

# Parshas BAMIDBAR

## CHASSIDIC INSIGHTS, HIGHLIGHTS AND HAPPENINGS

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### תפילת השל"ה - Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan - Shabbos

In his introduction to his Sefer "שני לוחות הברית" - the Shla Hakadosh zt"l writes: 'It's an obligation for every Yid to ask Hashem for all his needs since everything comes from Hashem. Especially, a husband and wife should pray for Kosher offspring. "And my heart tells me that a special time to daven is on Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan, for this is the month we received the Torah, and we were called then "בנים אתם לה' אלקינו" - sons to Hashem, our G-d."

One year, when Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan occurred on Shabbos (like this current year), a chassid asked the Belzer Rebbe Shlita if one is allowed to recite the "Tefilas HaShla" on Shabbos - since the Halacha is that one isn't allowed to request things from Hashem on Shabbos.

The Belzer Rav Shlita replied: "You can, and you should daven the Tefilas HaShla on Thursday, Friday, and Shabbos - always! Since praying for good children is a ruchnias'dig (spiritual) need, which one is allowed to daven for on Shabbos."



The Belzer Rav Shlita added:  
**"One has to daven for good children every day, all the time!"**

### Rosh Chodesh Sivan - Sunday, May 21

- In the Babylon language, the name 'Sivan' means a renewal of time - for during that season the fruit started sprouting.
- The Torah was given to the Yidden during Sivan on Mount Sinai. The letters from the word "סיני" are equal to the letters of "סיון" since the letter "י" and "ו" are interchangeable.
- The word "סיון" is the acronym for "יחן" - "ישראל נגד סיני" - the Yidden rested near Sinai, which personified the midah of anavah - humility. Since Mount Sinai merited having the Torah given to her due to her humble trait of not bragging about her beauty. Also, the Torah was given through Moshe Rabbeinu, who was a great person, yet kept a low profile.
- The word סיון alludes to Kabbalas HaTorah during this month:
  - ס - The numerical value is 60, מסכת בתורה שבעל פה 60 corresponding to 60 עשרת הדברות 10.
  - י - Corresponds to the sixth day of the month - יו"ט when the Yidden received the Torah.
  - ו - Represents the sixth day of the month - ו' סיון when the Yidden received the Torah.
  - ן - Corresponds to the 50th day of counting from Sefiras Haomer, when the Torah was received.

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## "יום המיוחס" - A Special Day

The second day of Sivan - ב' סיון is called "יום המיוחס" for on this day, Hashem told the Yidden that since you're ready to accept the Torah, you will become My Beloved Nation more than any other nation. Although when the Yidden left Mitzrayim, Hashem called them "בני בכורי ישראל" - My firstborn, the main 'Yichus' worthiness of Klal Yisrael is when they were called "עם הנבחר" the chosen Nation at the time of Matan Torah.

### WHAT DO THESE DATES HAVE IN COMMON

ב' סיון - כ"ב חשוון & יום כיפור -

The Ahavas Yisroel of Viznitz zt"l met Maran, Reb Yissocher Dov of Belz zt"l, and the Frierdiga Rav asked: "Viznitzer Rebbe! What's the reason ב' סיון is called יום המיוחס? The Viznitzer Rebbe replied: "Because ב' סיון always falls on the same day as the week Yom Kippur falls on!"

The Frierdiga Rav responded: "The date כ"ב חשוון also falls on the same day of the week as Yom Kippur!"

Interesting to note that the Ahavas Yisroel zt"l was niftar on ב' סיון and the Frierdiga Rav was niftar on כ"ב חשוון.

## 3 Days To Prepare For Shavuos - שלשת ימי הגבלה

The Frierdiga Rav zt"l said that all Yomim Tovim have special Halachas and preparations prior to the Chag. For Pesach, there are halachas for preparing and cleaning for the Yom Tov, baking matzahs, etc. For the Yom Tov Sukkos, one must build a sukkah, purchase the four species, etc. But for Shavuos, there aren't any specific mitzvahs or preparations - the only preparation is to learn the holy Torah!

