

Tidbits for Parashas Beha'aloscha

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As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael unfortunately continues, each person should increase reciting tehillim and performing other mitzvos as a zechus for the many Acheinu Beis Yisrael in travail and captivity as well as for the soldiers in battle.

Pirkei Avos: Perek 2

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 114. The siyum on Bava Metzia is this Wednesday, mazal tov! Next is Masechta Bava Basra. • Yerushalmi: Maaser Sheni 18 • Mishnah Yomis: Gittin 4:6-7 • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 22b-24b.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Tamuz is next week, Shabbos Parashas Shelach.

Beha'aloscha: Aharon kindles the Menorah • The Levi'im are sanctified • The terms of the Levi'im's service • Pesach Sheini • The Cloud of Glory leads the Bnei Yisrael in their travels • The silver trumpets • Bnei Yisrael move away from Har Sinai and begin their journey • Moshe invites his father-in-law Yisro to join Bnei Yisrael • Vayehi Binsoa • The Complainers (about travel) • People complain for meat • Moshe declares he cannot lead alone • Elders are chosen, some begin to prophesy • The Selav meat and Kivros HaTaavah • Miriam and Aharon criticize Moshe • Miriam is stricken with tzara'as; she is quarantined for seven days while the nation awaits her

Haftarah: The Parashah discusses the mitzvah of lighting the Menorah in the Beis Hamikdash. Zechariah (2:14-4:7) relates his prophecy about the Menorah that will be present in the third Beis Hamikdash.

Parashas Beha'aloscha: 136 Pesukim • 3 Obligations • 2 Prohibitions

1-2) Sacrifice and eat the korban Pesach Sheini along with matzah and maror on the eve of the 15th of Iyar. 3-4) Do not leave over meat from the Korban Pesach Sheini or break any bones. 5) Blow trumpets in the Mikdash during various offerings.

Mitzvah Highlight: Pesach Sheini - The foundations of emunah are laid on Pesach, with the mitzvah of Korban Pesach playing an important role. Therefore, for those who were unable to bring the Korban Pesach during Chodesh Nissan, the Torah provides a second chance to bring the korban. This ensures an opportunity for all to participate in this fundamental mitzvah.

“אֲנַחְנוּ טְמֵאִים לְנַפְשׁ אָדָם לָמָּה נִגְרַע לְבַלְתִּי הַקְרִיב אֶת־קֹרְבָן”

“Although we were impure through a corpse why should we be worse off and left out from bringing the korban [Pesach]”

(Bamidbar 9:7)

Rashi explains that those who were unable to bring the Korban Pesach complained that they should have been allowed to sponsor a korban and have it sacrificed and eaten by those who were pure. The question is obvious; a sacrifice brought in such a manner does not fulfill the mitzvah of Korban Pesach. If so, what was the point in making this request of Moshe?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt”l explains that we learn from here that even if one is unable to fulfill a mitzvah in its fullest way, he should nevertheless involve himself in the mitzvah, thereby attaching himself to the mitzvah. For instance, even if one won’t be able to sit in the succah, he should nevertheless be involved in the building of a succah. Although they would not fulfill the mitzvah of Korban pesach through this suggested act, they sought to participate in some aspect of this mitzvah. Rav Moshe explains that we bless a child that he should grow into “Torah, chuppah, and ma’asim tovim”. Rav Moshe explains that “ma’asim tovim”, good deeds, refer to such acts which aren’t necessarily fulfillment of a Torah obligation, but rather are deeds that one engages in out of love and reverence for mitzvos.