



## **Beha'alo-secha, [Numbers 8:1 - 12:16](#)**

**Aharon** is commanded in the lighting of the Menorah, the Levites purify themselves for service in the Tabernacle (they trained from age 25-30 and served from age 30-50). The first Pesach is celebrated since leaving Egypt. The Almighty instructs the Jewish people to journey into the desert whenever the ever-present cloud lifts from above the Tabernacle and to camp where it rests. Moshe is instructed to make two silver trumpets to be sounded before battle or to proclaim a Yom Tov (a holiday).

**The people** journey to the wilderness of Paran during which time they rebelled twice against the Almighty's leadership. The second time they complain about the boring taste of the *maneh* and the lack of meat in the desert. The Almighty sends a massive quantity of quail and those who rebelled died.

**Moshe** asks his father-in-law, Yitro (Jethro) to travel with them in the desert, but Yitro returns to Midian.

**Miriam**, Moshe's sister, speaks *lashon hora* (defaming words) about Moshe. She is struck with *Tzora'as* (the mystical skin disease which indicated that a person spoke improperly about another person) and is exiled from the camp for one week.