

Beha'alotcha

"When You Ascend"

Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

36.2 - Yahweh's Gift to the Priesthood

Numbers 8:5-26



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Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

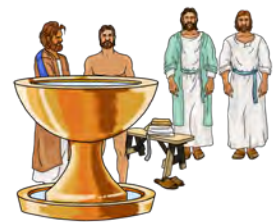
Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Num. 8	Instructions for the 7 lamps; The service of the Lewites
Tuesday:	Num. 9	Instructions for the second Passover; The appearance of the cloud and fire
Wednesday:	Num. 10	Instructions for the 2 silver trumpets; The Yisra'elites' departure from the Wilderness of Sinai to the Wilderness of Paran
Thursday:	Num. 11	The peoples' complaints and the provision of manna; Appointment of the 70 elders; The quail and the plague
Friday:	Num. 12	Miryam and Aharon speak against Mosheh; Miryam chastised with leprosy

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will witness the Lewites being cleansed and then presented as a wave-offering before Yahweh to be taken instead of the first-born and given as a gift to Aharon and his sons to serve them in the Tent of Meeting. Now, let's read Num. 8:5-26.

PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh told Mosheh to take the Lewites from among the children of Yisra'el, in order to cleanse them to serve in the Tent of Meeting - 8:5-6
- To cleanse themselves the Lewites were to (8:7):
 - have Mosheh sprinkle purifying water (sin offering) on them
 - shave all their body
 - wash their garments
- The following animals were to be brought with the Lewites to the Tent of Meeting, before all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el (8:8-9):
 - a young bull (burnt offering), along with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil
 - another young bull (sin offering)
- The children of Yisra'el were to lay their hands on the Lewites - 8:10
- Aharon was to wave the Lewites before Yahweh as a wave offering from the children of Yisra'el, so that they would do the service of Yahweh - 8:11



- The Levites were to lay their hands on the heads of the 2 (**shtayim**) young bulls and prepare them for their offerings, to make atonement (**kapporah**) for the Levites - 8:12
- Aharon was to present the Levites as a wave offering before Yahweh, in order to be separated from among the children of Yisra'el to belong to Yahweh, specifically to do service in the Tent of Meeting - 8:14
- The Levites were to be His instead (**tachath**) of the first-born (**bechor**) of all Yisra'el. He reminded them that Yisra'el's first-born had been set apart to Himself on the day that they were spared from the slaying of the first-born of Mistrayim - 8:15-18
- Then He told them that the Levites were a gift to Aharon and his sons for the purpose of serving in the Tent of Meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Yisra'el when they come near the set-apart place so that no plague come upon them - 8:19
- The Levites cleansed themselves and washed their garments - 8:21
- Then Aharon waved them as a wave offering (**tenufah**) before Yahweh, and made atonement for them in order to cleanse them - 8:21
- After this, the Levites went in to do their service before the Tent of Meeting before Aharon and his sons, as Yahweh had commanded them - 8:22
- Yahweh told Mosheh His regulations for the service of the Levites in the Tent of Meeting (8:23-26):
 - They would begin serving from age 25 (**esrim v'chamesh**) and older
 - At the age of 50 (**chamishim**) they would retire and serve no more
 - After age 50, they could still attend with their brothers in order to guard the duty, but they were to not do service



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- As we learned in previous parshas, the Lewites were no longer to be counted as part of the 12 tribes. Instead, they were chosen to be set apart to serve in the Tent of Meeting. How do you think this affected their relationship with the other tribes/brothers?
- Note that the Lewites were NOT anointed with oil as the priesthood was. Why do you think that is? What job description did they have? Did they ever touch or look at the set-apart objects?
- What do you think it means when it says that the Lewites had to shave their bodies 8.7? Do you believe that they were required to actually shave everything? Could this expression be one we are perhaps not familiar with, simply meaning to clean oneself thoroughly for presentation to Yahweh?
- At the first Passover in Mitsrayim, Yahweh spared all Yisra'el's first-born and took them for Himself. Why did He now replace them with the Lewites? Discuss possible reasons for this. Refer to Numbers 3 regarding the census of the first-born and the Lewites. What was needed to account for the 273 extra first-born?
- In Numbers 4:3, a certain age is given for the Lewites who were to begin entering into service. Why do you think there is a discrepancy between the age given there, and the age given in 8:24?
- In verse 10 it says that the children of Yisra'el were to lay their hands on the Lewites. Do you believe that all the congregation had to do this, or perhaps just the leaders of each tribe?
- Research what a wave offering is and its connection to the peace offering.
- We see in this parsha that the animals were a 'kippur' or atonement for the Lewites (v.12), and that the Lewites were a 'kippur' or atonement for the children of Yisra'el (v.19). What does that mean? Why do you think the offeror had to place their hands on their offering?
- We see that 3 things were happening between the Lewites and the first-born - substitute, payment/ransom, and atonement. Discuss what these words mean.



Searching Out Hebrew

Parents/Teachers can print out the '[Hebrew Pronunciation Guide](#)' to help with the pronunciation of Hebrew names and words. They can be cut out and used in conjunction with the Flashcards.

WORDS

Parents/Teachers see the following page for 3 x 5 card cut outs of the words from this week's parsha. If printed on cardstock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Kapporah (כַּפֹּרֵא) - atonement

Tenufah (תְּנוּפָה) - wave-offering

Bechor (בְּכוֹר) - first-born

Tachat (תַּחַת) - instead of

NUMBERS

Parents/Teachers can print out these numbers to have as additional resources. These can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the YMTOI website.

