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# Yachad Shabbos Packet



Parsha Questions:

1. Why were the Jewish People counted so frequently?
2. What documents did the people bring when they were counted?
3. What determined the color of the tribal flags?
4. What is the difference between an "ot" and a "degel"?
5. How do we see that the Jews in the time of Moshe observed "techum Shabbat" - the prohibition against traveling more than 2,000 *amot* on *Shabbat*?
6. What was the signal for the camp to travel?
7. What was the sum total of the counting of the 12 tribes?
8. Why are Aharon's sons called "sons of Aharon and Moshe"?
9. Who was Nadav's oldest son?
10. Which two people from the Book of Esther does Rashi mention in this week's Parsha?
11. Why did the *levi'im* receive *ma'aser rishon*?
12. Which groups of people were counted from the age of one month?
13. Name the first descendant of Levi in history to be counted as an infant.
14. Who assisted Moshe in counting the *levi'im*?
15. Why did so many people from the tribe of Reuven support Korach in his campaign against Moshe?
16. Why did so many people from the tribes of Yehuda, Yissachar, and Zevulun become great Torah scholars?
17. In verse 3:39 the Torah states that the total number of *levi'im* was 22,000. The actual number was 22,300. Why does the Torah seem to ignore 300 *levi'im*?
18. The firstborn males of the Jewish People were redeemed for five *shekalim*. Why five *shekalim*?
19. During what age-span is a man considered at his full strength?
20. As the camp was readying itself for travel, who was in charge of covering the vessels of the *Mishkan* in preparation for transport?

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## Parsha Answers:

- 1. Why were the Jewish People counted so frequently?**  
1:1 - They are very dear to Hashem.
- 2. What documents did the people bring when they were counted?**  
1:18 - They brought birth records proving their tribal lineage.
- 3. What determined the color of the tribal flags?**  
2:2 - Each tribe's flag was the color of that tribe's stone in the breastplate of the *kohen gadol*.
- 4. What is the difference between an "ot" and a "degel"?**  
2:2 - An "ot" is a flag, i.e., a colored cloth that hangs from a flagpole. A *degel* is a flagpole.
- 5. How do we see that the Jews in the time of Moshe observed "techum Shabbat" - the prohibition against traveling more than 2,000 amot on Shabbat?**  
2:2 - Hashem commanded them to camp no more than 2,000 amot from the *Ohel Mo'ed*. Had they camped farther, it would have been forbidden for them to go to the *Ohel Mo'ed* on *Shabbat*.
- 6. What was the signal for the camp to travel?**  
2:9 - The cloud over the *Ohel Mo'ed* departed and the *kohanim* sounded the trumpets.
- 7. What was the sum total of the counting of the 12 tribes?**  
2:32 - 603,550.
- 8. Why are Aharon's sons called "sons of Aharon and Moshe?"**  
3:1 - Since Moshe taught them Torah, it's as if he gave birth to them.
- 9. Who was Nadav's oldest son?**  
3:4 - Nadav had no children.
- 10. Which two people from the Book of Esther does Rashi mention in this week's Parsha?**  
3:7 - Bigtan and Teresh.
- 11. Why did the *levi'im* receive *ma'aser rishon*?**  
3:8 - Since the *levi'im* served in the *Mishkan* in place of everyone else, they received tithes as "payment."
- 12. Which groups of people were counted from the age of one month?**  
3:15, 40 - The *levi'im*, and the firstborn of *B'nei Yisrael*.
- 13. Name the first descendant of Levi in history to be counted as an infant.**  
3:15 - Levi's daughter Yocheved was born while the Jewish People were entering Egypt. She is counted as one of the 70 people who entered Egypt.
- 14. Who assisted Moshe in counting the *levi'im*?**  
3:16 - Hashem.
- 15. Why did so many people from the tribe of Reuven support Korach in his campaign against Moshe?**  
3:29 - The tribe of Reuven was encamped near Korach, and were therefore influenced for the worse. This teaches that one should avoid living near the wicked.
- 16. Why did so many people from the tribes of Yehuda, Yissachar, and Zevulun become great Torah scholars?**  
3:38 - The tribes of Yehuda, Yissachar, and Zevulun were encamped near Moshe, and were therefore influenced for the good. This teaches that one should seek to live near the righteous.

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17. **In verse 3:39 the Torah states that the total number of *levi'im* was 22,000. The actual number was 22,300. Why does the Torah seem to ignore 300 *levi'im*?**  
3:39 - Each *levi* served to redeem a first born of the Jewish People. Since 300 *levi'im* were themselves first born, they themselves needed to be redeemed, and could therefore not redeem others.
18. **The firstborn males of the Jewish People were redeemed for five *shekalim*. Why five *shekalim*?**  
3:46 - To atone for the sale of Yosef, Rachel's firstborn, who was sold by his brothers for five *shekalim* (20 pieces of silver.)
19. **During what age-span is a man considered at his full strength?**  
4:2 - Between the ages of 30 and 50.
20. **As the camp was readying itself for travel, who was in charge of covering the vessels of the *Mishkan* in preparation for transport?**  
4:5 - The *kohanim*.

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Dvar Torah:



“Take a census of the entire assembly of the Children of Israel.” (1:2)

Rashi comments that Hashem always counts Bnei Yisroel because of His love for them. Why is counting Bnei Yisroel a sign of Hashem’s love? What do we learn from this? There are many different types of Jews out there; some orthodox, conservative, chassidish, modern etc. When Hashem commands Moshe to count Bnei Yisroel, He specifically says to count each Jew as “one” no more, no less. From this we see that Hashem’s message was that every Jew that is part of Bnei Yisroel are his children; each one having His infinite love and possessing a Neshama with a spark of His G-dliness. Therefore, the act of counting Am Yisroel over and over again is Hashem feeling proud of how many children He has, and continuing to guide us with His Torah. Every Jew has a place in Hashem’s world and so to we must respect His wishes and accept of all

His children and guide them in His ways!

Good Shabbos!

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## Torah Treat:

In the beginning of this weeks Parsha, Moshe counts Bnei Yisroel. This week we will be making Mini Chocolate Chip Banana Muffins! Why mini you ask? To resemble as many as the census!

## What you will need:

1. 3 Large (soft) bananas
2. 3/4 cup sugar
3. 1 egg
4. 1 tsp. baking soda
5. 1 tsp. baking powder
6. 1/2 tsp. salt
7. 1 1/2 cup flour
8. 1/3 cup oil
9. 1 cup chocolate chips
10. Mini Chocolate chip muffin tins
11. Mini muffin making pan
12. Tablespoon or mini ice cream scooper



## Lets get started:













1. Combine all ingredients together except the chocolate chips
2. Make sure the bananas are really shmushed (some people choose to place the ingredients in a mixer, blender, food processor; I've done this by hand and it works just as well)
3. Once ingredients are fully combined add chocolate chips
4. Place muffin tins inside the muffin pan
5. Take a tablespoon or mini ice cream scooper and drop batter into the tin
6. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for about 15 minutes until golden brown!

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