

PARSHAH SEASONINGS

BAMIDBAR - במדבר

Numbers 1:1-4:20

Torah portion *Bamidbar* is always read before the holy day of *Shavuot* (“Pentecost”).

Numbers 1:2

“**Lift the head** of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by families, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, **head by head.**”

שאו את ראש

(*se'u et rosh*)

2x

לגלגלתם

(*I'gul'gelotam*)

7x in Torah / 5x in Numbers

Numbers 1:2

שאו את ראש כל עדת בני ישראל למשפחתם לבית אבתם
במספר שמות כל זכר לגלגלתם:

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Genesis 39:5

ויהי מאז הפקיד אתו בביתו ועל כל אשר יש לו ויברך יהוה את
בית המצרי בגלל יוסף ויהי ברכת יהוה בכל אשר יש לו בבית
ובשדה:

From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, Adonai blessed the Egyptian's house for **Joseph's** sake. The blessing of Adonai was on all that he had, in house and field.

Numbers 1:5-15

Reuben

Simeon

Judah

Issachar

Zebulun

JOSEPH – Ephraim & Manasseh

Benjamin

Dan

Asher

Gad

Naphtali

Numbers 1:52

The people of Israel shall pitch their tents by their companies, each man in his own **camp** and each man by his own **banner**.

Numbers 2

Camp #1

[v.3-8] Those to camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the banner of the camp of **JUDAH** by their companies ... **Issachar** ... **Zebulun** ...

Camp #2

[v.10-16] On the south side shall be the banner of the camp of **REUBEN** by their companies ... **Simeon** ... **Gad** ...

Camp #3

[v.18-24] On the west side shall be the banner of the camp of **EPHRAIM** by their companies... **Manasseh** ... **Benjamin**...

Camp #4

[v.25-31] On the north side shall be the banner of the camp of **DAN** by their companies ... **Asher** ... **Naphtali** ...

Genesis 49

Judah	“you”	8x	1 st
Reuben	“you”	5x	2 nd
Ephraim	“you”	4x	3 rd
Dan	“you”	1x	4 th

Numbers 2:2

“The people of Israel shall camp each by his own **banner**, with the symbols of their fathers’ houses. They shall camp facing the tent of meeting on every side.

דגל
(*degel*)

Song of Solomon 2:4

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his **banner** over me is love.

Numbers 3:39

All those listed among the Levites, whom Moses **and Aaron** listed at the commandment of Adonai ...



Malachi 2:4-7

“So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that My covenant with Levi may stand,” says Adonai of hosts. “My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and ...

- (a) he feared Me and he stood in awe of My name...
- (b) True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips...
- (c) He walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and...
- (d) he turned many from iniquity.
- (e) For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek Torah from his mouth, for he is the messenger of Adonai of hosts.”

REFERENCES:

Numbers 26:2 “Lift the head [שארו את ראש, *se’u et rosh*] of all the congregation of the people of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers’ houses, all in Israel who are able to go to war.”

Matthew 27:33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)... [+ Mark 15:22/John 19:17]

“And an additional reason for the counting of Israel, was in order that all of them would pass in front of Moses and Aaron... and thus the blessing would rest on them, and they would request mercy for them...” (Yalkut Me’am Loez – 18th century)