2 - shtayim

25 - esrim v'chamesh

50 - chamishim

WORD MATCH

Match this week's Hebrew words to their correct definition.

Bechor

Atonement

Kapporah

First-born

Tachath

Instead of

Tenufah

Wave Offering



FLASHCARDS

תנופה

Tenufah

Ten-u-fah

wave-offering

תחת

Tachat

Tach-at

instead of

כפרה

Kapporah

Kap-po-rah

atonement

בכור

Bechor

Be-chor

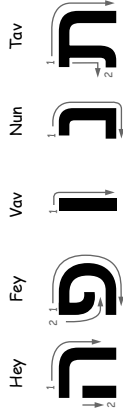
firstborn



WRITING HEBREW

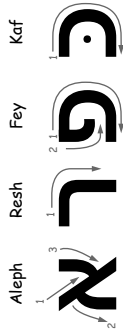
Tenufah (wave-offering)

תנופה



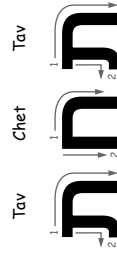
Kapporah (atonement)

כפרא



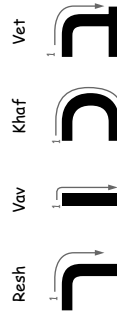
Tachat (instead of)

תחת



Bechor (firstborn)

בכור

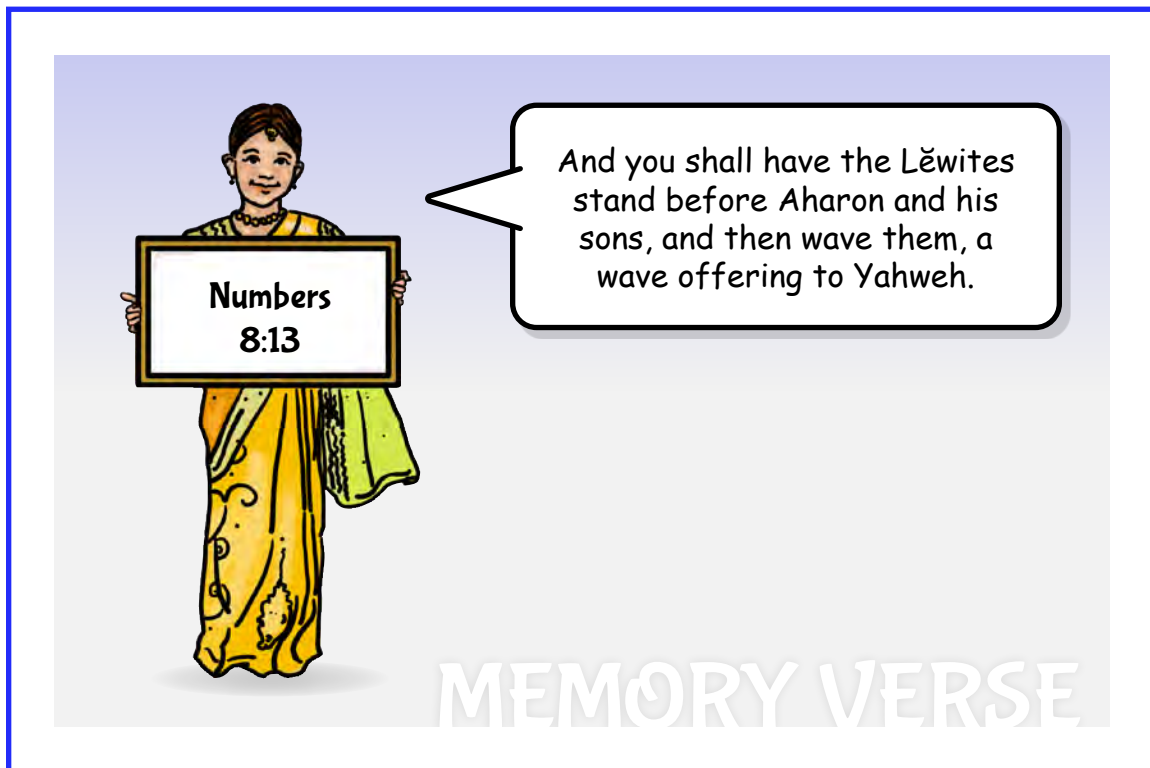


Counting What You Gained

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Bet and Gadol memory verse is Numbers 8:13. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Numbers
8:13

And you shall have the Lēwites stand before Aharon and his sons, and then wave them, a wave offering to Yahweh.

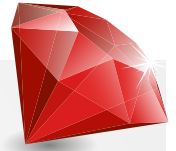
MEMORY VERSE

Use this space to draw a picture of the verse memorized.

Use this space to write out the verse memorized.



SEEKING TREASURE



1.

Whom did Yahweh want Mosheh to bring to be cleansed?

Circle the correct choice/choices.

Mo'abites

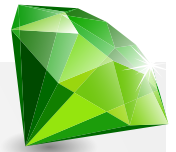
Mitsrites

Ammonites

Edomites

Lewites

(8:6)



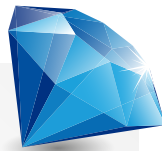
2.

