

The Tribe Weekly Newsletter



This week's parasha is Bemidbar

Shabbat Times in London

Shabbat begins: 8.42pm

Shabbat ends: 9.58pm

This week's Parasha (Weekly Torah portion) is Bemidbar and begins in the Sinai Desert, where God told Moshe (Moses) to count the number of people in each of the twelve tribes of Israel. In total, there were 603,550 men between the ages of 20 and 60 years (eligible to be drafted to the army). However, the tribe of Levi, which had a total of 22,300 men aged one month and older was counted separately because of their special status connected with the Mishkan (Tabernacle). The Levites were to perform the service of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) in replacement of the firstborn, who were originally meant to perform the service, but were now not allowed to because of their participation in worshipping the Golden Calf.

Each of the three families of the tribe of Levi were assigned different tasks in the service of the Mishkan (Tabenacle). When the Children of Israel journeyed onwards, these three families dismantled and transported the Mishkan (Tabernacle), and then assembled it at the Children of Israel's next destination. They then put up their own tents around it.

The Levites from the family of Kehat carried the special artefacts like the Ark and the Menorah and they camped to the south of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). The Levites from the family of Gershon were responsible for the Mishkan's (Tabernacle's) tapestries and roof coverings and they camped to its west and the Levites from the family of Merari carried the wall panels and pillars and they camped to the north of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). Moshe (Moses), Aharon

(Aaron) and his sons pitched their tents to the east of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) in front of its entrance.

Outside the camp of the Levites, the twelve tribes camped in four groups of three tribes. The tribes of Yehudah (Judah), Yissachar (Issachar) and Zevulun (Zebulun) camped in the east and the tribes of Reuven (Reuben), Shimon (Simeon) and Gad camped in the south. In the west were the tribes of Ephraim, Menashe (Menasseh) and Binyamin (Benjamin) and in the north were the tribes of Dan, Asher and Naphtali. Each tribe had its own leader and its own flag, with a unique emblem and the entire people travelled in the same formation as they camped.

Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) is celebrated today, 28th of Iyar (22nd May). On this day in 1967 the city of Jerusalem was reunified (the old part of the city and the new part). Holy places like the Kotel (The Western Wall), once again became accessible to Jewish people.

Song - by SBC 'Am Yisrael'

