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# MSJC KIDS KESHER



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# FEBRUARY MSJC KIDS KESHER MONTHLY NEWS!

Hey MSJC Kids and Teens!

After this issue, we may take a small break as the holidays get busier. We will still print an activity packet for you to enjoy for the holidays!

Thank you to this month's co-editor, Noa Sclar for all her work on the cover design, parsha pages, and fun facts!

Looking forward to celebrating Purim with you next month! We are planning a fun event for you all!

Morah Mirasha & Noa Sclar, Co Editors



Abey - 1st  
Aryeh R. - 5th  
Lev - 25th

## **About our cover**

This month's cover design is inspired by Ayala S. She made a colorful heart with shapes around.



*Hi everyone!*

*How are you? Did you have any days off from school for Winter break? Did you do anything fun or exciting, or have any relaxing time with family? Did you do anything fun (cold or warm!) during the snowstorm?*

*With February starting, you might think Purim is right around the corner. But if you look at a calendar, you will see that Purim is not until next month! Why is it so far away? And what is going on with the day that says “Purim Kotton” on my calendar? The Hebrew word Kotton means “small,” so does that mean we have a smaller Purim celebration, with less costumes and a shorter Megillah and not as much candy? What is going on?!!*

*The answer is that this year on the Hebrew calendar is called a leap year. The English calendar also has a leap year which happens every four years where we add an extra day to February. In a Hebrew leap year, however, we add a whole extra month – the month of Adar! This means we have two months of Adar, Adar Aleph and Adar Beis. Two whole happy months. The rabbis in the Gemara discuss when Purim is celebrated when we have two months of Adar. Although there are different opinions, we follow the opinion that we keep Purim in the second month of Adar (why couldn't we do it both?).*

*Why do we even need a leap month? What is the reason for the extra Adar? The Torah tells us that the holiday of Pesach must be in the springtime. Another name for Pesach is “Chag He'Aviv” – the holiday of Spring. Every year the Jewish calendar moves back a few days (because we follow a lunar and solar calendar....kids ask your parents to explain) and if we didn't do anything, Pesach would eventually fall out in the winter! The Torah tells us that to avoid this problem, we add an extra month to push Pesach into the Spring. And that is the reason we have an extra Adar every few years.*

*When we look at a calendar, like a shul or school calendar, we may think of it as a set thing that we buy or print out that has nothing to do with us personally. But really, it is for us and all about us! It is the Jewish people who run the calendar! We establish when the months occur and we observe Rosh Chodesh and all the holidays. It is our personal actions that make the calendar work! If we stopped following the Jewish calendar and didn't know when Purim and Pesach would happen, the calendar wouldn't work anymore!*

*So as we keep this extra Adar and wait for what feels like such a long time for Purim, let's try and remember that by keeping this extra month, we are showing how much we truly love the time that Hashem has given us to control.*

*See you soon!  
Rabbi Taubes*



# KID SPOTLIGHT - ARYEH R.

**Hebrew name:** Baruch Aryeh

**English name:** Leo

**Birthday:** February 5th!

**Age:** 4 this month!!

**Siblings:** Gershon, Tzvi and Koby

**School:** Solomon Schechter School of Queens

**Grade:** Shorashim aka nursery

**Favorite animal:** lion

**Favorite color:** green

**Favorite book:** curious George

**Favorite tv show:** Blippi

**Favorite thing to do on Shabbos:** eat challah

**Favorite thing to do in shul:** eat treats at kiddush



A few photos from Tu Bshvat and from the Mt. Sinai Bake-off where a few kids entered and won!



## FUN (and random) FACTS!

- It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbows
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- If you sneeze too hard, you could fracture a rib.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- In the course of an average lifetime, while sleeping you might eat around 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders, or more.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Maine is the only state that has a one-syllable name.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- In many advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- Most people fall asleep in seven minutes.

