

CBAJ Family Shabbat Companion: Parshat Naso
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Naso Review

(National Council of Young Israel)

This week's Parsha begins with finishing off the counting of Bnei Yisrael from last week's Parsha. Moshe is now counting the Levi'im, who will be carrying the parts of the mishkan, from ages 30-50. The total number of Levi'im men is 8,580. Gershon carries the curtains, the coverings and screens for the courtyard of the mishkan; Kehat carries the vessels; and Merari carries the pillars and boards of the walls.

Naso then goes on to talk about a nazir- a person who decides to be extra righteous and stay away from specific things, despite them actually being permitted. A nazir is not allowed to cut his hair, drink wine or grape juice, or become impure by touching a dead body.

Hashem then tells Moshe about the unique mitzvah that Aharon and his sons will have to bless all of Bnei Yisrael, commonly known as Birkat Kohanim.

The last part of the Parsha discusses how each nasi brings a korban for the installation of the mizbeach. Each nasi brings the exact same korban, but the Torah repeats every single one of them to show that Hashem values and appreciates each korban and each nasi as distinct and unique.

2. Q&A on the Parsha

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QUESTIONS

1. How old were the Leviim who served in the Mishkan?
1. How many machanot (camps) were there, and who was in each?
2. From which camps did a tameh met (one who is unclean from contact with a dead body) have to leave?
3. From which camps did a metzora (leper) have to leave?
4. If a person stole, then swore falsely, then admits that it was false, what happens?
5. When is one called a Sotah?
6. What happens to the sotah?
7. What are the three prohibitions that a Nazir may not do?
8. If someone said "I am a Nazir," for how many days was he a Nazir?
9. What was the longest amount of time that a person could be a Nazir?
10. What does yevarechecha HaShem mean?
11. What happens to the kohanim who bless the Bnei Yisrael?
12. What honor was given to the Nesiim?
13. Which Nasi brought his sacrifices first?

14. Why was he chosen to go first?

ANSWERS

1. Between thirty and fifty years old
2. Three: machaneh shechinah (camp of HaShem's presence) in the center, and the Mishkan was in it, machaneh leviyah (leviim's camp) was around it, the kohanim and leviim lived in it, and the outermost camp was machaneh yisrael (camp of the yisraels)
3. A tameh lamet had to leave machaneh shechinah (the innermost camp)
4. A metzora had to leave all the camps 5. He must admit before HaShem, return what was stolen, plus one fifth extra, and bring a karbon
6. If the husband suspects his wife (without full proof) and warned her, and she continued
7. She drinks the water, and if she is guilty, both she and her wrong partner's inside explodes and they die, but if she is not guilty she will have a baby more easily
8.
 - Eat or drink grapes or anything that comes from grapes
 - Cut his hair
 - Became tameh met
9. Thirty days
10. His whole life
11. HaShem should bless you
12. They receive a berachah from HaShem 13. Each one was allowed to bring karbanot to help dedicate the mishkan, on a separate day
14. The Nasi of Shevat yehudah – Nachshon Ben Aminadav

3. Shabbat Story (Aish.com)

Peace is a great thing. Nothing feels better than when two people get along peacefully with each other. And almost nothing feels worse than having a fight. The teachings of the Torah help us live peacefully: "All its ways are pleasantness and all its paths are peace."

In this week's Torah portion God teaches Aaron, the High Priest, how to give a special blessing of peace to all the people. Aaron would always go out of his way to do whatever he could to make peace between people, and we can learn from his

example and try to bring more peace into the lives of our family and friends.

"GIVE PEACE A CHANCE"

Shira and Judy were best friends. Or were they worst enemies? Up until a week ago everyone knew they were best friends. They would sit next to each other in school, and when the school-day was over, they would spend long afternoons playing together, or in marathon conversations on opposite ends of the phone.

But lately not only didn't they spend time together, they didn't talk to, or even look at each other! They got into a fight one day when they wore the same dress to the class picnic and each girl accused the other one of copying her. And they never made up.

Their friend, Penina was really upset about it. "Is it right," she would ask, "that two wonderful friends should turn into enemies?" Even though she was a little scared, Penina got up the courage and approached Shira. "I know it's not my business..." she began, "but how come you and Judy aren't friends anymore?"

At first Shira just shrugged her shoulders. But Penina went on. "You know Shira, I've noticed that Judy has just been looking so miserable since you two started fighting. I'm sure she feels bad about whatever happened and would love to make up with you." Shira perked up her ears and said, "Do you really think so?" "I know so," said Penina confidently. "Tell me, are you happier that you're not friends with her anymore?"

Shira thought a minute and said, "You know I'm miserable about it but what can I do? I'm not ready to make up unless she is too." "I'll be right back," said Penina. She rushed over to the other end of the playground, where she found Judy sitting alone and said, "Judy, I hope I'm not butting in, but wouldn't you be having a much better time if you were playing with your old pal, Shira?" Judy looked at her and said, "She doesn't want to play with me."

Penina smiled and said, "If I could promise you she misses you so much that she can't wait to be friends again, would you come with me to talk to her?" Judy nodded.

The two girls walked over to Shira. "Shira," said Penina, "if Judy wanted to be your friend again would you want to be hers?" "Yes," answered Shira. "And what about you, Judy?" Penina asked. "Of course!" Judy answered, with tears of joy. "I miss you so much, Shira. I'm sorry we ever got into this silly fight."

Shortly, the two old friends were hugging and laughing. They looked up at Penina, and Shira said, "We

owe it all to you. Thanks for not minding your own business."

QUESTIONS

Q. If the two girls both wanted to make up, why didn't they do it by themselves? Why did they need Penina to get them to do it?

A. Sometimes, even when we want to do the right thing, it's just too hard to do on our own. Either we're afraid of what the other person will say, or we just don't know how to begin. When Penina stepped in and took on the role of peace-maker, she helped her friends to do what they really wanted to do.

Q. How can we help others to stop fighting and bring peace?

A. A lot of times simple misunderstandings can lead to fights. When this happens we can help the two people fighting to understand how the other one really didn't mean anything bad. In a case where two people want the same thing, we can help them to compromise. Etc.

Q. Have you ever gotten into a fight that you realized later was silly? What caused the fight?