

## Parshat Naso

### Making Peace

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In this week's Parsha, Parshat Nasso, we learn about the Korbanot, sacrifices brought by the princes of each one of the 12 tribes during the Temple inauguration. While each prince brought their own Korbanot, the Torah points out that there were only 6 wagons which means that when it came to the wagons, two tribes would contribute to each wagon. The question arises: why did they partner by the wagons? The Daas Zekanim explains that in Parshat Vayigash, when the brothers told Yaakov that Yosef was still alive, at first, he didn't believe them. Once he saw the wagons which in Hebrew are called Agalot, it reminded him of the calf which in Hebrew is called an Eglah which has the same root of the word Agalah, wagon. This reminded Yaakov about the last thing he had learned with Yosef, the Eglah Arufah. The Daas Zekanim asks: Eglah and Agalah are not the same word? How did wagons remind Yaakov of a calf? The answer is because when Yaakov was told the news that Yosef was still alive and that the brothers were at peace, he was happy. However, he was still concerned that in the future, his descendants would not be at peace. One he saw the wagons and that the princes would contribute together toward one part of the Temple inauguration, he saw that there will be peace among the Jewish people. May we instill this lesson of loving our fellow man and to always make peace with others.

## Parsha Questions

- 1) For Leviim to do work in the Mishkan, they had to be between what ages? (30-50 years old)
- 2) What are the 3 types of Tamai people that must leave the camps of B'nei Yisrael? (Tamai meit, zav and tzaruah)
- 3) What happens to the money one steals from a convert without relatives that died? (It is given to the Kohen)
- 4) What is a woman called who is suspected by her husband? (Sotah)
- 5) Why does the Kohen uncover the hair of the woman? (To embarrass her)
- 6) How long is regular Nezirut for? (30 days)
- 7) What may a Nazir not eat or drink? (Any grape items)
- 8) What can a Nazir not cut? (His hair)
- 9) Can a Nazir allow himself to become Tamai Meit for his father/mother/sister/brother? (No)
- 10) What happens if a Nazir accidentally becomes Tamai Meit? (He shaves on the seventh day and starts over again on the eighth. He also needs to bring 3 offerings)