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## Presidents Day & Money Fun: Match the fact to the correct bill



I was the tallest president  
(6'4")

My name is Andrew Jackson

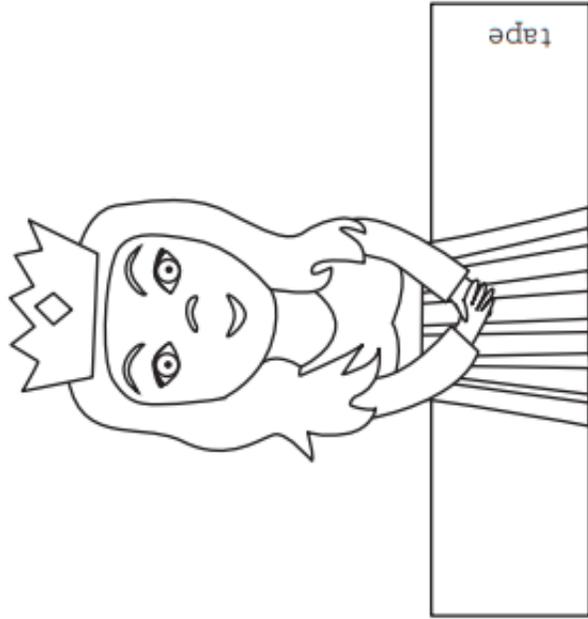
I am on the \$50 bill

I was the 1st president

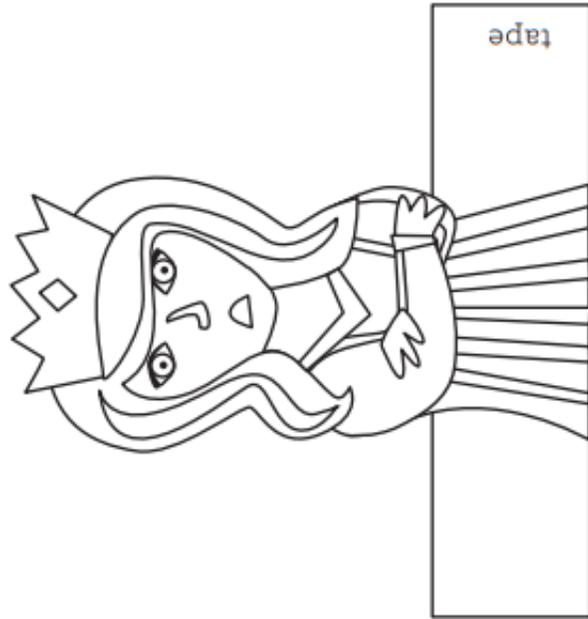
I was not a  
president (2)

There is a famous Broadway play about me

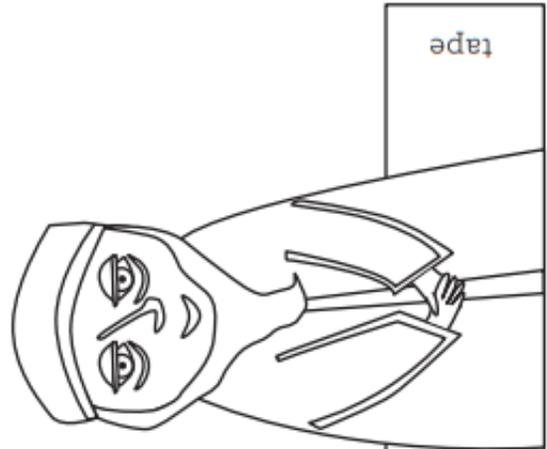
In honor of Purim Katan, have some pre-Purim fun with coloring and creating Purim character finger puppets.



