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1. The Kohen announce: four types of men should go home.
  1. A man with a new home who hasn't moved in yet.
  2. A man with a new vineyard. [It's strange that only successful men are sent to fight.]
  3. An engaged man. [It's strange that fathers aren't sent home instead.]
  4. Scared men.



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2. The reason:  
 These four groups are not concerned with the war.  
 Their hearts are elsewhere.

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3. Even Ezra: A man who is building a house, starting a business or is engaged is completely involved in his project.  
 None of these men will be productive in battle.



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4. Perhaps the Lebanon War failed so badly because each of the leaders fell under one of these categories.



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5. What can we do?

Rashi: The Kohen begins with the words "Shema Yisroel" insinuating that even if your only merit is *Shema*, God will save you.



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6. Shema protects us on both the spiritual level and the physical level.

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7. Shema protects a baby on the night before a bris.  
 On that night the Satan tries to harm the baby and prevent the mitzvah.



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8. We can protect our soldiers by reciting the Shema, morning and night and teaching our children to do the same.



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