

# YOUTH CHALLENGE!



## Help in the house for shabbat:

- Take a moment and help your parents for Shabbat.
- Here are some ideas:
- Clean a room in your home
- Set the table for the Shabbos meal,
- Clear the table,
- Let your parents rest while you play a game with your siblings
- Ask your parents how you can help



## Family Pre - Shabbat Experience:

Join our Beth Jacob Congregation for an inspiring pre-shabbat family experience with singing, ruach, story time and family interaction.



## Tefillah:

Open up a Siddur and Daven just the way we do it in the program! You can do it. Understanding what we are saying in Tefillah is so important. To help you understand what you are saying we included a SPARK Tefillah page at the end of this packet.



## Torah out loud :

Here are a list of 2 (New) Torah psukim - verses. Say and learn these 2 Pesukim out loud (in Hebrew or English) by yourself or with your family. Send an email to [Rabbieli@bethjacob.org](mailto:Rabbieli@bethjacob.org) and be entered into a special raffle for a \$10 gift card on Amazon. \*note you do not need to learn them by heart



יִנְעָתִי וְלֹא מִצָּתִי אֶל תֶּאֱמִין  
לֹא יִנְעָתִי וּמִצָּתִי אֶל תֶּאֱמִין  
יִנְעָתִי וּמִצָּתִי תֶאֱמִין (מגילה א, ב)  
YOGATEE VELO MOTZOSEE, AL TA'AMIN.  
LO YOGATEE U'MOTZOSEE, AL TA'AMIN.  
YOGATEE U'MOTZOSEE, TA'AMIN.

If someone says, "I have worked hard, and I have not been successful," don't believe him.  
If someone says, "I have not worked hard and I have been successful," don't believe him.  
If someone says, "I have worked hard and I have been successful," believe him!!! (Talmud, Megilla, 6a)

If we should think that once upon a time we did something not quite the way it should have been done, and so we don't feel strong enough to carry on in learning Torah and doing Mitzvos, then we should remember Hashem's promise to us: *If we try harder now, again, with all our might, then surely we will succeed. And we will find more, much more than ever we had dreamed.*



וְאָהֲבָתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ - רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא  
אוֹמֵר זֶה כָּלֵל גָּדוֹל בַּתּוֹרָה  
(מִקְדָּשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל - הַרִיב עֲזַרְיָה)

VE-OHAV-TO LE-REI-ACHO KO-MO-CHO  
RA'BI AKIVA OMEIR ZEH KLOL GODOL  
BA-TORAH.

Rabbi Akiva says that, "To love your fellow as yourself," is a great basic principle of the Torah.  
(Leviticus 19:18, Mishnah)

As we work hard to make ourselves better people, we should not forget about our friends and neighbors. As Rabbi Akiva said, we should love our fellow *just like ourselves*. That is the main point of what we learn. And so, if we are lucky enough to be able to learn Torah, we should also work just as hard to help our Jewish friends, so that they can learn Torah too.



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## Parsha:

This week we read Parshat Naso here is a little summary, happy learning!

## Parshat Naso

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.

## Statistics for Parshat Naso

- RANK - 35th of 54 sedras; 2nd of 10 in Bamidbar
- LINES - Written on 311 lines in a Sefer Torah
- P'SUKIM - 176 p'sukim
- WORDS - 2264 words
- LETTERS - 8632 letters Indisputably the longest sedra in the Torah however you count length!!
- MITZVOT - 18 mitzvot; 7 positive, 11 prohibitions

## Bonus Fact:

- Longest sedra is NASO with **176** p'sukim.
- Longest perek of T'hilim is 119 with **176** p'sukim.
- Longest Gemara is Bava Batra with **176** (double) pages.

