

Parshat B'ha'alotkha

Numbers 8:1-14

First Aliyah

Chapter 8:1 The Eternal spoke to Moses, saying: ² Speak to Aaron and say to him, "When you mount the lamps, let the seven lamps give light at the front of the lampstand."
³ Aaron did so; he mounted the lamps at the front of the lampstand, as the Eternal had commanded Moses. ⁴ Now this is how the lampstand was made: it was hammered work of gold, hammered from base to petal. According to the pattern that the Eternal had shown Moses, so was the lampstand made.

Second Aliyah

⁵ The Eternal spoke to Moses, saying: ⁶ Take the Levites from among the Israelites and cleanse them. ⁷ This is what you shall do to them to cleanse them: sprinkle on them water of purification, and let them go over their whole body with a razor, and wash their clothes; thus they shall be cleansed.

Third Aliyah

⁸ Let them take a bull of the herd, and with it a meal offering of choice flour with oil mixed in, and you take a second bull of the herd for a sin offering. ⁹ You shall bring the Levites forward before the Tent of Meeting. Assemble the whole Israelite community, ¹⁰ and bring the Levites forward before the Eternal. Let the Israelites lay their hands upon the Levites,

Fourth Aliyah

¹¹ and let Aaron designate the Levites before the Eternal as an elevation offering from the Israelites, that they may perform the service of the Eternal. ¹² The Levites shall now lay their hands upon the heads of the bulls; one shall be offered to the Eternal as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, to make expiation for the Levites. ¹³ You shall place the Levites in attendance upon Aaron and his sons, and designate them as an elevation offering to the Eternal. ¹⁴ Thus you shall set the Levites apart from the Israelites, and the Levites shall be Mine.