## Shabbos Derech Eretz

The Shabbos before Pesach is called שבת הגדול, the Shabbos before Yom Kippur is called שבת שובה, and the Shabbos before Shavuos is called שבת דרך ארץ. The reason for this name, Chazal, explains that "דרך - that Derech Eretz (good conduct) precedes the Torah. Therefore, the Shabbos before receiving the Torah is called Shabbos Derech Eretz.

The midah (trait) of דרך ארץ was given to the Yidden 26 generations before receiving the Torah. From Adam until Noach, ten generations. From Noach until Avraham was another ten generations, and from Avraham until Matan Torah was another six.

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## MINHAG IN BELZ - NO WEDDINGS BEFORE SHAVUOS

There's a custom in Belz not to make any weddings from Rosh Chodesh Sivan until after Shavuos since Shavuos was a time that he Yidden "married" Hashem  
"ביום חתונתו זה מתן תורה."

**Everyone loves a good story, a especially a Chassidische story...**

### THE POWER OF TEFILLAS HASHLAH

Reb Meilich Biderman Shlita related a dramatic story:

A Baalas Teshuva was getting married, and at her wedding, wellwishers wanted to wish the bride's mother Mazel Tov. However, the bride's mother was very bitter and full of complaints. A wedding guest approached the mother and asked her why she was so angry. This should be the happiest day of her life that she merited marrying off her daughter.

The mother replied, "How can I be happy? This is my third daughter who left my home and lifestyle and became a Baal Teshuva.

The wedding guest was curious to know how it occurred that three daughters did teshuva.

The bride's mother didn't know what to answer but recalled an incident of twenty years ago when she attended a seminar for Baal Teshuva. "The seminar didn't have any effect on me. Before we left, someone handed out a paper saying its content was a good omen of blessings and success. Since that day, I recite what says on that paper each day, though I don't know its meaning."

She was asked if she had the paper with her, which she did, and showed it to the guest. Now the guest understood her secret. On the sheet of paper was printed the Tefillas HaShlah Hakadosh. By saying the prayers daily, the woman merited that three of her children did teshuvah and became righteous Jews.

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ויהיו כל פקודי בני ישראל לבית אבתם וגו' (במדבר א:מה)  
*These were all the counting of the Yidden, according to their fathers' households...*

### QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Two Yidden once came to the Tzemach Tzedek of Viznitz zt"l and gave their pidyon

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## Chassidishe stories, continued

– contributions along with their kvittlach (personal requests.) When they left, the Tzemach Tzedek told his shamesh (personal assistant) to purchase hay for the horses with the first Yid's money, and with the second Yid's money, he should buy fish for Shabbos.

When the Viznitzer Rebbe saw the shamash's perplexed expression, he explained: "Both Yidden gave the same amount of money. But the first Yid left his house with ten reinish (currency) with the thought of spending one reinish for travel expenses, another for his motel, and the rest of the eight reinish he planned on giving as a pidyon. However, on the way, he decided to purchase some stuff for himself and deducted more reinish from the pidyon.

The second Yid left his house with less than ten reinish but scrimped on his travel expenses so that he could give to his Rebbe as much as possible. And therefore, I want to use his money to buy fish for Shabbos!"

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איש על מחנהו ואיש על דגלו... (במדבר א:גב)  
*Every man at his camp and every man at his banner, according to the legions...*

### THE RAV REMAINS IN HIS POSITION

The Chazon Ish zt"l once found out that the Baal Batim (dignified people) of a village near Tel Aviv were planning to lay off their Rav. The Rav didn't know about their intention. Their plan was that the gabbaim

(shul's notables) approach their Rav after Maariv and share their decision.

The Rav used to deliver a Shiur daily between Mincha and Maariv and was surprised to see all the gabbaim attend that day, plus many more congregants. In the middle of the shiur, the door opened, and the Chazon Ish, leaning on his cane, entered and approached the table where all the gabbaim were seated.