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## PARASHAT NASO QUESTIONS

1. Who was the father of Gershon, Kehat, and Merari?
2. How old were the Leviim who served in the Mishkan?
3. How many machanot (camps) were there, and who was in each?
4. From which camps did a tameh met (one who is unclean from contact with a dead body) have to leave?
5. From which camps did a metzora (leper) have to leave?
6. If a person stole, then swore falsely, then admits that it was false, what happens?
7. What is the punishment for a married woman caught living with another man besides her husband?
8. When is one called a Sotah?
9. If a sotah is brought to the kohen in the mishkan/mikdash, what kind of offering does she bring?
10. What happens to the sotah?
11. What are the three prohibitions that a Nazir may not do?
12. If someone said "I am a Nazir," for how many days was he a Nazir?
13. What was the longest amount of time that a person could be a Nazir?
14. What happened if a Nazir became tammeh met in the middle of the time he was a Nazir?
15. Are the Bnei Yisrael supposed to look at the kohanim during birkat kohanim?
16. What does yevarechecha HaShem mean?
17. What happens to the kohanim who bless the Bnei Yisrael?
18. What honor was given to the Nesiim?
19. Which Nasi brought his sacrifices first?
20. Why was he chosen to go first?



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## PARASHAT NASO ANSWERS

1. Levi
2. Between thirty and fifty years old
3. 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)
4. A tameh lamet had to leave machaneh shechinah (the innermost camp)
5. A metzora had to leave all the camps
6. He must admit before HaShem, return what was stolen, plus one fifth extra, and bring a karbon
7. Death
8. If the husband suspects his wife (without full proof) and warned her, and she continued
9. A special karbon of regular (not finely sifted as usual) flour of barley (not wheat as usual) without any oil or spices
10. 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
11.
  - a. Eat or drink grapes or anything that comes from grapes
  - b. Cut his hair
  - c. Became tameh met
12. Thirty days
13. His whole life
14. He had to cut his hair, bring certain karbanot, and begin the nezirut period again
15. NO
16. HaShem should bless you
17. They receive a berachah from HaShem
18. Each one was allowed to bring karbanot to help dedicate the mishkan, on a separate day
19. The Nasi of Shevat yehudah – Nachshon Ben Aminadav
20. Because he jumped into the Yam Suf (Red Sea) first

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## PARASHAT NASO TORAH TEASERS

By Moshe Erlbaum

**1. (a) Which offering mentioned in this parsha contains barley? (b) Aside from that, in what other three contexts is barley explicitly mentioned in the Torah? (c) Which other grain offering do the Sages explain was made out of barley, rather than wheat?**

(a) The offering of the woman accused of adultery (sotah) is from barley (Numbers 5:15). (b) In parshas Va'era, the plague of hail harmed the barley crop (Exodus 9:31). In parshas Bechukosai, the value of a field donated to the Temple is stated in terms of "seeded with barley" (Leviticus 27:17). In parshas Ekev, barley is listed together as one of the seven species of the Land of Israel (Deut. 8:8). (c) The Omer offering, brought on the second day of Passover, is made of barley (Leviticus 23:16 with Rashi).

**2. Who in this parsha must answer "Amen Amen"? Where else in the biblical writings do people answer "Amen Amen"?**

The woman accused of adultery (sotah) must answer "Amen Amen" to demonstrate her understanding of the potential consequence of her actions (Numbers 5:22). In the book of Nechemia, Ezra the scribe read from the Torah on Rosh Hashanah; after his blessing, the nation answered "Amen Amen" (Nechemia 8:6).

**3. Which part of the body appears three times in this parsha? In the book of Genesis, what three places does this body part appear?**

It is stated three different times that the stomach of a woman found guilty of adultery swells as a punishment (Numbers 5:21, 22, 27). The stomach appears in three contexts in the book of Genesis: In parshas Toldos, Rivka's prophecy concerning her pregnancy includes the words, "There are two nations in your stomach" (Genesis 25:23). (The next verse states explicitly that she has twins in her stomach/womb.) In parshas Vayeitzei, when Rachel complains to Yaakov that she has no children, Yaakov responds: "Am I in God's stead, who has withheld from you the fruits of the stomach?" (Genesis 30:2). In parshas Vayeishev, when Tamar was ready to give birth, there were "twins in her stomach" (Genesis 38:27).

**4. A nazir is prohibited from eating any grape products. What two places in the Torah does someone pick grapes from the vine?**

In parshas Vayeshev, Pharaoh's chief butler has a dream where he picks grapes and makes wine for Pharaoh (Genesis 40:11). In parshas Shlach, the spies bring grapes back from the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:23).

