

Parashas Naso 5782 • June 10th • Sivan 11

Reminders

Those who omit *Tachanun* through the 12th of Sivan (Shabbos, June 11th) will omit *Av Harachamim* by Shacharis, as well as *Tzidkas'cha* by Minchah on Shabbos.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Monday night, June 13th.

Eretz Yisrael remains one Parashah ahead and will lein Parashas Beha'aloscha this week.

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 1

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Yevamos 95

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shevi'is 9:8-9

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and rebbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

Next on the Calendar

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Tammuz is in two weeks, Shabbos Parashas Shelach.

Shivah Asar B'Tamuz is on Sunday, July 17th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Naso: The duties of the families of Gershon and Merari and their individual censuses • Retaining the holiness of the camps • Some of the laws of *korbanos* • The laws of *Sotah* • The laws of the *Nazir* • *Birkas Kohanim* • The offerings of the *Nesi'im* and the *Chanukas Hamizbeiach*

Haftarah: Having discussed the laws of *nezirus* in the parashah, the haftarah (Shoftim 13:2-25) relates the story of Shimshon the Nazir.

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Naso: 176 Pesukim • 7 Obligations • 11 Prohibitions

1-2) Send people who are impure out of the Jewish camp (varying levels of *tumah* are excluded from various camps - *Shechinah*, *Leviyah & Yisrael*), and prohibit them from entering. 3) Say *vidui* in repentance. 4) Bring a *sotah* to the Kohen. 5-6) Do not put oil or *levonah* into the *korban minchah* of a *sotah*. 7-11) A *nazir* may not drink any grape derivative, or eat grapes, raisins, grape seeds or peels. 12-13) A *nazir* may not cut his hair; he must let it grow. 14-15) A *nazir* may not become *tamei mes*, even for a close relative. 16) At the conclusion of his *nezirus*, the *nazir* shall shave his hair and bring *korbanos*. 17) *Kohanim* shall bless Klal Yisrael with the three blessings of *Birkas Kohanim*. 18) The *Kohanim* shall carry the *Aron* when traveling.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Chinuch explains that there is always blessing readily available; one needs only to make himself a worthy receptacle. *Kohanim*, the people dedicated to the service of Hashem, are the worthy conduit of Hashem's blessing.

For the Shabbos Table

“נשא את־ראש בני גרשון נס־הם”

“Take a census of the sons of Gershon, them as well” (*Bamidbar* 4:22)

Rashi explains that “them as well” is directing that the census of the family of Gershon be performed in the same manner as that of the family of Kehos. What is the parallel being drawn between these two families?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that the sons of Kehos were tasked with carrying the *Aron*, the holiest of all the vessels, while the sons of Gershon were appointed to carry the beams of the *Mishkan*, a less prestigious role. By comparing their censuses, Hashem

was conveying that the Bnei Gershon are valued equally with the Bnei Kehos; both are fulfilling the will of Hashem and therefore engaging in holy work. At times, one may feel that his efforts in *avodas Hashem* are trivial in comparison to those of his peers. The instructions regarding the censuses of the families of Kehos and Gershon show that any service carries weight in the *Olam Haemes*.

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