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There are a lot of Jewish accountants. I might be able to tell you how many if I was an accountant. As it is, I still need to remove my shoes for complex math problems.

This week, we embark upon the journey of Bamidbar- the Book of Numbers, which is full of numbers, particularly when it comes to counting the Jewish people.

When Moses counted the Jews in the desert, he mostly counted them starting from age 20. That's not such a difficult task, even if it's a loooong one. Each person would come forward and deliver their half- shekel, and of course give their name, social security number and favorite desert (no, that isn't a typo. Some people preferred the Sinai Desert, some liked the Sahara, Gobi or Mojave).

The tribe of Levi was different. Moses counted each Levite from 30 days old. That's a little bit more complicated. In fact, Rashi relates that Moses didn't know how to get it done! It would have been an inappropriate violation of privacy for Moses to enter the individual family's tents. Yet God had commanded him to count the

babies. So what should Moses do? What do you think he did?

Moses went over the mountain...

Don't mind me. Moses asked God what to do. He was told to do his part, and God would do the rest. So Moses would approach the entrance of a tent, and he would get a text message (or maybe a heavenly voice) announcing how many children were in the tent. That's how he got the numbers. There are a lot of lessons that have been drawn from this story. I want to focus on one simple point.

We humans sometimes struggle to do the right thing. We understand that the instructions God has given us in the form of the commandments and the Torah are super important.

We want to do the right thing by following them. Sometimes that is hard. There are strategies we can use to help motivate ourselves, and there are lessons we can learn about HOW to

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by Rabbi Dani Locker



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overcome those feelings. But take a look at Moses. Basically the greatest person ever (in some categories he was the actual undisputed greatest- I'm not really sure how these rankings work), definitely at least a #1 seed. Yet here is a commandment that he had difficulty fulfilling. He had a reason, but we all have reasons. He wanted to do what God told him to do, but he didn't see how he could get it done.

SO lesson #1 is that we don't have to feel bad or inadequate if it seems hard to do the

right thing. Even the greatest people have challenges sometimes. The mark of a great person is what they do after they have a challenge, which brings us to...

Lesson #2 is based on what Moses did when he had a problem. He didn't give up, and he didn't compromise his principles. He asked God for help. We can do that, too!



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