

## ברכת אברהם ה -תשס"ז -בהעלתך - PARSHAT HASHAVUA יד עזריאל

**Summary:** אהרן is given instructions regarding the lighting of the מנוחה. משה is commanded to purify the לויים for the service of the משכן (the portable Temple in the desert). The term of service for the לויים was from age 25 to age 50. The בני ישראל keep פסח a year after leaving מצרים. The laws of פסח שני - the makeup פסח (one month after פסח) - are taught for those who were unable to bring the קרבן פסח at the appropriate time. The movement of the Pillar of Clouds as the indicators of when to set or break the camp is identified. In addition to the עמוד הענן - Pillar of Cloud - heralding the traveling of the encampment, משה is commanded to make two silver trumpets that would be used for the same purpose and for the movement of troops during war. The description of the nation's travels from the desert of סיני is recorded.

תרו refuses משה's offer to join the Jewish Nation in ארץ ישראל. The verses of "When the ארון went forth (... ויהי בנסוע הארון)" are stated in this portion. The nation's complaints against the physical conditions of their living in the desert are stated. The מן is described in contrast to the nation's desire for "real food". משה expresses his frustrations as leader, and ה' promises to send שול to satisfy the people's desire for meat. משה is instructed to appoint a סנהדרין to help him govern and teach the nation. The 70 Elders are divinely confirmed. The שול descend upon the camp in such quantity that each person collects heaps of meat. אהרן and מרים speak הרע לשון about משה, resulting in ה' confirming משה as His preeminent servant and prophet. מרים is afflicted with צרעת (צרעת).

### QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PARSHA

#### Level 1

- How did all the branches of the מנוחה hold together? (8:4)
  - It was made from one piece of hammered gold
  - Each branch was held together with special glue.
  - Each branch was held together with screws.
  - It was a miracle
- What covered the משכן by day & What was over the משכן at night? (9:15,16)
  - Blankets.
  - עמוד אש & עמוד ענן.
  - Special coverings made of "תחש"
  - None of the above.
- What food did בני ישראל eat in the desert? (11:6,7)
  - "מן"
  - Watermelons and squash.
  - A variety of vegetables.
  - Fish and meat.
- How did מרים sin in this Parsha? (12:1)
  - She left "מן" for the next day.
  - She didn't sin.
  - She spoke against משה.
  - She spoke against אהרן.
- How was מרים punished? (12:10)
  - She was afflicted with צרעת.
  - She wasn't punished
  - Not entitled to eat "מן"
  - Not to enter Israel.

#### Level 2

- How did משה know how to make the מנוחה? (8:4)
  - בצלאל taught him.
  - G-d showed him a מנוחה in a vision.
  - He got a drawing from ה'
  - A good guess
- How did the בני ישראל determine when it was time to travel from place to place in the desert? (9:17)
  - According to the אורים ותומים.
  - אהרן Blew the shofar.
  - The עמוד הענן would rise.
  - All of the above.
- Check those that are true: The trumpets were sounded for:  
\_\_\_war \_\_\_weddings \_\_\_holidays \_\_\_traveling \_\_\_waking up in the morning
- How long did the בני ישראל have the שול? (11:19,20)
  - One week
  - One year.
  - Until they entered ארץ ישראל
  - One month
- Towards which direction were the wicks of the מנוחה facing? (8:3)
  - Towards the קודש הקודשים.
  - Towards the מנוחה's central stem.
  - Straight up.
  - Towards the east.

#### Level 3

- Which camp was called the "מאסף לכל המחנות"? (10:25)
  - The camp of דן
  - The camp of בנימין.
  - The camp of גד.
  - The camp of ראובן.
- How much שול did ה' send to בני ישראל? (11:31)
  - A pile two אמות high.
  - One שול per person
  - One for each child and two for each adult.
  - Unlimited