**5. Who is the only biblical personality to actually be called a nazir?**

Shimshon is the only biblical personality actually called a nazir (Judges 13:5). Although the prophet Shmuel was also a nazir from birth (as his mother Chana vowed that "a razor shall not arise on his head" - 1-Shmuel 1:11), he was never actually called a "nazir."

**6. A nazir is forbidden to use a razor on his head (Numbers 6:5). Which people in the book of Numbers must shave with a razor?**

In parshas Beha'slosecha, the Levites are required to shave their entire body with a razor as part of their initiation into the Temple service (Numbers 8:7).

**7. In this parsha, which two sons of Yaakov are not mentioned in the context of the offerings of the tribal leaders?**

Yosef is not mentioned since his tribe is split into the tribes of Ephraim and Menashe. Levi is not mentioned because his tribal leader did not bring an offering in this parsha.

**8. In what context is a ladle mentioned in this parsha?**

Each of the tribal leaders brings a golden ladle filled with incense (Numbers 7:14).

**9. In this parsha, which number appears four times in one verse?**

The number 12 appears four times in one verse: the gifts of the tribal leaders include 12 bulls, 12 rams, 12 year-old sheep, and 12 male goats (Numbers 7:87).



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## Comics:

What is the most important thing in the Torah? Follow Yaakov and Isaac on an adventure to find out: Read this comic to your family or give over a lesson you learned from it at the Shabbos table. Enjoy!!





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## Parsha coming alive:

### Game it out

### Naso Game

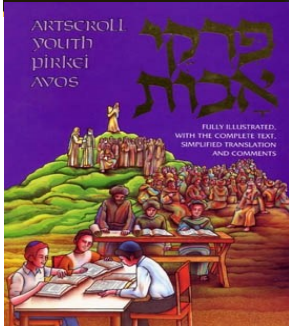
## Popcorn Relay-

Beforehand, prepare a pair of plastic or paper cups for each runner. Use a tack or a small nail to poke a hole in the center of each cup bottom. Push one end of a thick rubber band through the hole and into the cup. Then, slip a paperclip on the end of the band inside the cup, and gently pull the other end until the clip rests on the bottom of the cup. The rubber band, worn around the ball of the foot, holds the cup in place atop a player's shoe. Just prior to the race, a member from each team is issued a big bag of popcorn and charged with filling teammates' cups from the moment the starting whistle blows until the relay ends. These individuals stand alongside their teams, behind the starting line. Two large, shallow boxes are set 5 yards beyond the starting line, opposite the teams. When the whistle blows, the first person in each team's line sprints to the appropriate box and empties his cups into it, trying to lose as little popcorn as possible along the way. He then runs back to tag the next person in line. The new runner heads to the team box, and the first runner goes to the end of the line. The relay continues for 2 minutes or until one of the bags is emptied. Then, the popcorn in each box is measured with a ruler (or by cupfuls) and the team with the most is declared the winner.

## Discuss it out:

DISCUSSION: The idea behind this game is to teach the kids that despite everyone doing the same exact thing, each one of them play a very important role to the team. Without each team member doing their part, the team wouldn't be able to complete the task they must accomplish. Each nasi gave the same exact korban, but each one is special to Hashem. No two people are the same and we should take pride in the people we are and serve Hashem to the best of our ability. Hashem wants to hear from us and see us trying to be the best people we can be. He doesn't compare us to what other people are doing, but rather he looks at us for us. We're each unique in our own way and it's important to use our unique qualities to the best of our ability every day.

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## Pirkei Avot

This week we are learning the first Perek of Pirkei Avot again. Here is a story based on the 4th mishnah in Perek 1. Enjoy! **Rabbi Yosai ben Yoezer of Tziraidah says; "Make your house a meeting place for the Sages. Cling to the dust of their feet, and drink in their words thirstily." (Avot 1:4)** This means to always listen to what Torah scholars have to say!

### **Here is the Story;**

Once there lived a great Sage named Shmuel. He taught his students that they must always be careful about their possessions.