And Aharon shall _____ the Lewites before Yahweh,

a _____ from the children of Yisra'el - so

shall they be for doing the _____ of Yahweh.

(8:11)



3.

The 2 bulls were designated as a
burnt offering and as a sin offering.

T / F

(8:12)



4.

The Lewites were taken instead
of the first-born.

T / F

(8:16)



5.



Yahweh said the first-born were his from the day that He split the Sea of Reeds.

T / F

(8:17)

6.



What were the Lewites given to Aharon and his sons for?

Circle the correct choice.

as servants as big brother as a gift

(8:19)

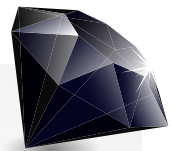
7.



How many times is the phrase 'wave offering' used in Chapter 8?

(8:11, 13, 15, 21)

8.



At what age did a Lewite start his service?

(8:24)

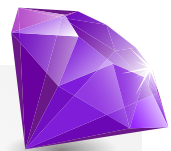
9.



At what age did a Lewite end his service?

(8:25)

10.



After age 65, a Lewite received Social Security.

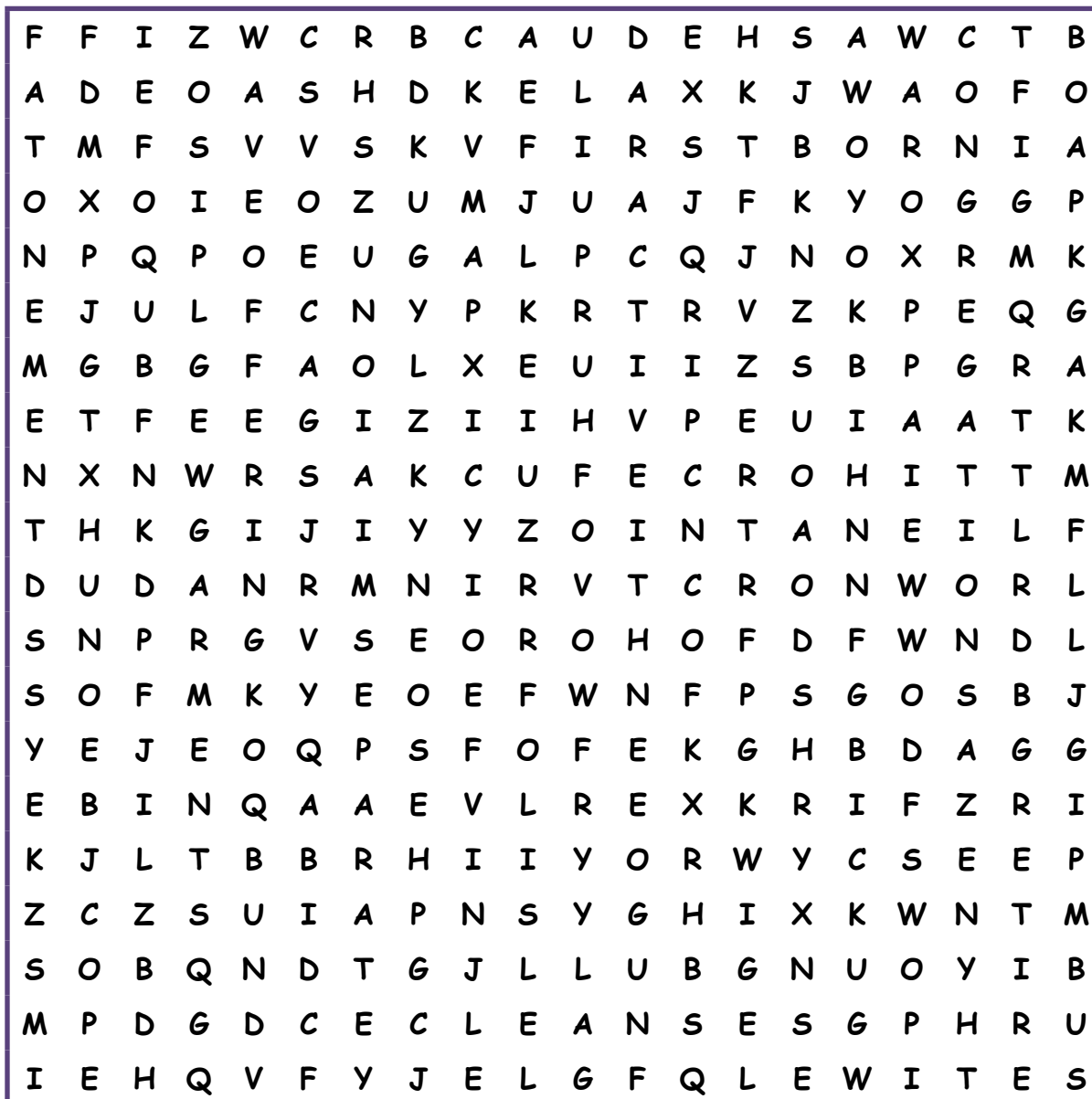
T / F

(8:26)



WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.



