

Torah Cycle 2018-19
Parshah: Mattot - Masei
(Numbers 30:2 – 36:13)

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Ch. 30

Oaths & Vows: Dangerous Oversteps

*Has the Torah not forbidden you enough
that you wish to forbid yourself more things?*

✎ *j.Nedarim 9a*

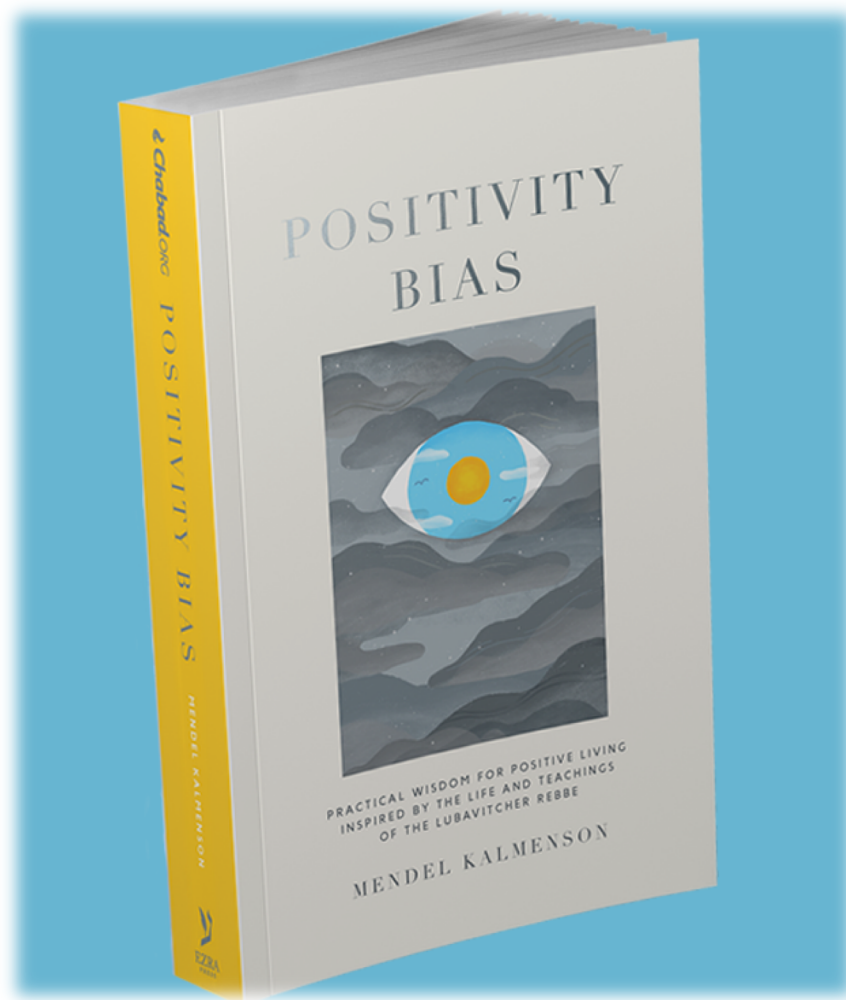
Matthew 5:34-37

“But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is ‘The City of the Great King’. Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Just let your ‘Yes’ be a simple ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ a simple ‘No’. **Anything more than this has its origin in evil.**”

Ch. 31

War with Midian: Conquering Negativity

Midian (מִדְיָן) = Strife / Contention / Judging



Positivity Bias
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It is not the events of our lives that shape us, but the meanings we assign to those events. In other words: If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.



*You do not see things as they are.
You see things as YOU are.*

*Night is banished through
illumination, not elimination.*

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Ch. 32

The Request of Reuben & Gad

Request #1 - Numbers 32:16

Then they came near to him and said, “We will build here sheepfolds for our livestock and cities for our little ones...”

Moses' Reply - Numbers 32:24

“Build yourselves cities for your little ones, and sheepfolds for your sheep, and do what you have promised.”

Request #2 - Numbers 32:17

“... but we ourselves will be armed ready to go before the sons of Israel ...”

Moses' Reply - Numbers 32:21

“... and all of you armed men cross over the Jordan before Adonai ...”

Request #3 - Numbers 32:18

“We will not return to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance.”

Moses Reply - Numbers 32:21-22

“...until [Adonai] has driven His enemies out from before Him, and the land is subdued before Adonai, then afterward you shall return.”

1 Chronicles 5:26

So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, king of Assyria, even the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away into exile, namely the **Reubenites**, the **Gadites** and the **half-tribe of Manasseh**, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

Ch. 33 The Transforming Power of 42

1st Year = #1 - 14

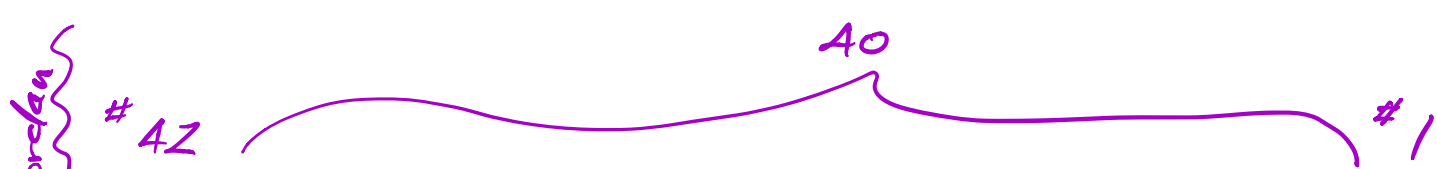
14 = 𐤅 "Hand"

38 Years = #15 - 34

20 = 𐤏 "Palm"

40th Year = #35 - 42

8 = 𐤍 "Life"



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Matthew 1:17 So all the generations from ^{#1}Abraham to David are **fourteen** generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, **fourteen** generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the ^{#42}Messiah, **fourteen** generations.

$$14 + 14 + 14 = \underline{42}$$