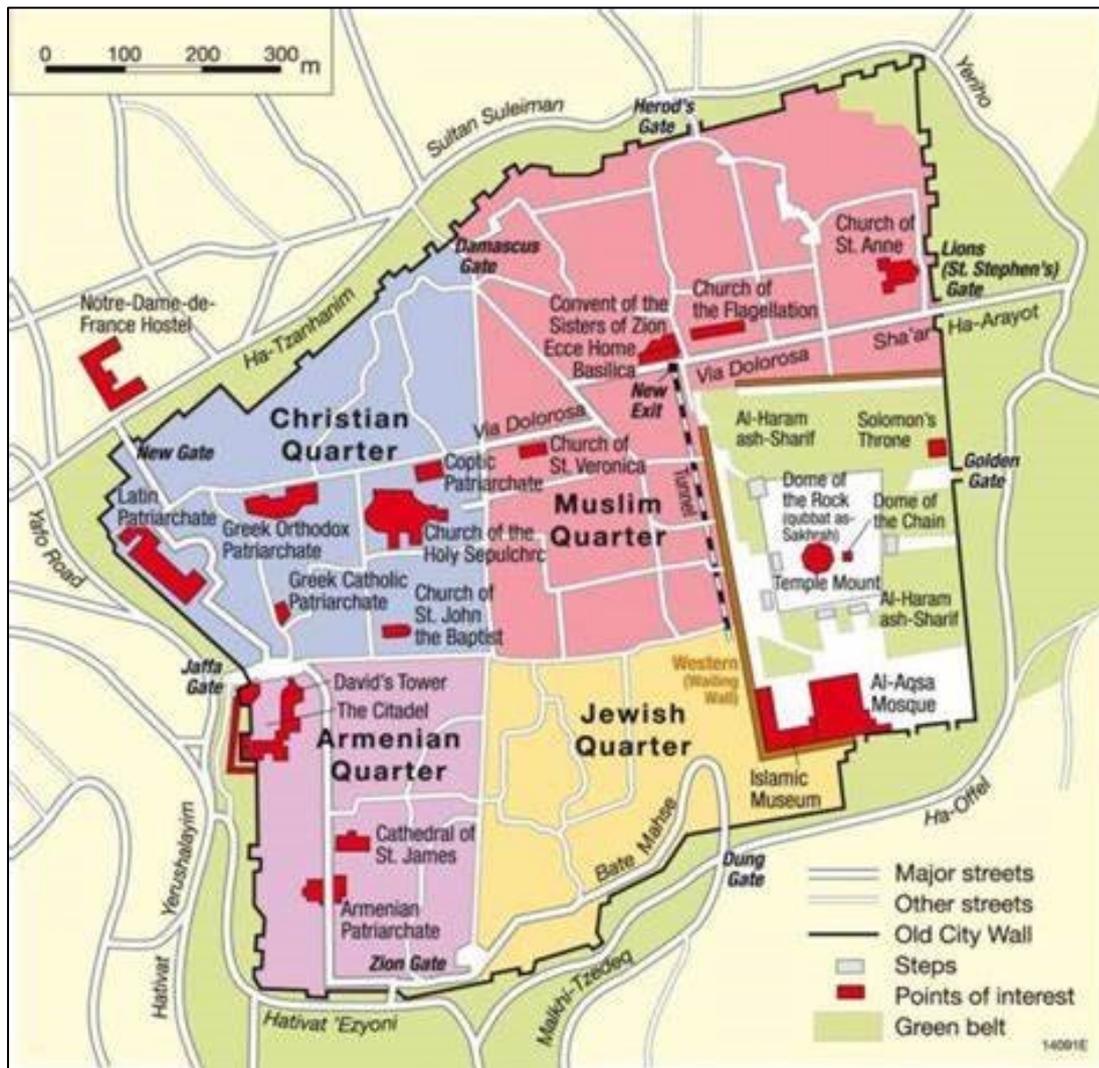
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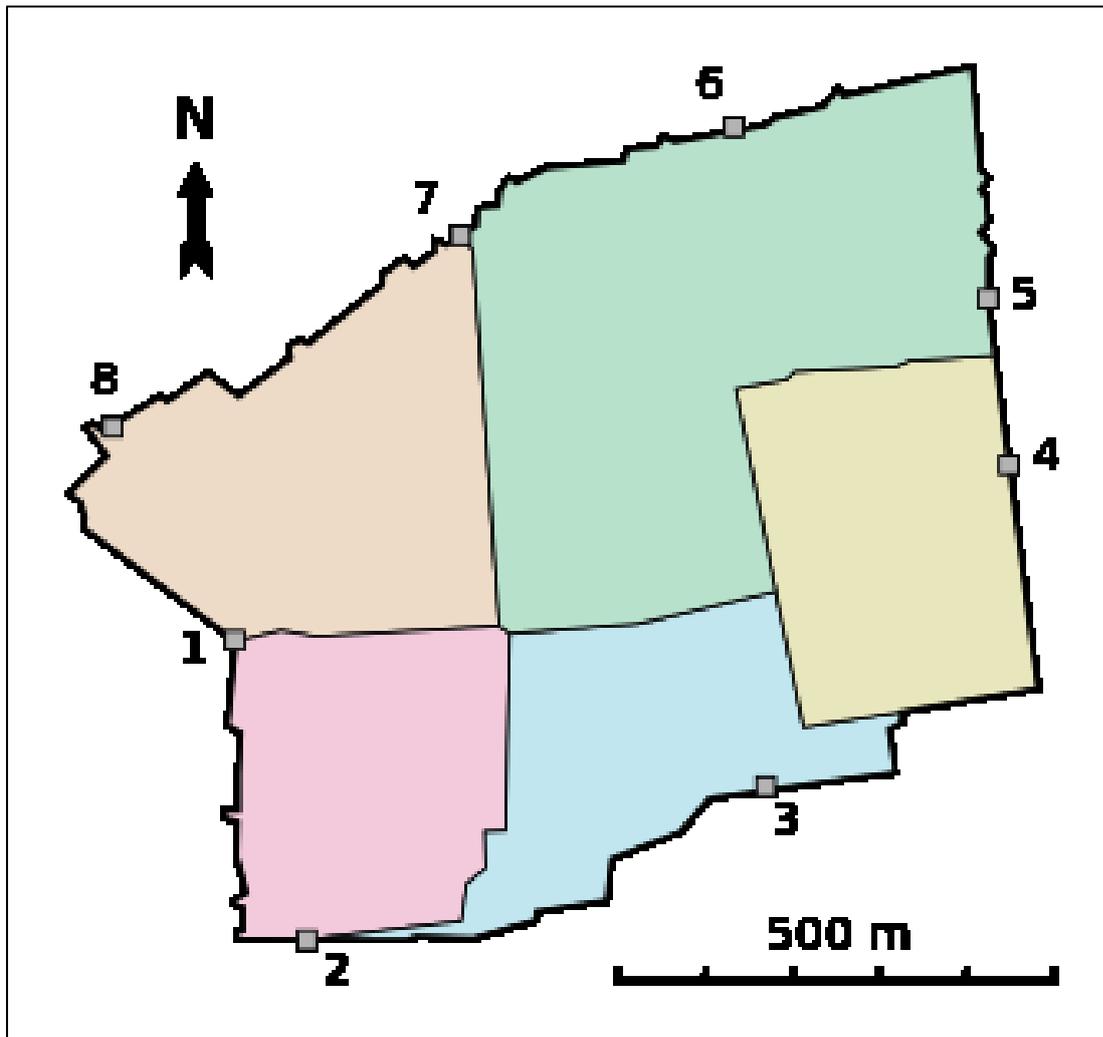
Here is a link to a song which the whole household can dance to on Yom Yerushalayim.