If a person had fields or orchards, Shmuel said he should visit them every day to see that they were in good condition. If anything needed to be repaired, it should be taken care of right away. Shmuel also taught that if someone was not careful to check his property, he would suffer great losses. But if he was always careful to check his property, Shmuel said that he would surely find gold. Rav Assi was one of Shmuel's students. In order to follow Shmuel's teaching, he used to visit his fields every day to see if everything was in order. He always wondered if one day he would find gold, but he never did.

One day, when he went to look over his fields, he heard the sound of water gushing. He decided to check it out. Near his fields there was a dam. The water had burst through a hole, and was streaming out. If Rav Assi did not do something quickly, all his crops would be destroyed. Quickly, he took off his coat, and stuffed it into the hole. The water stopped for a while, but shortly it began dripping once more. Soon, the hole would again open up! Rav Assi began to shout and cry for help. Other farmers heard him and came running. They all worked hard, and soon succeeded in repairing the damage. Everyone's harvest was saved from the flood. Then Rav Assi understood. "So this is the fortune of gold that Shmuel promised! If I had not visited my fields today, all the crops would have been ruined! I would have lost everything. How wise are the words of our Sages!" Others said that Shmuel's words were meant even for people who do not have fields and orchards. Every day a person should check himself, to see if he has behaved as he should. That way, if something is not correct we can set it right immediately. That is the only way to truly improve our character.





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## poem

### PICK YOUR TABLE

By: Bracha Goetz

Here is a poem about giving!

Based on a parable attributed to the famous rabbi, Maharam MiRottenberg

There once was a great rabbi,  
Who had a dream one night.  
And in the dream he got to see,  
A most amazing sight.

The rabbi got the chance to see,  
What we'd all like to know.  
He found out where givers end up.  
And where the selfish go.

First he was led into a room,  
Where selfish folk are taken.  
A great, big GORGEOUS banquet hall.  
Said he, "Are you mistaken?"

The tables were set beautifully.  
Great food was piled up high.  
"But wait - no one is eating!"  
The rabbi wondered, "Why?"

"Why are these people starving?"  
He got his answer soon.  
Strapped onto each of their arms:  
A three-foot-long spoon!

So each one sat there, hungry.  
Food in front of each nose.  
But they could find no way to eat,  
Without bending their elbows!

Then the rabbi was led out,  
To the place where givers go.  
But it looked just like the other place.  
Cried the rabbi, "No way! No!"

A great, big GORGEOUS banquet hall.  
Tables set so beautifully.  
But here, the people sitting down,  
Looked happy as could be.

Three-foot spoons were strapped on,  
In this hall - just like the other.

But in this place, each arm stretched out -  
To reach the mouth of another!

"So that is it!" the rabbi laughed.  
"To see this is a treat!  
Here nobody goes hungry.  
Here each one gets to eat!"

"They were so used to giving.  
Not one minute ticked by.  
Before these souls had figured out,  
How to help the other guy!"

"In this banquet hall also,  
Their elbows could not bend.  
But that would not stop them,  
From reaching out to help a friend."

"But oy! Those other fellows!  
In the other banquet hall!  
They're so used to being selfish  
They can't think to give at all!"

"Givers get used to giving.  
And selfish folk to taking.  
But if they knew where they'd end up,  
They'd fix the mistake they're making!"

The rabbi told about his dream.  
A dream he was quick to share,  
Because he felt it could help us,  
To stretch ourselves, to care.

He found out where givers end up,  
And where the selfish go.  
The places aren't different,  
But the people make it so.

And right here, right now  
Each day that we are living,  
Can really feel like Heaven,  
If we spend our days

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## THROWING STONES

Once, long ago, there lived a rich man who was never satisfied. His mansion was large and splendid and his gardens were cool and beautiful. But it was never good enough for him. No, he was always insisting that his servants add a wall here, or dig a new garden there.

As the servants dug, they uncovered a good many rocks.

"Master, what shall we do with all these stones?" they asked.

"Oh, just throw them over the walls -- out onto the public road," he said.

One day a wise old man walked down that road. He saw the servants tossing stones out onto it, and asked,

"Why are you doing that?"

"Our master commanded it," they told him. So the wise old man went up to the rich man and asked, "Why do you throw stones from yours to not yours?"

That didn't mean much to the rich man. "All I want to do is get all these stones off my estate."

