



Kids Parsha packet

פ"ש לילדים

Parshat Behaalotcha

Last Week in Parshat Naso:

We learned about the responsibilities of the Levites and we met the leaders of each tribe.

Just one chance?

Remember that Bnei Yisrael left Egypt? It may seem like it happened a long time ago since we have already gone through the books of Shemot and Vayikra, but it really happened only one year ago. After a year in the desert (the same year that Bnei Yisrael received the Torah), it was time to celebrate Pesach for the first time since leaving Egypt. Do you remember that a person who was impure could not go near the Mishkan? When Bnei Yisrael celebrated Pesach there were people who could not celebrate because they are impure and could not bring the special Pesach sacrifice, called Korban Pesach. On the day when Korban Pesach was brought, these people came to Moshe and

Aharon and said that they also wanted to bring a Korban Pesach. They asked if there was a solution for someone who missed bringing the sacrifice because they were impure. Moshe, who learned the Torah from Hashem, did not know the answer to the question and waited for Hashem's response. Hashem told Moshe that an impure person who could not bring Korban Pesach at the right time could celebrate exactly one month later, on the 14th of Iyar, a day that will be known as Pesach Sheni – the second Pesach, from then on. This was the custom at the time of the Mishkan and the Beit Hamikdash.

"אנחנו טמאים לנפש אדם, למה נגרע

לבלתי הקריב את קרבן ה' בעדו בתוך

בני ישראל" (ט', ד')

"We are unclean from contact with a human corpse – why can't we sacrifice God's sacrifice on the holiday among the rest of the B'nai Yisrael (9,7)



Activity

Play catch with a ball. Whoever misses the ball goes to the middle of the circle and sings songs until someone else misses.

How do we let everyone know that it is time to go?

Can you scream loudly? How far can you be heard when you scream? When Bnei Yisrael was in the desert they needed a way to make sure that announcements were heard by everyone at the same time. What type of announcements? Things like when to continue travelling, when to stop, when to approach the Mishkan, when the leaders of each tribe had to go to Moshe, when it was time for war, and when it was a holiday or Rosh Chodesh. Back then, there were no telephones that people could use to call or send text or WhatsApp messages. Yelling wouldn't work because not everyone would hear. So what did they do? Hashem commanded Moshe to prepare trumpets. The Kohanim blew the trumpets and the nation knew what to do. How do people know what the message means?

We know that there are many different types of announcements, like the ones listed above. Hashem taught Moshe about the different types of trumpet blasts to use so that the people would know what each one means.



"עשה לך

שתי

חצוצרות

כסף גקשה

תעשה אתם

והיו לך לגקרא

העדה ולגסע את

הגחנות" (י, ב')

"Make for yourselves a 2 piece silver trumpet in order to call the crowd and for crowd movements" (10, 2)



Do you want to learn how to play an instrument? Which one?

Activity

"The sounds of the trumpet": Assign different actions for different sounds made by participants (for example; when someone shouts, everyone goes to sleep; when someone claps, everyone has to dance, etc.).

How much food there was in Egypt...

Do you ever complain that there is nothing to eat in your house? It happens to everyone and it's often difficult to explain why. There is always something to eat! Man (manna) fell from heaven for Bnei Yisrael every day while they were in the desert. There was no shortage of food but still, a group of people from Bnei Yisrael began to complain and cry that there was no food to eat in the desert, but in Egypt they had fish, zucchini, watermelon, onions, and much more. Does that make sense? They worked very hard in Egypt and were treated like slaves. How did they have positive memories of the food in Egypt? The Torah explains that the people who complained were those that craved food. What does that mean?

They knew that there was no shortage of food as manna fell from the sky each day. What they really wanted was more food, they wanted meat and other types of food so badly that they sat and cried and thought about the different types of food they had in Egypt even though they suffered there.

What do you think?
Did the complainers act properly? Is crying and complaining the right way to behave?



"זכרנו את הדגה"

אשר נאכל

במצרים חנם"

(י"א, ה')

"We remember
the fish
that we
ate in
Egypt
for
nothing"
(11, 5)



Are you naturally hungry or full?

Activity

"Stop complaining": Take turns complaining about something. Everyone else says to the complainer "Stop complaining!" and together they try to find the good side of the complaint (for example, the mother complains that nobody helps keep the house neat. The positive side is that everyone wants to play and be at home instead of going to the neighbors.)

What happened to Miriam?

Who are the people that are closest to you? The answer is probably your family. We sometimes say mean things about our family, even about the people that are closest to us. Miriam talked to Aharon about Moshe's wife. We do not know exactly what she said, but Hashem immediately called Moshe, Aharon and Miriam to the entrance to the Mishkan. He called Aharon and Miriam

outside and told them that Moshe is the only prophet to whom Hashem speaks directly and not in dreams or in riddles. Hashem asked Aharon and Miriam how they dared to speak about Moshe behind his back? Moshe is the man closest to Hashem! After the cloud of Hashem left the Mishkan, Miriam had tzaraat. Moshe prayed for her recovery and Hashem decided that she should remain outside of the camp for seven days. Moshe had just found out that his sister said something about him behind his back but that didn't stop him from praying for her recovery. This teaches us about the greatness of Moshe, and also that siblings can forgive each other very quickly.

"והנה ער'ים

מצרעת

כשלג"

(י"ב, י')

"And Miriam
had leprosy
like snow"
(12,10)



What do you like to do the most with your family (especially with your siblings)?

Next week in Parshat Shlach ...

We will send spies to explore the Land of Israel.

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