Jerusalem Map Skills

This is a map of the Old City of Jerusalem. Using the numbers on the second map below and some details on this map, can you answer the questions on the next page?





- a. At which number would you find the Jaffa Gate? _____
- b. The Armenian Quarter is in numbers _____
- c. At which number is the Jewish Quarter? _____
- d. At which number would you find the Western Wall? _____
- e. Herod's Gate is situated at number _____
- f. Which Gate would you enter if you were going into the Jewish Quarter?

- g. At which numbers would you find the Muslim Quarter? _____
- h. At which numbers would you find the Christian Quarter? _____
- i. In which Quarter is David's Tower? _____
- j. At which number would you find the Dome of the Rock? _____

Unscramble These Words From The Parasha

(use the clues to help you)

EWVTL BIRTSE



ASNII TDSEER



SEELVTI



RFTIS NOBR



MALJEERUS



SWTENRE LAWL



Recipe of the Week

Oat Golf Balls

Ingredients

- * 2 cups rolled oats
- * 1/2 cup sultanas
- * 1/3 cup cranberries
- * 1 tsp marmalade or orange peel (optional)
- * 1/2 cup apple sauce



Steps

Adult and Child - Throw it all into a bowl and mix well.

Adult and Child - Roll into small balls

Adult - Put into oven and bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown (180C or 356F)

Story

That sounded great, please can I have a piano?



This week's Parasha (Weekly Torah portion) tells us about the orderly formation in which the Children of Israel camped and indeed travelled.

With so many men, women and children, sheep, cattle and other animals, it was crucial that the people kept this orderly formation.

