



Table Talk



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Birthdays



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Alexander	Grant
Chloe	Goodman
Sarit	Neumann
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Zack	Gilbert
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Joshua	Gittins
Leshy	Zorno
Bianca	Marks
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A Bite of Inspiration

Parashat Bamidbar

A lesson for parents

Rabbi Moshe Swift, noted a disparity between the census of the tribes and that of the tribe of Levi. The former were counted from age 20 and older, thereby facilitating an easy count. The latter were counted from age one month and upwards, which demanded a more difficult count. The Midrash emphasizes this by noting that Moshe asked, "How can I enter their tents to determine the number of babies in each family?," to which Hashem responded, "You do your share and I will do mine." The Midrash continues that Moshe stood at the doorway of each tent and the Shechinah (Divine Presence) preceded him and a Divine voice emanated from each tent stating the number of babies therein. This is the hidden meaning of this verse -- Hashem's Word facilitated Moshe's census. There is a profound lesson here: in order for Moshe to count the children outside of the house, the Divine Presence must first have penetrated inside the house. If Jewish children are to be "counted" as proud members of the Jewish people, the Divine Presence -- through prayer, Shabbat, festivals, kashrut, Torah study, charity, etc. -- must have penetrated the house during their upbringing.

One might ask that since the census was dependent upon Divine revelation, why was there a need for Moshe to do anything at all? Why didn't G-d simply tell Moshe how many Levites there were? The answer to this question is essentially the formula for man's actions in this world. An omnipotent G-d could do everything and is hardly in need of human acts to accomplish anything. For reasons known only to G-d, man was placed on this earth with a mission that only he can achieve, and it is his responsibility to fulfil that mission. If the fulfilment of that mission appears to be beyond the scope of man's capabilities, this does not exempt him from doing his utmost to reach this goal. Man must do whatever he can, and whatever is truly beyond him become G-d's responsibility. As Pirke Avot states, "it is not up to you to complete the task, yet you are not free to desist from it." We today, as Moshe then, must not retreat from any mitzvah even if its fulfilment appears beyond our means. We must do what we can, and leave the rest to G-d.

After Dinner Joke

At an airport today an individual, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a square, and a calculator. He is believed to be a member of the notorious **Algebra movement**. He is being charged with carrying weapons of **math instruction**. "Algebra is a very fearsome cult, indeed", They consist of quite shadowy figures, with names like "x" and "y". When asked to comment on the arrest, The President said, "If G-d had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes."



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Side Dish

History

Yom Yerushalayim, also known as Jerusalem Day, commemorates Jerusalem's reunification in 1967. This day begins on 28th day of the month of Iyyar in the Hebrew calendar.

The day is marked by ceremonies in Israel, memorial services for soldiers who died in the battle for Jerusalem, parades through downtown Jerusalem, reciting the Hallel prayer in shul and school children throughout the world learn about significance of Jerusalem with festive assemblies.

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel declared Jerusalem Day a minor religious holiday to thank Hashem for the 6-day victory and for answering the 2,000-year-old prayer of "Next Year in Jerusalem". This year Yavneh Boys and the Minyan will join together for a celebratory Tefilah and lunch to honour this occasion.

Next Year in Jerusalem!

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Jerusalem was founded by King David about 3,300 years ago. It has been both the political and spiritual capital of the Jewish people, the latter without interruption to the present through good and bad times.

Throughout the past 3,300 years Jerusalem has never been the capital of any other people. Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and all men of good faith should recognize this as such. Sir Winston Churchill, former British Prime Minister, to diplomat Evelyn Shuckburgh, 1955: "You ought to let the Jews have Jerusalem; it was they who made it famous."