"But this is a public road. What about all the people who have to walk on it?"

The rich man shrugged. "Why should I care what happens to them?"

"I think you will learn to regret what you've just said," the wise old man murmured and went on his way.

Sure enough things went from bad to worse for the rich man after that. All his investments failed, and money slipped through his fingers no matter how hard he tried to grasp it. At last he became a beggar and was thrown out of his lovely estate.

As the once-rich man wandered the public road his feet were bruised by the very stones he had ordered his servants to toss out.

"Now I know what the wise old man meant," he said sadly. "Now I'm truly sorry I threw stones from mine to not mine."

DISCUSS the sin the rich man did and how he was punished for it.



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## NASO

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Family Pre Shabbat Kumsitz					
Tefilah					
Torah out loud					
Parsha					

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# SPARK

## ברכות התורה Birchote Hatorah

When the Romans had forbidden Jews from learning Torah in Eretz Yisrael, Rabbi Akiva continue to teach Torah to his students. Aren't you scared that the Romans will catch you? He was once asked. He replied with this story once a fox was walking him long the riverbank when he noticed fish darting from place to place in the river. He asked them what are you swimming away from? They replied, we are fleeing from the nets that humans use to try to catch us. The Wily Fox asked, why don't you come and live with me on dryland? The fish replied to him, oh fox they say the fox is one of the cleverest animals, but you are not clever at all. If we are afraid when we are in the water a place that gives us life, then how will it be for us if we live on dryland, a place of death for us? Rabbi Akiva said, so to with us. If we are scared while we learn Torah, our life source, then imagine how our lives would be if we stop learning Torah?

## “ויהי רצון” Birchot Hashachar Viyehi Ratzon

Please, Hashem, keep us away from bad influences and bring us close to good influences, so we can do good things and do everything you ask of us. Give us kindness, love and care, today, and everyday.

Close your eyes, relax your body. Think about what has happened to you today so far. Or yesterday, or the day before. Can you think of something you have done recently that you are very proud of? Watch yourself achieve this. How did you feel at the time? How do you feel about it now? Now think of something you did recently that you are not proud of. Something you wish you had done differently. Something you wouldn't do again. In both cases, try to think what you were thinking at the time, and what led you to behave the way that you did. Did you take a moment to think through your actions? Did you have

## ברוך שאמר Baruch Sheomar

There once was an old man who loved to gossip. He would often be found shuffling around town whispering gossip to his friends. One day, he just couldn't resist telling the rabbi the latest news he had just heard. The rabbi ran into his house and brought out a feather pillow. He told the old man to rip open the pillow. Puzzled he did as the rabbi asked. As the wind picked up the feathers and blew them all over the village, a smile crossed the man's face as he began to enjoy the spectacle. Right now go and collect all the feathers from my pillow! Said the rabbi. But rabbi, that is impossible! I can't get them all back. They are spread all across the village and beyond! The man exclaimed. The rabbi looked at him in the eye and with the satisfied look said, that is exactly the same with your words of gossip. Once it has crossed your lips cannot be controlled or taken back. It is gone forever and spread across the world. Think carefully about the next time you are tempted to gossip about a neighbor!

## צור ישראל Tzur Yisroel

Hashem you are our rock! Please rise up and help Israel, your people, as you promised and bring the Moshiach!

Rabbi Dov Ber of Radoshitz was once traveling on the road when it became dark, so he stopped for the night at an inn. In the morning he looked for the innkeeper, to ask him about the wondrous clock that was found hanging on the wall of his room. But that's just an ordinary clock like any other, replied the innkeeper. No, no, said Reb Dov Ber. This is a very special clock. Please find out from where you bought it. And so, out of curiosity, the innkeeper made some inquiries, I'm returned with some information. This clock, the innkeeper announced, once belonged to the famous Chozeh of Lublin, the famous Hasidic master. Of course. I should have known. This clock could only have ever belonged to the Chozeh, Reb Dov Ber said. Ordinary clocks strike a sad tone each hour, telling of another hour past another hour lost. But the Chozeh's clock has a sweet tone each hour, singing in celebration as we are another hour closer to the Moshiach!

Why is one of Hashem's names Tzur Yisroel?

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