From this, we learn an important lesson; that for everything we do in life, the best results come when things are done with order and clear instruction.

Our story starts in the house of a 10 years old girl named Ariella. Now, Ariella loved to listen to music. She loved all kinds of music, from classical to pop and she would often spend her spare time listening to the most beautiful compositions.

One day, as she sat listening to one of her favourite Mozart piano concertos, she thought that it would be amazing if she could have a piano and she would then be able to play these most amazing and beautifully sounding pieces.

At supper time that evening, Ariella asked her parents if they would buy her a piano, as she wanted to be like Mozart and other famous pianists and composers. She too wanted to make those delicate and moving sounds.

Ariella's parents thought it would be a nice idea and bought a stunning piano with which Ariella could fulfil her melodic dreams. The delivery company carried the glistening piano into the house and placed it in the carefully prepared space which had been tidied the day before.

Ariella looked at the new piano in wonderment, running her fingers along the ivory and ebony coloured keys. She rubbed her hands together to warm them up and she listened once again, to her favourite Mozart Piano concerto.

As soon as it was over, she readied herself, sat on the piano stool, lifted her hands high in the air as if ready to strike the keys and brought them down on the keys with a *Spppplllaaaaaaaaaannnnng*. It sounded awful!

Ariella's mum ran in to the room, looking at a forlorn Ariella. 'I thought I could copy those amazing sounds of the famous pianists.' Her mother sat down next to her on the stool and explained, 'Ariella, those people only became famous musicians because they learnt the order of the notes. By learning which notes are where and by piecing those notes together to form an orderly symphony of notes, they create a beautiful melody.'

With each one of the Children of Israel camped with his/her tribe, under his/her own banner, the people were able to lead their lives with order and direction.

Answer Sheet

Answers to Jerusalem Map Skills: a.1, b.1 & 2, c. 3, d. 3, e. 6, f. Dung Gate, g. 5 & 6, h. 8, i. Armenian Quarter, j. 4

Unscrambled words answers: Twelve Tribes, Sinai Desert, Levites, First Born, Jerusalem, Western Wall

Shabbat Shalom from everyone at Tribe!



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

BEMIDBAR: HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS!

THIS WEEK'S PARASHA DESCRIBES HOW THE MISHKAN (TABERNACLE) WAS DISMANTLED FOR TRAVEL AND SET UP AGAIN WHEN THE JEWISH PEOPLE SET UP CAMP.

THE GREAT THING ABOUT THE MISHKAN WAS THAT IT WAS PORTABLE - IT WAS A SHUL ON THE GO. WHEREVER THE JEWISH PEOPLE TRAVELLED, THE MISHKAN WENT WITH THEM.



PORTABLE SHUL? THAT'S KIND OF COOL - BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT. THE TALMUD TEACHES US THAT OUR SHULS AND OUR HOMES CAN BE DESCRIBED AS MIKDASH ME'AT - A MINI MISHKAN.

ONE SEC, HOW CAN THEY ALL BE A MISHKAN? ISN'T A MISHKAN THE HOLY TABERNACLE WHERE THE JEWISH PEOPLE WOULD GO TO CONNECT WITH GOD?

YES AND NO! IT'S TRUE THAT THE MISHKAN WAS THE PORTABLE HOUSE OF GOD FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE DESERT, BUT IT IS NOT ONLY THAT. WE DON'T ONLY FIND GOD IN THE 'HOUSE OF GOD' BE IT MISHKAN, BEIT HAMIKDASH OR SHUL - WE FIND GOD WHEREVER WE MAKE SPACE FOR HIM.

THE MISHKAN WAS A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO INVEST IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND CONNECT WITH HIM. BUT WHEN WE MAKE SPACE FOR GOD IN OUR LIVES AND CONNECT TO HIM, WE TURN OUR HOMES INTO OUR OWN PERSONAL MINI MISHKAN.



