

Parshat Naso, May 21 2021

The Week in Review

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We started off this week by doing chessed and preparing for Shavuot!

On Sunday, we baked and delivered desserts for the chayalim protecting our border and some girls volunteered to help a local family prepare for chag. We spent a beautiful Shavuot together in the Midrasha! During dinner on Sunday night, we celebrated Matan Torah by hearing meaningful divrei Torah from our peers for each of the Aseret Hadibrot. We learned Torah all night, followed by davening vatikin. Throughout Sunday night and Monday afternoon, we had peer shiurim given by students on many creative topics.

On Tuesday, a group of girls delivered care packages to the children's ward at Shaare Tzedek and Jamie gave an informative update on the current situation in Israel.

On Wednesday, we had a regular day of classes, a group of volunteers went to Pantry Packers to pack toys and books for children in the south, and we collected clothing to be donated to families in the south. On Thursday we had an inspiring Mishmar given by Rabbanit Yael Nitzanim.

Shabbat Shalom!





Packing books and toys for kids in Ashkelon



We also included cards sent from Yeshivat Noam students we found this one from Rabbanit Sally's niece!!











Delivering erev Shabbat chizuk packages to go to families in Lod



Clothing donation for families in the South



D'var Torah from our Students

Maya Jubas Stamford, CT SAR

At the end of Parshat Naso, Sefer Bamidbar shares its version of Chanukat HaMishkan (this event is also described in שמות מ and (ויקרא ט) and details the korbanot and gifts that the nesiim, leaders of the tribes, bring to the Mishkan each day. However, right before this the Parsha discusses three topics: Sotah, Nazir, and Birkat Kohanim, which seemingly have no strong connection to the first topic- the roles of בני מררי - nor to the final topic of Chanukat HaMishkan, nor even to each other. What do these topics have to do with each other, and what are they doing in Parshat Naso?

After Chet HaEgel, the Ohel Moed is set up outside of Bnei Yisrael's camp.

משֶׁה ゚יַפָּׁח אֶת־הָאֹהֶל וְגֵטָה־לָוֹ | מִחָוּץ לַמֵּחֲנֶה הַרְחֵק מִן־הַמֵּחֲנֶּה וְקָרֵא לָוֹ אַֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְהָיָה ֹ כָּל־מְבַקַּשׁ ה' יֵצֵא אֶל־אָהֶל :מוֹעֵד אֲשֶׁר מִחִוּץ לַמֵּחֲנֶה (שמות לג:ז

In this week's Parsha, Bnei Yisrael is putting the final touches on the Mishkan, the place within the camp in which Hashem's Shechina is going to rest.

"ועשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם" (שמות כה: ח

While it is important to prepare practically, for example delegating jobs and bringing gifts to the Mishkan, the people also need to prepare themselves emotionally and spiritually and learn how to behave in anticipation of sharing the camp with Hashem. Therefore, the Torah inserts three stories from which Bnei Yisrael can discern values to focus on as individuals, partners, and as a group. The first, the story of a Sotah, a woman accused of adultery, emphasizes the importance of communication, loyalty, and honesty between partners and family. Next is a Nazir, an individual who makes a vow of abstinence for Hashem which stresses the value of completing goals and strong commitment to Hashem. And finally, Birkat Kohanim both serves as an expression of the importance of community and unity as well as a final reminder before Chanukat Hamishkan, the return of Hashem's Shechina, that they are not just any people. They are Hashem's people, a blessed people, and need to act accordingly.

We too can learn from these stories how to better enhance our relationships with those around us as well as our Avodat Hashem. .