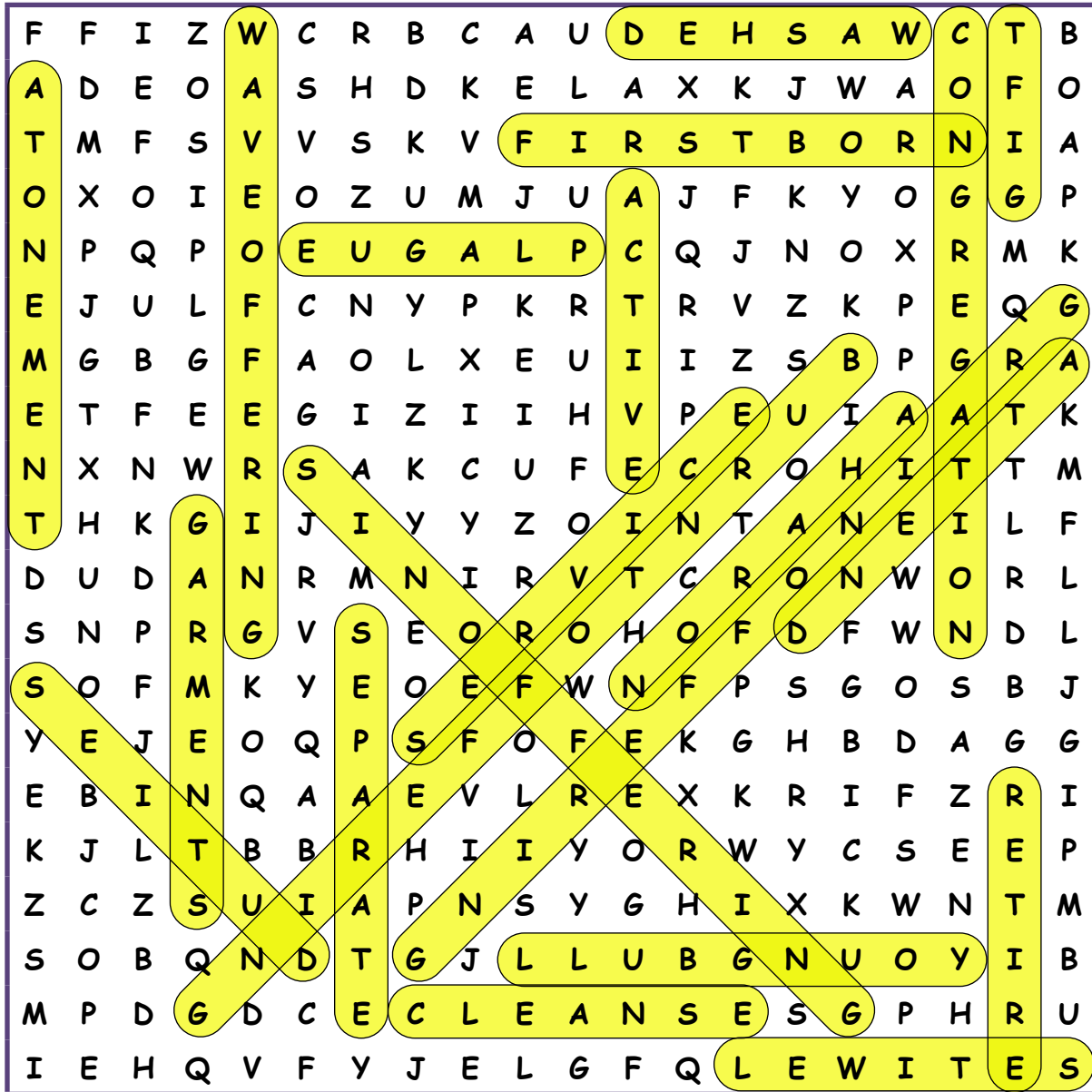
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YOUNG BULL
SERVICE
SEPARATE
ATONEMENT
WASHED
RETIRE

