

Torah Tidbits:

- 1) The Law of Unintended Consequences appears in full force this week. Every time God fixes a situation involving people who are rebelling against Moses and Aaron, (this week, mostly Aaron) the people use the given fix (where the rebels lose rather badly) as an opportunity to complain about the inadequate protection Moses and Aaron are providing.

- 2) One practical application of tzedakah (righteous living) is expressed this week. The people give 10 percent of their produce to the Levites, and the Levites must also give 10 percent of what they have received. (Which is considered by God to be as if the Levites had actually grown the produce, since they didn't really have land for themselves.) Giving 10 percent of their belongings to themselves would kind of defeat the purpose, so they are to give their 10 percent to the Kohanim. One bottom line: Even those who receive from the community for survival must give, as there is always somebody who has less.