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## PARSHAS TERUMAH

"ועשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם"

Let's do an experiment. First figure out how tall you are. Now look in this week's parsha, or else ask someone how big the Mishkan was. Could you fit a Mishkan inside yourself?

That sounds like a silly question, no? Well, actually, there is a Mishkan in you already. How? Well, let's first find out what a Mishkan is...

In this week's parasha, we learn about a bunch of real complicated stuff - exactly how to build a Mishkan. The Mishkan in the midbar, and later the Beis Hamikdosh in Eretz Yisrael, was a house for Hashem. Hashem's shechina actually came down to this world and rested in the Mishkan! The Yidden had to make the Mishkan extra nice and take special care of it so that it would be a suitable home for Hashem.

The Mishkan was pretty big. The Yidden had to take it apart every time they traveled so that they could carry it. And there was only one Mishkan for the entire B'nei Yisrael. So what does it mean that the Mishkan is inside each of us?

Well, you are right - the whole Mishkan with all of its parts would not really fit inside a person. But our hearts act just like a Mishkan. Hashem lives inside every Jewish person, just as He did in the Mishkan. If we work real hard at it, we would be able to feel Hashem's shechina helping us to do Torah and Mitzvos.

Have you ever felt like you really wanted to act better or do good things? Now you know that the part of Hashem living inside of you is what makes you feel that way. And if you learn a lot, you will start to feel it more and more! Pretty soon, we will all be zoche to see the big Beis Hamikdosh in Eretz Yisrael. Then we will really see Hashem living down here in this world - in the Beis Hamikdosh and in every one of us.

Won't that be great? Nobody will ever want to do anything wrong! How could they, when they see Hashem Himself telling them not to?

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WITHOUT MY HEAD, בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל ATE ME IN THE מִדְבָּר  
 WITHOUT MY TAIL, I'M ה'נָה'S SON  
 I AM USED IN THE מִשְׁפָּח.

Please send your answers to [connections@shluchim.org](mailto:connections@shluchim.org)  
 Last weeks' brain buster: My beginning and end are the same, I end in a sea and there's a judge in me. What am I?

Answer: Mishpatim (in Hebrew letters)

Congratulations to Binyamin Bentolila,12, from Kinshasa, Congo, for solving the brain buster.



FROM THE DESK OF...  
**DR. GETZEL**

Hi, everyone!

Welcome back to Iowa. You arrived just in time. But we'd better hurry up or we'll be late. Put on your COL (Chassidic Outlook) goggles and helmet and . . . What did you ask? Where are we going? Only grown-ups decide where they are going before they leave! I never know where I'm going until I get there. Now, where did I put those directions, my Tefilas Haderech card, my lunch, toothbrush, Chitas and pushka? Oh, here they are; in my shirt pocket, right where I left them. (I'm always losing things. My mother says that I take after Elter Zaide Zelig. One time he misplaced his mustache. He sat on his rocking chair, scratching his head trying to remember where he put it until Alte Bubbe Baila reminded him that it was right under his nose.) O.K. Are you ready? Close your eyes, open your ears, pinch your nose and bite your tongue. OUCH! I mean roll your tongue like a hotdog. Here we go. Hold on tight!

"Ha! Ha! Giggle, laugh. He he he!" He, hoo hoo. Helloho ho ho! We've arrived! Wanna know where? We're in the month of Adar. Ever since I arrived here I just can't stop, he-he, I-laughing. Last year when I was he-he-here it wasn't half this much fun. That's because this year there are two Adars and that means, ha-ha-he, double the f-f-haha-fun and ha-ha-happiness! I've been trying my best to be ha-ha-happy all the time because I'm a Chassid and Chassidim are always happy. Whenever I catch myself starting to frown, I do some (giggle) Adar magic. I chant 'abracadabra-vinahapochu' and I turn that frown upside down . . . into a smile! Yesterday, I stubbed my toe and I wanted to shout and yell at it. Then

I remembered that I was in the month of Adar, hee-hee, and so I gave it a gigantic smile instead and we both ended up laughing, ha-ha-giggle, until our funny bones hurt!

Zzzzziiiiip. BANG! We're back here in Iowa in my green-roofed office with the purple window shades. Keep making the Rebbe proud of his Junior Shluchim by practicing that Adar magic to turn your frowns upside-down into bright, chasidishe smiles.

Bye 'till next week,  
Dr. Getzel

P.S. Make sure my desk doesn't get too neat. I love when it's piled high with mail. Send me pictures of your biggest Adar smiles or write to tell me how you used the Adar magic to turn a frown into a . . .clown (oops, I mean smile!)