AHARON
GRAIN OFFERING
SIN OFFERING
FIRST-BORN
PLAGUE
GARMENTS
DUTIES

CLEANSE
WAVE OFFERING
BURNT OFFERING
GIFT
CONGREGATION
ACTIVE
ATTEND



Answer Key



LEWITES
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 SERVICE
 SEPARATE
 ATONEMENT
 WASHED
 RETIRE

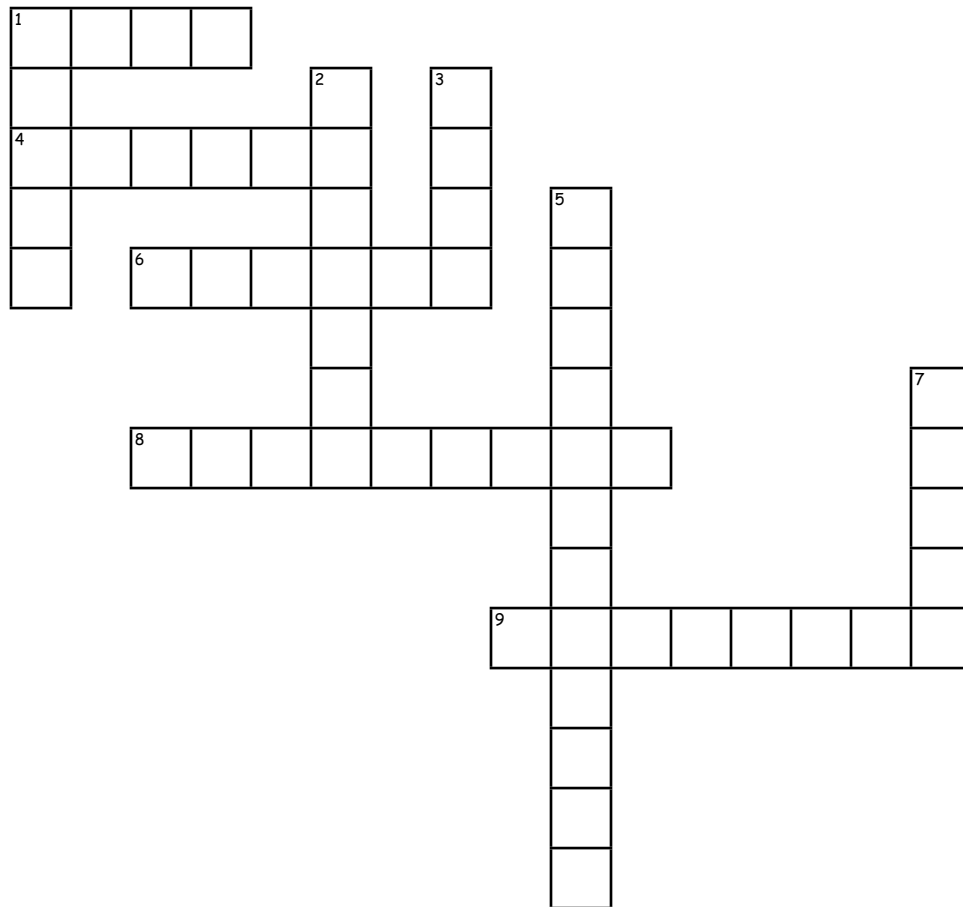
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the crossword using words from this week's parsha.



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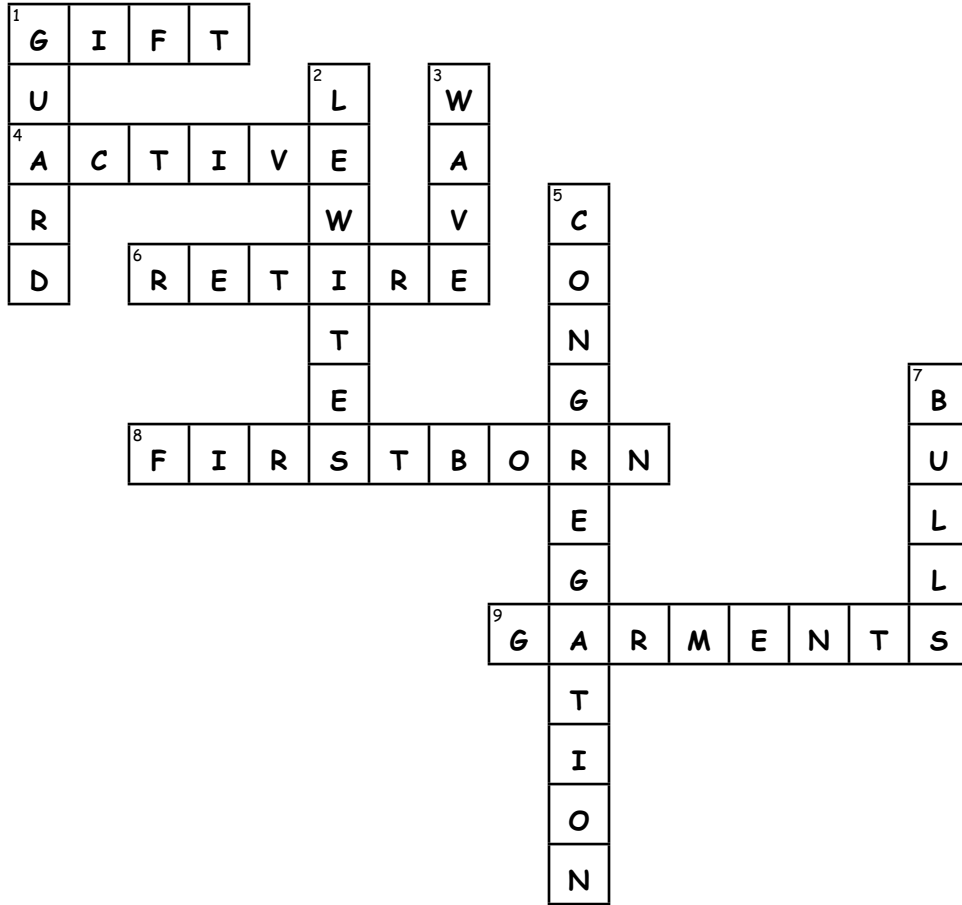
1. After 50 they would _____ the duty in the Tent of Meeting but do not service.
2. Who was Mosheh to cleanse? _____
3. The Lewites were to be a _____ offering before Yahweh.
5. All the _____ witnessed the ceremony
7. 2 young _____ were to be prepared for offerings.

Across

1. The Lewites were a _____ to Aharon and his sons.
4. At 25 years old the Lewites went into _____ service.
6. At the age of 50 the Lewites would _____ from active service.
8. The Lewites were taken instead of the _____.
9. The Lewites washed themselves and their _____.



