



Naso, [Numbers 4:21 - 7:89](#)

This week's portion includes further job instructions to the Levites, Moshe is instructed to purify the camp in preparation for the dedication of the *Mishkan*, the Portable Sanctuary.

Then four laws relating to the Cohanim are given: 1) Restitution for stolen property where the owner is deceased and has no next of kin -- goes to the *Cohanim*. 2) If a man suspects his wife of being unfaithful, he brings her to the Cohanim for the *Sotah* clarification ceremony. 3) If a person chooses to withdraw from the material world and consecrate himself exclusively to the service of the Almighty by becoming a *Nazir* (vowing not to drink wine or eat grape products, come in contact with dead bodies or cut his hair), he must come to the *Cohen* at the completion of the vow. 4) The *Cohanim* were instructed to bless the people with this blessing:

"May the Lord bless you and guard over you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up His Countenance upon you and give you peace."

The *Mishkan* is erected and dedicated on the first of Nissan in the second year after the Exodus. The leaders of each tribe jointly give wagons and oxen to transport the *Mishkan*. During each of the twelve days of dedication, successively each tribal prince gives gifts of gold and silver vessels, sacrificial animals and meal offerings. Every prince gives exactly the same gifts as every other prince.