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Statistics

- ❖ 19th of the 54 Torah portions
- ❖ 7th of 11 in Shemot
- ❖ Written on 154.8 lines in a Sefer Torah
- ❖ 9 parshiyot; 3 open, 6 closed
- ❖ 96 verses- ranks 38th (9th in Shemot)
- ❖ 1145 words - ranks 45th (10th in Shemot)
- ❖ 4692 letters - ranks 41st (9th in Shemot)
- ❖ Overall rank: 42nd in Torah
- ❖ Teruma contains 3 of the 613 mitzvot - 2 positive and 1 negative (according to the *Sefer ha-Hinukh*) (see chart)

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Halakha in the Parsha: Halakha Chart

The following is a listing of the twenty commandments in this week's parsha. The first column is a simple ordinal listing within the parsha. The next column lists each mitzva relative to the total of 613. The next column states the same within the total positive and negative.

#	613	P/N	Command	Source
1	95	P	To build the Tabernacle and other holy precincts	Ex. 25:8
2	96	N	Not to remove the staves from the ark	Ex. 25:15
3	97	P	To arrange the shewbread and its frankincense	Ex. 25:30

7th of Adar

According to the Talmud (**TB Megillah 18b**) Moses both born and died on the 7th of Adar. Traditionally, we are taught that our great and righteous leaders live such full lives that they live "full term" -- from first birthday to last birthday.

The date has been given significance in later tradition to commemorate and honor the *hevra kadisha* (literally: the holy society), the group of individuals who help prepare and bury the dead.

Our sages also teach us that Moses was born three months premature (hence why his mother was able to seclude him for that time, Ex. 2:2). Which would make his accurate birth date the 7th of Sivan. That date, according to a popular opinion in the Talmud