Answer Key



Down

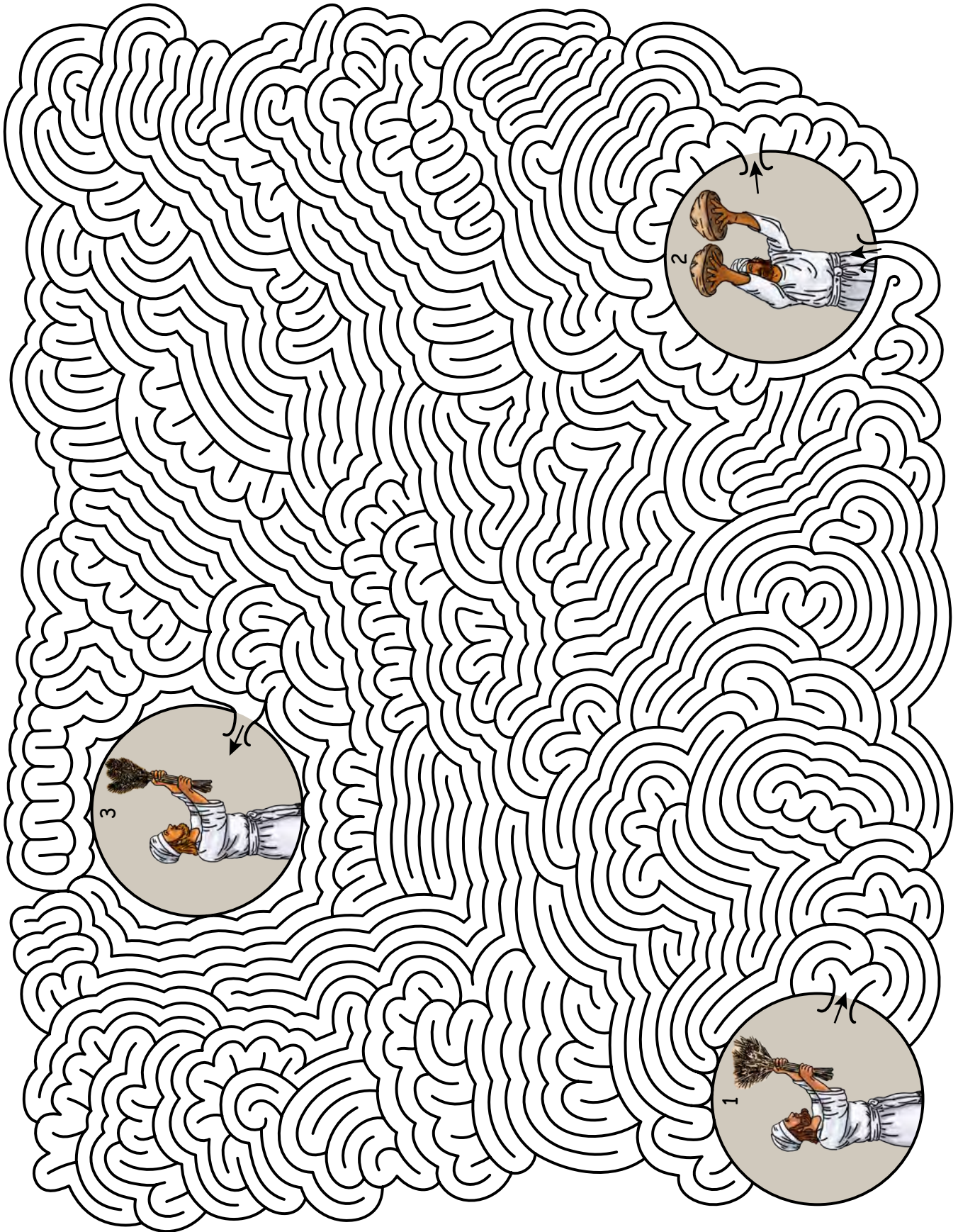
1. After 50 they would **guard** the duty in the Tent of Meeting but do not service.
2. Who was Mosheh to cleanse? **Lewites**
3. The Lewites were to be a **wave** offering before Yahweh.
5. All the **congregation** witnessed the ceremony
7. 2 young **bulls** were to be prepared for offerings.

Across

1. The Lewites were a **gift** to Aharon and his sons.
4. At 25 years old the Lewites went into **active** service.
6. At the age of 50 the Lewites would **retire** from active service.
8. The Lewites were taken instead of the **first-born**.
9. The Lewites washed themselves and their **garments**.



MAZE



Precious Possessions

NOTEBOOK PAGE

The Lewites are given as a Wave—Offering

Numbers 8:11

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Double-sided foam dimensionals
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Notebook Page Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Page Templates of choice on white cardstock.

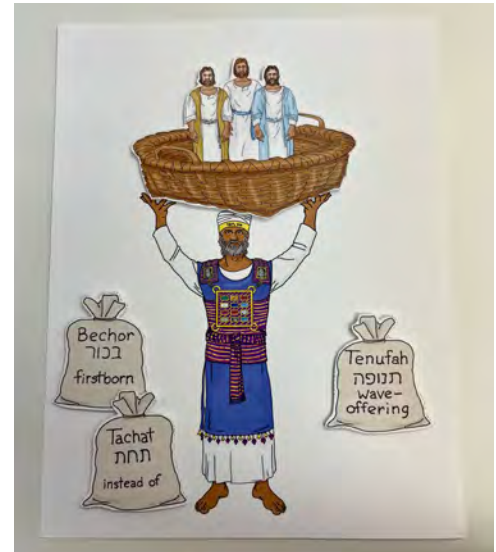
Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1)
- Adhere double-sided foam dimensionals onto the back of the Lewites in the basket. (P2)
- Place the Lewites in the basket in Aharon's hands. (P3a, P3b)

Hebrew Words

- Write the following Hebrew words on the 3 sacks: (P4)
 - 1) Bechor 2) בכור 3) Firstborn
 - 1) Tachat 2) תחת 3) Instead of
 - 1) Tenufah 2) תנופה 3) Wave-Offering
- Adhere double-sided foam dimensionals onto the back of the 3 words. (P5)
- Place on the Main Page as desired.