**SHTERNA Sara Epstein, age 12**

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Every Pesach starting four years ago for the second seder we have a community seder in our house. We have about seventy people for the community seder. Every night for about two weeks before Pesach people from our community come to help us prepare.

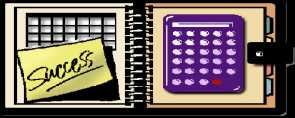
At the beginning of each step of the seder my father explains the purpose of it. Last year we put cards at a few places on the table. Each card explained a specific part of the seder and when we got up to that part whoever had that card read it out loud. This helped everybody to participate. During Shulchan Aruch me and my sister Rivka and a guest shared our D'var Torahs from school with everybody. We also go around the table and everybody shares something with everyone. Some people shared that this is the first real seder they have ever had.

Last year a lady started to cry and told us that her cat was dying but she came to the seder anyway.

Let us hope that this year our seder will take place in Yerushalayim with Moshiach now!

**HEY KIDS!**

**SEND US A REPORT ABOUT YOUR SHLICHUS AND WE WILL IY"YH PUBLISH IT IN OUR FUTURE CONNECTIONS!  
E-MAIL US AT [CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG](mailto:CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG)  
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE AND LOCATION OF SHLICHUS.**



## POCKET CALENDAR

### משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה

In honor of ראש חודש אדר א', home schooled children from around the world played a

## GRAND BINGO GAME!

The game was held via phone conferencing, and it included over 60 ילדי השלוחים! The kids had a great time playing bingo, and also learned about the special dates and events that occur in אדר חודש.

Congratulations to: Mushka Ciment, Little Rock AK; Menachem Mendel Schtroks, Surrey, BC; Shneur Zalman Matusof, Madison, WI & Zevi Feldman, Halifax, Nova Scotia for winning the entire board!



If your children are being home schooled, and were not notified of the program, please e-mail us at [cyh@shluchim.org](mailto:cyh@shluchim.org).

The following children finished a line in the bingo board: Rivka & Mussi Levertov, Santa Fe, NM; Bassie Alperowitz, Bournemouth, England; Levi Greenberg, Anchorage, Alaska; Rochie Krinsky, Manchester, NH; Grossbaum, Long Island; Menachem Mendel Raitport, Caracas, Venezuela; Levi & Chaya Konikov, Satellite Beach, FL; Tzemach Weg, Tulsa, OK; Sara Rivka Schtroks, Surrey, BC; Yitzchak Friedman, S. Cruz, CA.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### כלי המשכן

#### ארון

The measurements of the ארון were all in halves. This teaches us that there is no perfect person, and no matter how much one studies תורה, one can never learn the whole thing.

#### כרובים

When בני fulfilled ה's commands, the כרובים would face each other; and when בני did not fulfill ה's commands, the כרובים would face the walls of the room.

#### עצי שטים

Where did the בני get wood in the מדבר to build the משכן? Rabbi Tanchuma explains that: רוח רוח יעקב אבינו saw with his רוח that בני were going to build a משכן in the מדבר; so he brought cedar trees to מצרים and planted them, and instructed his children to take them along when they left מצרים.

(From Chabad.org)

## ARE YOU A PARSHA EXPERT?

### QUESTION:

This week's פרשה, פרשת תרומה, contains the פסוק "ועשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם" "And they shall make a Mikdash for ME and I will rest in them." When בני build a משכן for ה', ה causes His שכונה to rest in each and every איד.

Three different types of metal were used in building the משכן: זהב—gold, כסף—silver and נחושת—copper.

Because gold is traditionally the finest and most precious metal that exists, the משכן should have been built entirely of gold. Why then did the משכן include these less valuable metals, like silver and copper as well?

### ANSWER:

The three types of metal hint to the three categories of בני. Because ה' wanted all אידן to participate in the building of the משכן, all three metals - gold, silver and copper - were used.

Silver (כסף) hints to צדיקים, who continually yearn for ה' and His תורה.

Gold (זהב), more valuable than silver, hints to those who return to ה' by doing תשובה.

"במקום שבעלי תשובה עומדים אפילו צדיקים גמורים אינם יכולים לעמוד" - "In the place that תשובה stand, even complete צדיקים cannot stand."

Copper (נחושת) hints to אידן who have done עבירות. עבירות has the same letters as נחש—the snake who was the first to bring עבירות into the world with the הדעת.

