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Parsha Bamidbar
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Candlelighting: 8:41 pm

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Friday, June 7

7:00pm Early Mincha / Maariv
8:41pm Candlelighting
8:45pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, June 8

8:45am Shacharis
Kiddush is available for sponsorship.
7:35pm Pirke Avos
8:35pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos
9:50pm Maariv

Sunday, June 9

9:15am *Parsha Class*
(R. Nisenbaum)
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, June 10

8:00pm "Ten Commandments":
Honoring Parents
(R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, June 11

7:00am Shacharis
8:43pm Candlelighting
8:45pm Mincha
9:50pm Maariv
12:30am All night learning

Wednesday, June 12 Shavuos Day 1

5:05am Shacharis (Vasikin)
8:45am Shacharis
8:45pm Mincha
9:43pm Maariv
>10:01pm Candlelighting (60)

Thursday, June 13 Shavuos Day 2

8:45am Shacharis
8:00pm Neilas HaChag
8:45pm Mincha
9:51pm Maariv

Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

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Parsha: Bamidbar

The second year after the exodus from Egypt, G-d commanded Moshe to take a census of all the Jewish men eligible for the army, those over twenty years old.

Although the Jewish people had already been counted earlier the same year, Rashi explains that this census was meant to impress upon the Jewish people G-d's love and concern for them. A person counts and spends time with something that he loves and cherishes. The nation realized that G-d wanted them to be counted, each tribe by itself and each man by himself, in order to show how much He loves every Jew.

This was especially important after the sin of the Golden Calf, when the nation had fallen in disgrace before G-d. They needed the reassurance that G-d still loved them. For this reason the Levites were not counted. Since they did not sin by the Calf, they never needed that reassurance that the rest of the nation needed. (Although the Levites too would be counted later, it was for a different reason, to be able to redeem the firstborn Israelites who had sinned with the Golden Calf. Each firstborn needed one Levite to redeem

him. The Levites were actually counted from thirty days old and older.)

The sum total of the census was around six hundred thousand people.

Considering the fact that this number was approximately the same as the number of Jews that had first left Egypt, it was a comfort to them. Despite G-d's anger and His punishment, they were not in any danger of being decimated.

The camp was arranged in a quadrilateral shape, with the Levites and the Mishkan in the center. A group of three tribes camped on each side, with one of the tribes serving as a leader for each grouping.

Each of the tribes had its own specific place, and it would occupy that place throughout

the forty years in the desert, in order for the nation to be able to function properly. This represented the unique mission of each tribe. Each of the tribes was also situated equidistant from the Tabernacle in the middle. This showed that no tribe was more important than another, and that only in conjunction with one another could they accomplish their mission as a whole unit together.

Condolences

to Amir Linetsky upon the loss of his father

Issue Sponsorship

in memory of Chaya Musha Zelda bas Dovid Mendel Mintz on the occasion of her yahrzeit

Shavuos Learning

*Program for children 12:30 – 1:30.
Chaburah learning & classes for adults.*

Overnight & kiddush sponsorships available.

Insights: Bamidbar

Ahron and his sons will finish covering the holy...and the sons of Kehas should come to carry. (Num 4:15) The Talmud (Sotah 35a) says that although the sons of Kehas were instructed to carry the Aron, the Aron actually carried them. Rav Ahron Kotler once enlisted a young scholar to serve as a rebbe in a yeshiva. The fellow declined, claiming that he did not feel worthy enough for such a position. Rav Ahron encouraged him, "We see that the Aron carried those who carried it. That means that if you are willing to accept upon yourself the yoke of bearing the Torah, the Torah itself will assist you. Take the position and you will see that it will elevate you."

Did You Know?

There is a custom to decorate one's home and the shul with flowers and plants in honor of Shavuos. One reason is because Mount Sinai bloomed with flowers at the receiving of the Torah. There was a custom to bring trees into the shul, however the Vilna Gaon discouraged that because the gentiles would bring trees into their churches and he felt it was following their traditions. It is permitted to move a vase of cut flowers on Yom Tov or Shabbos.

Thought for the Week: Most of our troubles result from our not wanting to take the trouble
(A Candle By Day)