



Bamidbar 1:46 (in Parshat Bamidbar) -

וַיְהִי כָּל־הַפְּקָדִים שֵׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת אֶלֶף
וּשְׁלֹשֶׁת אֲלָפִים וָחֲמִשָּׁים וָחֲמִשָּׁים:

*The sum of all those who were counted:
six hundred and three thousand,
five hundred and fifty.*

In a way, these p'sukim form bookends to the saga of a family becoming a nation. Their gimatriyas are each 3886.

USFUNEI T'MUNEI CHOL is the title of my book of Gimatriya Matches - IY"H and BE"H. The title translates to Hidden in the Sand. That's how I feel about my Gimatriya searches. Like walking along the beach with a metal detector. Beep-beep-beep. Lean down and find something. Usually, nothing of note. But sometimes you find something special.

BAMIDBAR

GM B'reishit 35:1 in Vayishlach -

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־יַעֲקֹב קוּם עֲלֵה
בֵּית־אֵל וְשֹׁב־שָׁם וַעֲשֵׂה־שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ
לְאֵל הַנִּרְאָה אֵלֶיךָ בְּבָרְזוֹךְ
מִפְּנֵי עֵשָׂו אָזְוִיךָ:

And God said to Yaakov, "Arise and go up to Beit El and abide there, and make there an altar to the God Who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Eisav."

This pasuk tells us of when Yaakov was done with the Lavan experience, the encounter with Eisav, and the Sh'chem fiasco. This happened when Yaakov received his new name from God - YISRAEL. At the time of this pasuk, Yaakov had 11 sons - Binyamin was about to be born and Rachel was about to die in childbirth. This pasuk in Vayishlach marks a beginning of sorts of the family that was to grow into a nation that numbered over 600,000 men of military age plus women and children - a nation of two to three million people.

The census at the beginning of the Book of Bamidbar, took place on the first of Iyar in the year 2449, about 243 years after the events in Vayishlach.