Although not all congregants recognized the Chazon Ish, those he did, whispered in wonderment at the Chazon Ish's surprise visit from Bnei Brak. When the Rav finished his shiur, the Chazon Ish started raving about the shiur's depth, the Rav's broad knowledge, and great explanation.

The Chazon Ish wasn't done. After Maariv, he approached the Rav and, in a loud voice, thanked him for the beautiful shiur and again applauded the Rav for his brilliant deliverance.

The Baal Batim and the gabbaim stood transfixed. They gazed at one another and nodded in unison.

Notably, their Rav stayed with his position!

### This week's vort – פרשת במדבר

תפקדו אותם לצבאתם אתה ואהרן... (במדבר א:ג)  
*You and Aharon shall count them according to their legions.*

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### This week's vort, continued

According to one of the Mefarshim, the Yidden were counted with Shekalim. And just like tzedakah should be collected by two people, as it says in Gemara, "קופה של צדקה נגבית" – tzedakah should be collected by two people, so too, "בפקדו אובם לצבאותם אבה ואהרן" – Hashem commanded that both Moshe and Aharon should be present when counting the Shekalim.

למטה יששכר...ארבעה וחמישים אלף, וארבע מאות, פקודיהם...  
פקודיהם למטה זבולן שבעה וחמישים אלף וארבע מאות (במדבר  
א:כט, לט)

*Their count, for the tribe of Yissoschar: fifty-four thousand, four hundred... For the tribe of Zevulan, fifty-seven thousand, four hundred.*

Since the Shevat (tribe) of Yissascher's role was to פסק'ען – rule over the laws and answer questions, their total equaled to the word "rule – דן" = 54,000. And Shevat Zevulin, whose task was to feed those who learned Torah. Their tally equals the word "to feed – זן" = 57,000.

כאשר יחנו כן יסעו... (במדבר ב: יז)  
*As they encamp, so shall their journey...*

This refers to the kedusha – the holiness of Shabbos, which impacts a man's actions the coming six days of the week. As the pasuk states, "כאשר יחנו" – just how a man rests on Shabbos "כן יסעו" so shall reflect his actions throughout the week.

כאשר יחנו כן יסעו... (במדבר ב: יז)  
*As they encamp, so shall their journey...*

From the words כאשר יחנו כן יסעו... one can learn a valuable lesson. Just like you act at home, so too, shall you act in foreign territory. Some people think that when they're far away from home, they can be lenient in mitzvah observance – the pasuk tells them to act the same as they would act at home.

### פרקי אבות

כל העוסק בתורה לשמה לזכר לדברים הרבה (אבות ו:א)  
*One who learns Torah for its own sake merits many things.*

One who learns Torah לשמה – for the sake of learning Torah and for no other agenda – is worthy to receive all good things – more than someone who learns to earn rewards due to his learning.

שכל העולם כולו כדאי הוא לו (אבות ו:א)  
*The whole world is worthwhile for him.*

Reb Chaim Volozin zt"l explains: If no one in the whole world would learn Torah, then the world wouldn't be able to exist, even for a second. If so, a person who learns Torah can be the moment that holds up the world.



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## פרקי אבות, continued

אמר רבי יהושע בן לוי: בכל יום בת קול יוצאת מהר חורב..  
(אבות ו:ב)

*Every day a Bas Kol (divine voice) is heard  
from Mount Choreiv...*

Every day a Bas Kol is heard saying: "Woe is to the man who forsakes Torah."

The Talmidim of the Bas Ayin zt"l once asked, "Why is there a Bas Kol if we can't hear it?" The Bas Ayin didn't reply. He took his talmidim for a walk in the forest, where they encountered two Arabs fighting with each other. One of the Arabs yelled at the other, 'How can you not be afraid of G-d!' The Bas Ayin said: "You heard? That was the בת קול that is heard every day. Just no one pays attention to hear it. But if you pay attention, one can be worthy of hearing this divine message!"