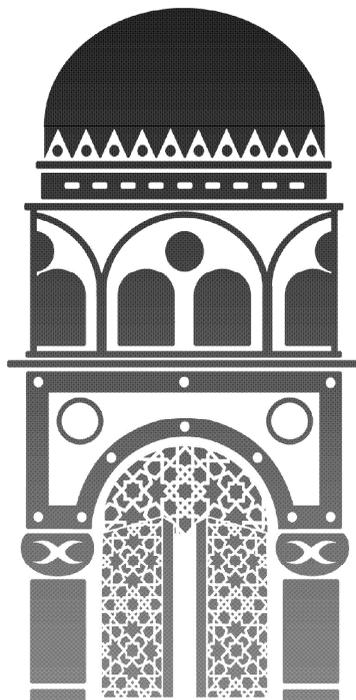


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SHABBAT B'MIDBAR

The second book of the Torah, Exodus, concludes with a description for setting up the sanctuary on the first day of the first month of the second year after the Israelites leave Egypt. The fourth book of the Torah, known in Hebrew as *B'midbar*, or "in the desert," or in English as Numbers, begins with God commanding Moses to take a census of the entire Israelite community. The commandment is given on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites' departure from Egypt. All males over the age of twenty are counted, and it is reported that there is a total of 603,550. This number excludes 22,000 Levites, who are exclusively responsible for all services of the sanctuary and are to camp around the sanctuary at all times. After counting all firstborn Israelite males over the age of one month, Moses is instructed to compare their number of 22,273 with the total of 22,000 Levites and to charge a redemption tax for the additional 273. It is to be paid to Aaron and his sons for service to the sanctuary. Moses also lists and counts the Kohathites separately from the Levites since the Kohathites are responsible for lifting and carrying the sacred objects of the sanctuary. They are not to be present when the sanctuary is either dismantled or set up.

י מד אֵלֶּה הַפְּקָדִים אֲשֶׁר פָּקַד מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן וַיְשִׂיאוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל
 שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר אִישׁ אִישׁ־אֶחָד לְבַיַּת־אֲבֹתָיו הָיוּ׃ מִה וַיְהִי
 כָּל־פְּקוּדֵי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לְבַיַּת אֲבֹתָם מִבֶּן עָשָׂרִים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה
 כָּל־יָצָא צָבָא בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל׃ מו וַיְהִי כָּל־הַפְּקָדִים שֵׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת אֶלֶף
 וּשְׁלֹשֶׁת אֲלָפִים וַחֲמֵשׁ מֵאוֹת וַחֲמִשִּׁים׃ מז וְהַלְוִיִּם לְמִטָּה אֲבֹתָם
 לֹא הִתְּפַקְדוּ בְּתוֹכָם׃ פ מח וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר׃
 מט אַךְ אֶת־מִטָּה לְוִי לֹא תִּפְקֹד וְאֶת־רֹאשִׁים לֹא תִּשָּׂא בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי
 יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ נו וְאַתָּה הַפְּקֹד אֶת־הַלְוִיִּם עַל־מִשְׁכַּן הָעֵדוּת וְעַל
 כָּל־כְּלָיוֹ וְעַל כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ הִמָּה יִשְׂאוּ אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן וְאֶת־כָּל־כְּלָיו
 וְהֵם יִשְׁרְתֻהוּ וְסָבִיב לְמִשְׁכַּן יַחֲנוּ׃ נא וּבִנְסַע הַמִּשְׁכָּן יוֹרִידוּ אֹתוֹ
 הַלְוִיִּם וּבַחֲנֹת הַמִּשְׁכָּן יִקִּימוּ אֹתוֹ הַלְוִיִּם וְהָזָר הַקָּרֵב יוֹמֵת׃
 נב וַחֲנוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אִישׁ עַל־מַחֲנֵהוּ וְאִישׁ עַל־דָּגְלוֹ לְצַבְּאוֹתָם׃
 נג וְהַלְוִיִּם יַחֲנוּ סָבִיב לְמִשְׁכַּן הָעֵדוּת וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה קֶצֶף עַל־עֵדוּת בְּנֵי
 יִשְׂרָאֵל וְשָׁמְרוּ הַלְוִיִּם אֶת־מִשְׁמַרְתּ מִשְׁכַּן הָעֵדוּת׃ נד וַיַּעֲשׂוּ בְנֵי
 יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה כִּן עָשׂוּ׃

NUMBERS 1:44-54

44 Those are the enrolments recorded by Moses and Aaron and by the chieftains of Israel, who were twelve in number, one man to each ancestral house. **45** All the Israelite males, aged twenty years and over, enrolled by ancestral houses, all those in Israel who were able to bear arms. **46** All who were enrolled came to 603,550. **47** The Levites, however, were not recorded among them by their ancestral tribe. **48** For Adonai had spoken to Moses, saying: **49** Do not on any account enrol the tribe of Levi or take a census of them with the Israelites. **50** You shall put the Levites in charge of the Tabernacle of the Pact, all its furnishings, and everything that pertains to it; they shall carry the Tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall tend it; and they shall camp around the Tabernacle. **51** When the Tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down, and when the Tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up; any outsider who encroaches shall be put to death. **52** The Israelites shall encamp troop by troop, each man with his division and each under his standard. **53** The Levites, however, shall camp around the Tabernacle of the Pact, that wrath may not strike the Israelite community; the Levites shall stand guard around the Tabernacle of the Pact. **54** The Israelites did accordingly; just as Adonai had commanded Moses, so they did.

I SAMUEL 20: 27-42

And it came to pass on the next day, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty; and Saul said to Jonathan his son, Why does not the son of Jesse come to the meal, neither yesterday, nor today? And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-Lehem; And he said, Let me go, I beg you; for our family has a sacrifice in the city; and my brother has commanded me to be there; and now, if I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away, I pray you, to see my brothers. Therefore he does not come to the king's table. Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, You son of a perverse and rebellious woman, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the ground, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Therefore now send and fetch him to me, for he shall surely die. And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, Why shall he be killed? What has he done? And Saul raised the spear to strike him; whereby Jonathan knew that his father was determined to slay David. So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food on the second day of the new moon; for he was grieved for David, because his father had put him to shame. And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out to the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. And he said to his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. And when the lad came to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond you? And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, hurry, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. But the lad knew not any thing; only Jonathan and David knew the matter. And Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad, and said to him, Go, carry them to the city. And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose from a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times; and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, as we have sworn both of us in the name of the Adonai, saying, Adonai be between me and you, and between my seed and your seed forever.