess of
Israel, the heads
of their fathers'
household,
brought offerings;
They were the
princes of the
tribes, they were
those who stand
over the counted"
(7:2)



Have you ever wanted to be a president or prime minister? What would you do if you had such an important job?

Next week in Parshat Beha'alotcha...

We will see what happens to Bnei Yisrael while they travel through the desert....

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