THAT'S SO AWESOME! SO ONE OF THE MESSAGES OF THE MISHKAN IS THAT IT IS NOT ABOUT THE BUILDING - THE BRICKS AND MORTAR. THE MISHKAN IS A KEY TO CONNECTION, AND THAT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE.

ESPECIALLY AT TIMES WHEN SHUL IS OFF LIMITS - LIKE DURING LOCKDOWN - IT'S GREAT TO KNOW THAT WE ALL HAVE OUR PERSONAL SHUL OR MISHKAN AT HOME, AND WE CAN ALWAYS CONNECT TO GOD FROM THERE.

THAT'S REALLY COOL - AND DEFINITELY SOMETHING TO REMEMBER FOR AFTER LOCKDOWN!



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Coming up...

STORY TIME WITH RABBI ELI
Every Friday at 12pm

Join Rabbi Eli Levin for a fun and inspiring story. Live on the Tribe Facebook page. (Suitable for age approx 4-8 years)

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JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY MORNING TRIBE TIME
A WEEKLY POWER HOUR OF JEWISH EDUCATION AND SKILLS FOR CHILDREN IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting Sunday 3 May @ 11am-12pm

With:
Rabbi Eli Levin, Rav E,
Rabbi Nick & Rebbetzen Shira Kett

11:00am
Learn to sing the Shabbat prayers like never before

11:20am
The who, what and why of Israel comes to life

11:40am
Jewish themes that will make you think...and smile

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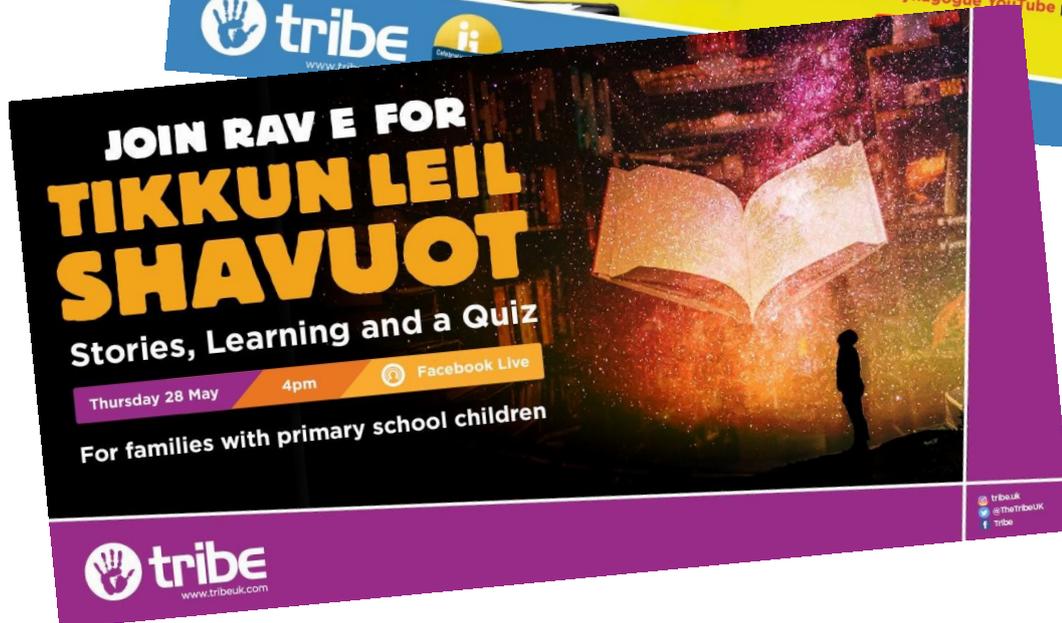
Friday 22nd May – Storytime with Rabbi Eli

On Facebook live

Sunday 24th May – Sunday morning Tribe Time

Zoom Meeting ID 840 7084 7215 / PW: 833283

Coming up...



Tuesday 26th May – Cartoon workshop

Tribe Facebook live and US YouTube

Thursday 28th May – Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tribe Facebook Live