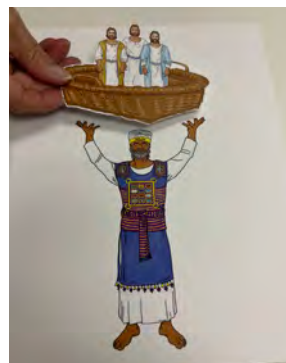
You now have a visual of the Lewites being offered as a wave-offering to Yahweh instead of the first-born for service to the priesthood.



P1



P2



P3a



P3b

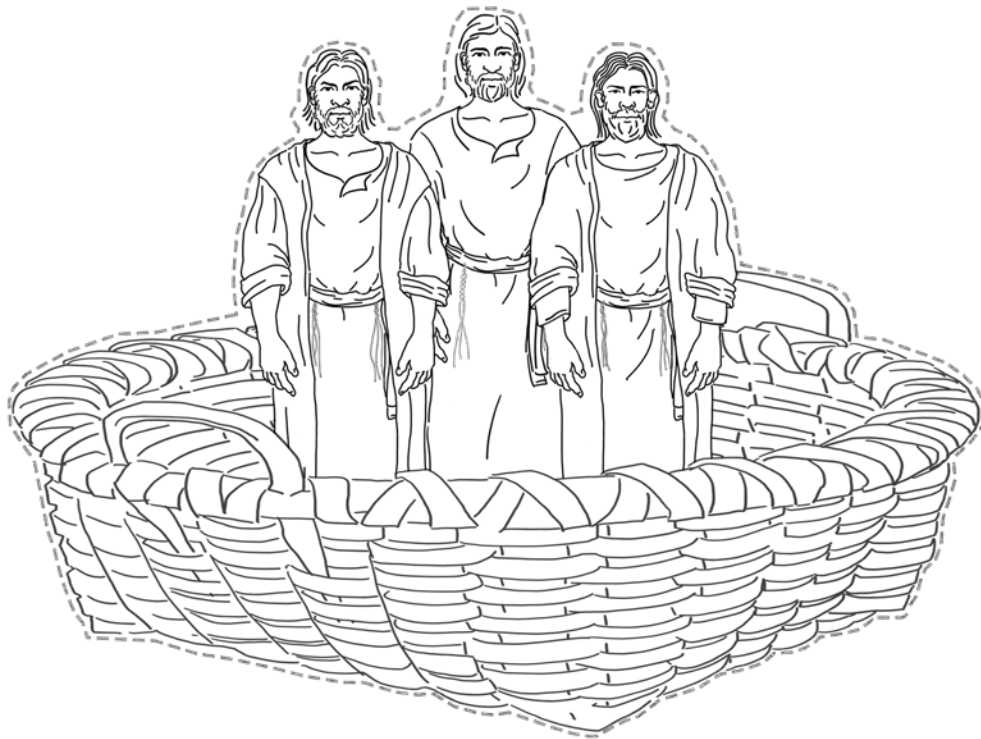


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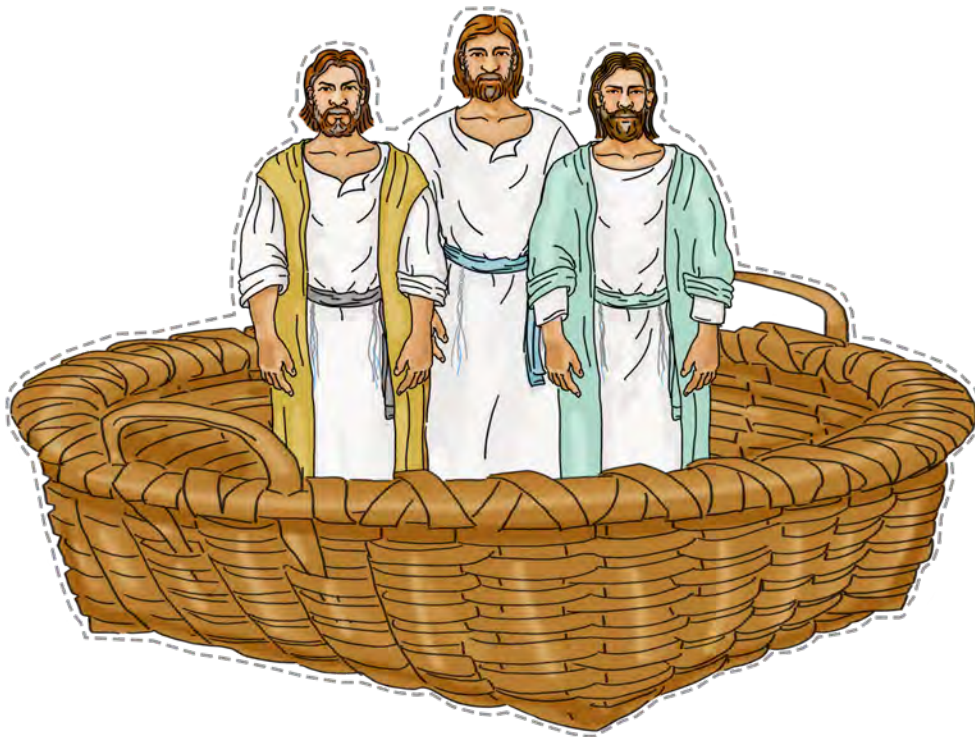


