

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE PARSHA



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

Question: Our sages say that G-d always counts the Jewish people because of His love for them. What lesson can we learn from the counting of the Jewish people?

Answer: There are different levels of observance among Jews, with some keeping G-d's commandments more strictly and some less. A person may belittle the worth of a less observant Jew, saying: "He is a nothing!"

When G-d commanded Moses to count the Jewish people, He instructed him to count each Jew as "one," no more and no less. G-d's message was that the Jewish people are His children; each one is equally beloved and has equal value.

These are the generations of Aaron and Moses... and these are the names of the sons of Aaron. (3:1-2)

Question: The Torah only lists the four sons of Aaron. Why does the verse refer to "the generations of Aaron and Moses"?

Answer: In Deuteronomy, Moses tells the Jews that G-d had been very angry with Aaron for his involvement with the golden calf and that he wanted to destroy him: "And I prayed for Aaron at that time" (9:2). The commentator Rashi explains that G-d considered killing all four of Aaron's children. Moses' prayers was able to save two of the sons--Elazar and Itamar.

Since two of Aaron's children were saved through Moses' intervention, they are also called the children of Moses.

SHAVUOT TIMETABLE

<p>Tuesday, May 14 Candle Lighting Time: 8:25pm Mincha: 8:30pm Maariv and Banquet: 9:25pm Rabbi Chaim Rappaport: 11:30pm Rabbi Gershon Overlander: 12:30am Rabbi Mendel Plotke: 1:00am</p>	<p>Children's ice cream party: following Ten Commandments Mincha: 8:30pm Candle Lighting: 9:51pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 15 Shacharis: 10:30am Ten Commandments: Approx. 12:15pm</p>	<p>Thursday, May 16 Shacharis: 10:00am Yizkor: Approx. 11:45am Mincha: 8:30 pm Yom Tov Ends and Maariv: 9:53pm</p>

TIMES

Parshas Bamidbar
2 Sivan / May 11 2013
Friday Night
Mincha: 7:30pm
Our Shul's Candle Lighting Time: 7:45pm
Seudat Shabbat: 8:30pm
Shabbat Day
Latest Shema: 9:06am
Chassidus Shiur with
Rabbi Gershon Overlander: 9:30am
Shacharis: 10:00am
Kiddush/Farbrenge: Approx. 12:15pm
Minchah: 8:15pm
Seudah Shlishit: Following Minchah
Shabbat Ends and Maariv: 9:40pm
Video Presentation: Following Maariv

UPCOMING

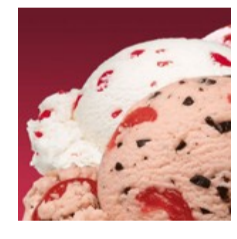
Shavuot: Banquet & Learnathon



Tuesday
May 14 2013
at 9:30pm

It is customary to stay up all night on Shavuot to 'fix' the Jews sleeping in on the day the Torah was given
Join us for a delicious evening banquet followed by our annual Late-night Learnathon with guest speaker: **Rabbi Chaim Rappaport**

Children's Ice Cream Party



Wednesday,
May 15
Following
Ten Com-
mandments

Kids have a special connection with Shavuot.
Before G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people, He demanded guarantors. The Jews made a number of suggestions, all rejected by G-d, until they declared, "Our children will be our guarantors that we will cherish and observe the Torah." G-d immediately accepted them and agreed to give the Torah.
In appreciation for our guarantors the shul is throwing a grand ice cream party.

