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## Masei, Sicha 1

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The Torah lists 42 places in Parshas Masei,  
Where the Yidden did stay,  
During the forty years that they did journey,  
In the desert, so hot and sunny.

But why does the Torah choose,  
The name מסעי/Journeys to use?  
Seemingly חנויות/Encampments would be best,  
Because the Pesukim focus on what happened where the Yidden did rest.

The Baal Shem Tov says that the journeys in the desert does compare,  
To the journeys of our lives on earth down here,  
Each of the 42 stops represents a special time,  
When in our service of Hashem, to a higher level we climb.

The name Masei is chosen specifically,  
To teach an important lesson to you and me.  
In our lives we should not,  
Be okay with staying in one spot.

In our service of Hashem we must constantly be growing,  
Not just in a way of walking,  
Where each step is connected to the previous one,  
But rather we must jump, so that to levels that are completely new we will come.

For example a student can grow to become better and better,  
 But the goal is to jump to the level of becoming a teacher.  
 The student must uproot himself from his previous state,  
 In order to become a teacher that is great.

A student can claim,  
 Why should being a teacher be my aim,  
 A perfect student all my life I can strive to be,  
 Why should I risk being a teacher, for my success there is no guarantee.

From Parshas Masei we see,  
 That we must travel constantly,  
 It's not just about what we achieve,  
 Our limitations we must leave.

Even if the teacher will fail or fall,  
 He should not worry at all,  
 Because experience he will gain and a lesson he will take,  
 He will become a better teacher because of his mistake.

The 42 journeys in the desert also compares,  
 To the bitter Galus which has lasted for thousands of years,  
 As the nine days of mourning for the Beis Hamikdash draws near,  
 We shouldn't despair.

Although in Galus we fall it is true,  
 The purpose is so that our connection to Hakadosh Baruch Hu,  
 Should get stronger and jump to a level that is completely new,  
 By leaving our limitations behind, there is no limit to what we can do!

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