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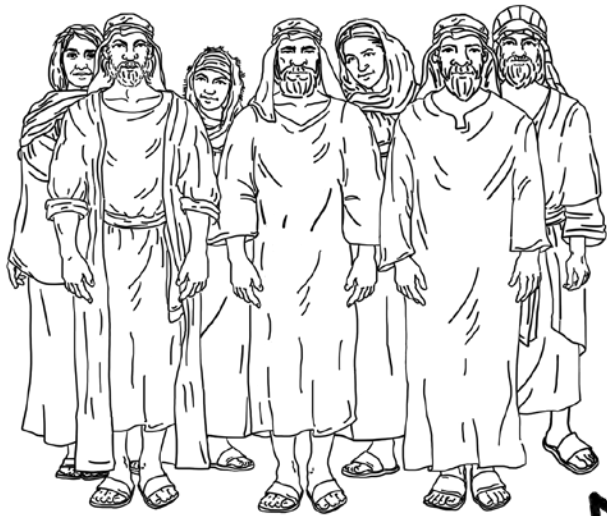




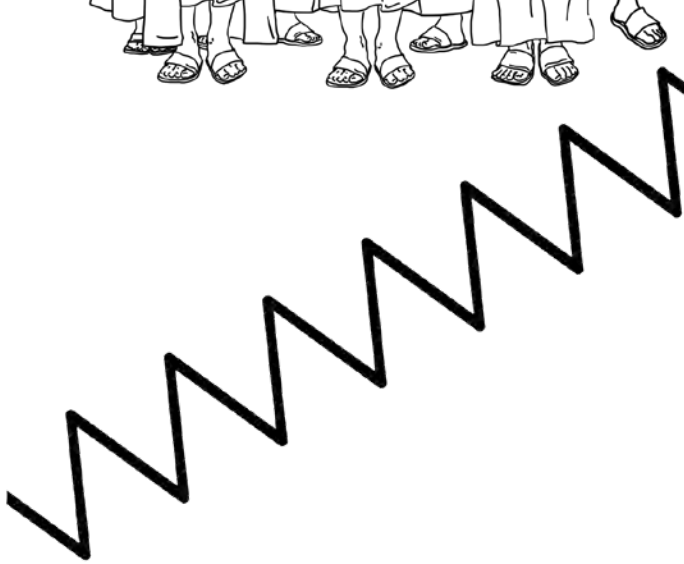




Yisra'el



Lewites



Sweetness of Torah

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2024-06-13T22_00_00-07_00

These are the Lewites

These are the Lewites
These are the Lewites
Set them apart

These are the Lewites
These are the Lewites
They shall be Mine

For all the first-born
Of the children of Yisra'el, are mine
Both men and beast
Both men and beast

These are the Lewites
These are the Lewites
Set them apart

These are the Lewites
These are the Lewites
They shall be Mine



SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's parsha. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

Gift Cupcake

Numbers 8:19



Ingredients:

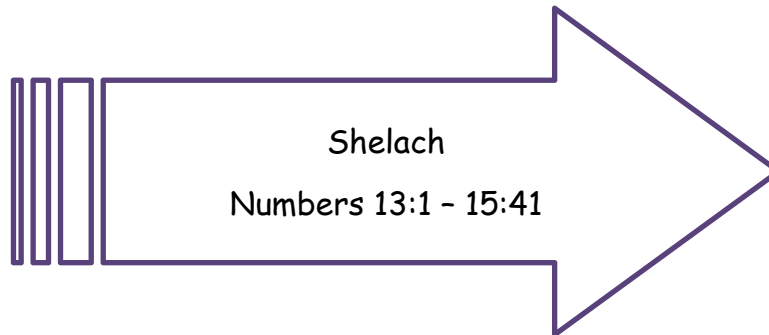
- Cake mix (of choice)
- Frosting (of choice)
- Sprinkles and/or candy decorations of your choice (to decorate cupcake)
- Ribbons (as desired to look like a bow)

Instructions:

Make cupcakes and decorate them to look like gifts. You can also add ribbons to look like a bow on top. You can even make edible ribbons and use fondant. In this week's parsha Yahweh tells us that He gave the Levites as a gift to Aharon and his sons. Our snack represents a gift that one would receive.

Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Num. 13:1-25	One man from each of the 12 tribes sent to spy out the land of Kena'an
Tuesday:	Num. 13:26-33	The spies return with a report
Wednesday:	Num. 14	The children of Yisra'el rebel; Mosheh intercedes for the people; Yahweh relents, pronounces judgments
Thursday:	Num. 15:1-31	Instructions for various offerings and unintentional sins
Friday:	Num. 15:32-41	Penalty for violating Shabbat; Torah regarding tzitziyot