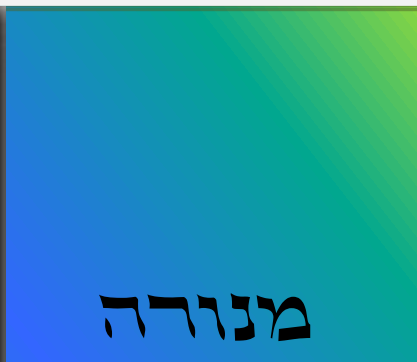




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מנורה



ארוז

In the previous 3 Parshios, תרומה, תצוה, כי תשא, Hashem commanded the building of the Mishkan. In this weeks Parsha, פרשת ויקהל, the Mishkan actually gets built.



Parsha Says ...

Parshas VaYakhel

The afternoon school buses were running very late because of the stormy weather, so Yehoshua and Chaim were glad when their teacher offered them a ride home.

"Come on, boys," Rabbi Davidson called. "I go right past your houses, and the quicker you get home in this weather, the better."

"Thank you, Rabbi," said Yehoshua as the boys got in the car. "We really appreciate your offer. Actually, I'm very happy because I wanted to ask you a question."

"Go right ahead, Yehoshua," said Rabbi Davidson.

Yehoshua looked down bashfully. "I didn't ask you in class because I didn't want to announce to everyone what we were doing. You see, Chaim and I have decided to do something extra in honor of Yud-Alef Nissan, besides what the school is doing. Every day, we say the Chitas together."

Rabbi Davidson was extremely pleased. "I'm very proud of you boys," he beamed. "Now what was your question?"

"Well, while we were studying the Chumash, we realized that this Parshah is repeating everything we read two weeks ago in Parshas Terumah. In Parshas Terumah, the Torah tells us that HaShem commands the Jewish people to build the Mishkan, and in Parshas Vayakhel, the Torah tells us that the Jews built it, repeating the details again."

Rabbi Davidson explained. "You're right, Yehoshua. But the two Parshiyos are not really the same. You see, all Mitzvos contain two steps. First, there is HaShem's commandment - the Mitzvah as it exists in HaShem's wisdom. When Moshe Rabbeinu was on Har Sinai, HaShem taught him about the Mishkan and its Keilim. And HaShem told Moshe to build the Mishkan "as you were shown on the mountain," meaning that the Mishkan should have this same holiness. This is what Parshas Terumah teaches us.

"But HaShem's commandment from Above is not enough. The most important part of a Mitzvah is when a Jew actually fulfills it. This is what building the Mishkan was all about - making a dwelling place for HaShem's holiness here in this world. It is the same with every Mitzvah. Actually carrying out HaShem's will and doing the Mitzvos, brings down His holiness into this world. This is what Parshas Vayakhel tells us about.



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PARSHAS VAYAKHEL

ויקהל משה את כל עדת בני ישראל

What lesson can each and every Yid learn from Parshas Vayakhel?

Most years the Parshiyos of Vayakhel and Pekudei are read together.

Vayakhel teaches us about gathering together, about the Achdus of the Yidden.

Pekudei teaches about counting the Yidden and shows us how every person is important on their own and how every person can use their nature and talents to serve Hashem. Even though the two Parshiyos are normally together and it shows us that they are connected, each Parsha has its own lesson that it teaches us. And we see this more in a year like this year, when they are separate. The message of

Parshas Vayakhel is the Achdus of the Yidden. It teaches us Ahavas Yisroel, the Mitzvah of ואהבת לרעך כמוך - to love our friend as our self. We can do this because, as it says in the Tanya, every Yid has a Neshama that is part of Hashem. This was so important that the Alter Rebbe, when he was putting together the Nusach Ari Siddur, put Hareini at the beginning of Davening, We say every morning that we accept upon ourselves to fulfill the Mitzvah of ואהבת לרעך כמוך. This is the lesson that each and every Yid can learn from Parshas Vayakhel. When we work hard to have Achdus with all Yidden then we will have the Zechus of the ultimate Achdus, the gathering of all the Yidden together in Eretz Yisroel when Moshiach comes.

(Adapted from Vedibarta Bam)



This Parsha tells about giving presents. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

There were all sorts of presents given in this week's Parsha. As a matter of fact, there was a present given by every Jewish person. Everyone got to take part in giving presents for the Mishkan. Yes, the children did get to join in too. They did not have to stand on the sidelines and watch the adults have all the fun. The children took a very important part in the Nedavos Hamishkan - gifts for the Mishkan. So what does this have to do with us now? Now we are looking forward to the building of the third Beis Hamikdosh. Very soon we will leave Galus and see the Beis Hamikdosh itself. We have to start preparing for that right away.

How can we get ready? By making each of our homes a place where Hashem is comfortable, where Hashem can live. Hashem is comfortable in a place where people act like He wants. This means following Torah and Mitzvos, no fighting, and making sure people can tell that our homes are special. Of course every person in the house has to join in making sure this happens. That means that children have a very important part in making sure their homes are like a Mishkan for Hashem.

This is our preparation for the Beis Hamikdosh.

Why wait? I want to see the Beis Hamikdosh right away! How about you?

So, let's get moving! Children, don't wait around for the adults to do something.

Start fixing whatever needs to be fixed in your home, and hopefully everyone else will join along. It's up to you!



Pocket Calendar

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Shabbos - Parshas VaYakhel

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1) How many branches did the Menorah in the Bais Hamikdosh have?

2) What was the כִּיָּר made out of?

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"וְכָל הַנָּשִׁים אֲשֶׁר נָשָׂא לִבָּן אֶתְנָה בְּחָכְמָה טָווּ אֶת הָעֵזִים"

"All the women whose hearts stirred them up in wisdom spun the goat's hair." (35:26)

P **QUESTION:** Rashi says, "This was a special skill, for they spun the goat's hair upon the backs of the goats." Hashem's instructions for the *Mishkan* do not require that the goat's hair be spun on the back of the goats. Why does the Torah tell us the special technique by which the women spun the goats' hair?

R **ANSWER:** The Torah is teaching a very important lesson: When people have special talents it is important for them to remember that Hashem blessed them with these talents so that they may be used to make this world a **בְּתַחֲתוֹנִים** *for Hashem*.

S Since there were women who were blessed with the unique skill of spinning hair still on the backs of the goat, they utilized this skill for the holy purpose of making a *Mishkan*, in which Hashem would dwell.

H **INSIGHT**