From here we see that the צדיקים are not the only אידן to build the משכן! Every איד takes part in its building; even copper, symbolizing the lowest level, was used along with silver and gold.

The משכן is for all אידן to build. For it is only when all אידן perform מצות - מצות רשעים and מצות צדיקים - that we merit the fulfillment of the פסוק "ועשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם" - "And I will rest in them" - within each and every one of בני.

Adapted from L'Chaim Weekly



**There are many lessons that we can learn from watching the way that the Rebbe behaved.**



The following story shows us the importance of saying “Thank you”.

“I was one of the counselors who led *Shabbos* parties for Jewish children during the time before the Rebbe accepted the nesius,” relates Rabbi Moshe Lasker. “Each week, I would submit a report of the activities to “770”.

“One Friday, as I gave in my report at “770”, the Rebbe called me to his office. ‘Are you busy?’ he asked.

“I realized that he wanted to give me a responsibility, so I immediately answered that I was not. The Rebbe then told me: ‘Please take two candles and visit Mrs. ... in the hospital. Ask her to light them. If the hospital staff protests that it is against the rules, try to work it out. If the woman herself hesitates, tell her that Rabbi Schneerson requested that she light *Shabbos* candles.’



“I hurried towards the subway to carry out my mission. I met the woman and gave her the message. She was indeed reluctant at first, but when I mentioned that the Rebbe had sent me, she agreed straightaway. I found a non-Jewish nurse who promised to help her and to move the candles to a safe place.

“I rushed home, arriving just ten minutes before *Shabbos*. Seconds after I walked through the door, the telephone rang. ‘This is Schneerson speaking,’ the voice on the line said. ‘Has Moshe arrived home yet?’

“A few weeks later, while I was in “770”, I felt a friendly tap on my shoulder from the Rebbe. “*Yasher Koach* for fulfilling the mission,” he told me.



The following story shows us how the Rebbe personally put in effort to help Yidden, not only waiting till they came to ask for help, but actually going out and looking for Yidden to help.

During the Second World War, when the Nazis captured Paris and other parts of France, the Rebbe and Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka fled with many other Yidden to Vichy. Vichy was under Italian rule, and the Italians were less Anti-Semitic than the Germans. Nevertheless, it wasn’t completely safe; life anywhere in Nazi Europe was dangerous for Jews.

The local hotels did not open their doors willingly to the poor refugees. In order to enter a hotel, a guest had to prove that he possessed at least one hundred dollars. This was obviously way more than what most of the refugees owned, having run away from their homes with little more than the clothes they were wearing.



The Rebbe had a single one hundred dollar bill. He walked around the streets looking for needy refugees. Handing over the bill, he directed the refugee to the hotel at which the Rebbe and Rebbetzin were staying. After the refugee was admitted, he slipped the bill back to the Rebbe unnoticed. The Rebbe returned to the streets with the ‘door-opening’ bill, looking for another ‘customer.’

Adapted from “To Know and To Care”



We can each make our own rooms into a מקדש מעט—a mini Mikdash. How? By having a חומש, תהילים, חומש and a סידור in our bedrooms. If you already have this, or if you just did it now, e-mail me at [connections@shluchim.org](mailto:connections@shluchim.org), and tell me about it.



# פרשת תרומה כלי המשכן

Kids! Fill out the answers to the puzzle below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221-0985 or e-mail it to [connections@shluchim.org](mailto:connections@shluchim.org) no later than Wednesday, February 16th, '17 אדר א'.

## Level 1: Ages 5-8

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Last Week's Winner: Yoni Bekhor, age 8, Randolph, New Jersey

Good Luck!



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## Level 2: Ages 9-12

WRITE THE NAME OF THE כלי המשכן AND WRITE THE NUMBER OF THE כלי NEXT TO THE FACTS.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ It had the לוחות in it
- \_\_\_\_\_ The לחם הפנים stayed fresh all week
- \_\_\_\_\_ It was lit with pure olive oil
- \_\_\_\_\_ The wicks were made from the old בגדי כהונה
- \_\_\_\_\_ It was the only כלי in the קודש קדשים
- \_\_\_\_\_ It was made of wood and covered in gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ It had 3 boxes—2 gold and 1 wood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It had a ramp leading up to it
- \_\_\_\_\_ It was made of wood and covered in copper
- \_\_\_\_\_ It was made of a single piece of pure gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ It was placed in the חצר
- \_\_\_\_\_ It had 12 shelves—for the 12 שבטים

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Last Week's Winner: Zevi Feldman, age 10, Halifax, Nova Scotia

### Good Luck!