

# **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.