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## Dvar Torah - Counting People, and Making People Count - by Rabbi Dovid May



The beginning of *Parshas Bamidbar* deals with the census that *Moshe Rabbeinu* took of *Bnei Yisroel*. Moshe is told to "Establish their genealogy according to their families and fathers' house." The *Ramban* learns that everyone came to Moshe with their half-shekel and said, "I am *Ploni* the son of *Ploni* from the house of *Ploni* which is from *Sheivet Reuvain*." The *Ramban* comments further on in the Parsha that Moshe was commanded to count the *Bnei Yisroel* in a manner that would bring great respect and honor to each and every Jew counted. Moshe was not to ask the head of the household how many children he has or how many people live in his house; rather, everyone should come in front of Moshe and he should count them individually.

people in each household? Moshe would then have had more time to continue on in his more important task of teaching Torah!

We see from here a great lesson in the importance of being *mechabeid*, honoring, another Jew. We see that it was worthwhile for Moshe to invest a great amount of time in counting *Bnei Yisroel* separately in order to bring great respect and honor to every Jew, and to show them their *chashivus* as a person. Though this exercise, every person counted will realize they are special as an individual, and that they have unique abilities. As a result, they will then be better suited to use these *kochos* to best serve Hashem. This was the greatest influence *Moshe Rabbeinu* could have had on the *Bnei Yisroel*, even more so then teaching them Torah at that time.

We know that Moshe was very busy leading *Klal Yisroel*. He was involved in teaching Torah and spreading Torah to the masses from morning until night. Counting 600,000 Jews individually would take Moshe an enormous amount of time. Why was Hashem instructing Moshe to count them individually when he could simply ask the head of each family for the total amount of

The lesson from this *Chazal* is that we should each realize how, as individuals, we each have great G-d-given talents and abilities that are unique to us. We all have the ability to use these talents to serve Hashem in our own special way.

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## Dvar Halacha - Praying for One's Children

There are many times that are *mesugal*, propitious, for one to pray that his children become *talmidei chachamim*. One such time is in the recital of *Birchas HaTorah* when one says the words *אנהנו וצאצאינו*. Another such time is in the second to last paragraph of *Uva L'Tzion*, during the words *למען לא ניגע לריק ולא נלד לבהלה*. It is also brought down that when a woman lights Shabbos candles, it is appropriate to *daven* that her children become scholars as well.

On *erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan*, it is customary to recite a special *tefillah* that was composed by the *Shelah Hakodesh* for one's children to be *talmidei chachamim*. The *Shelah* said the optimal time for parents to recite this prayer is *erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan* because *Sivan* was the month in which Hashem gave the Torah to the Jewish People, and with the giving of the Torah, the Jewish People were called "His children."

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## The Weekly Quiz

What is the most common biblical name found in Talmud Bavli?


Answers or ideas for future questions may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to Quiz@ytcteam.net.

Answer to last week's question:

Q. How long did R' Shimon bar Yochai and his son hide in the cave?

A. 13 years. Yasher Koach to the BMZE third year Bais Medrash fellows for being the first to submit the correct answer.


## YTC Spotlight



**YTC Lag B'Omer Outing**

Talmidim enjoyed an afternoon of ball-playing and barbeque with their rabbeim at Brian Piccolo State Park in Broward County.

**Rav Brook שליט"א to Visit YTC**



HaGaon HaRav Ben Zion Brook שליט"א

B'ezras Hashem, this coming week YTC will have the great privilege of being visited by HaGaon HaRav Yitzchok Brook שליט"א. Rav Brook has been the Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshivas Novardok - Yerushalayim for approximately the last thirty years. Yeshivas Novardok in Yerushalayim was founded over seventy years ago by HaGaon HaRav Ben Zion Brook שליט"א, one of the foremost talmidim of the Alter of Novardok, and is unique in its connection to the Novardok derech in mussar.