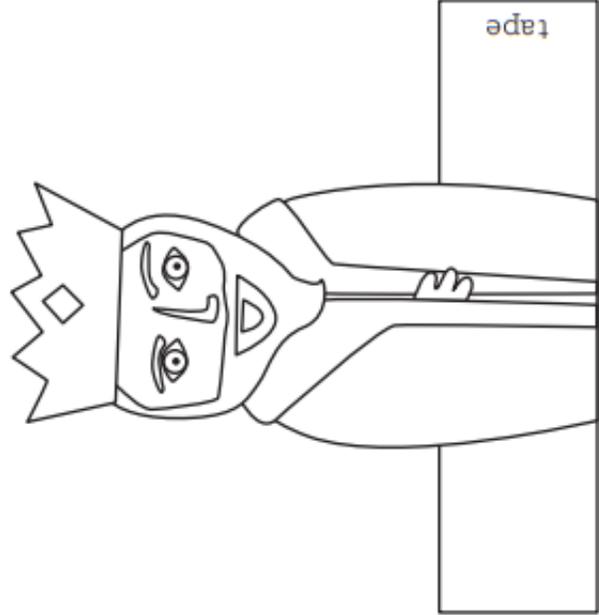
Queen Esther



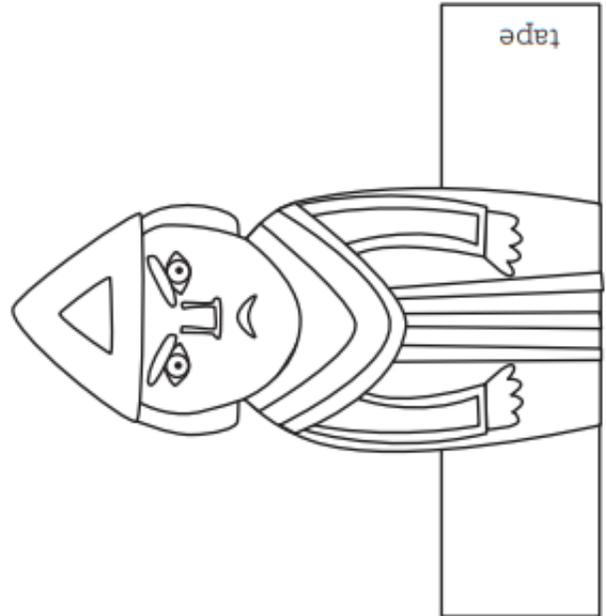
Queen Vashti



Mordechai



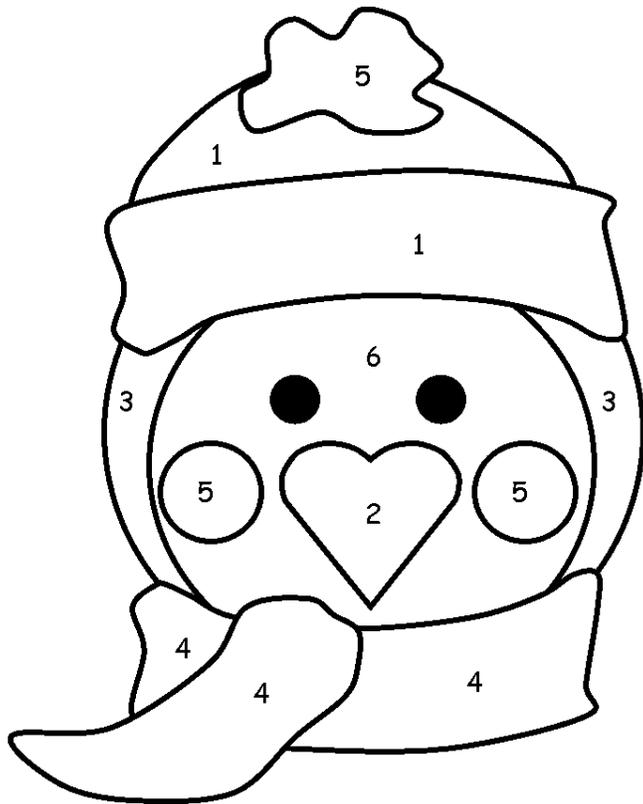
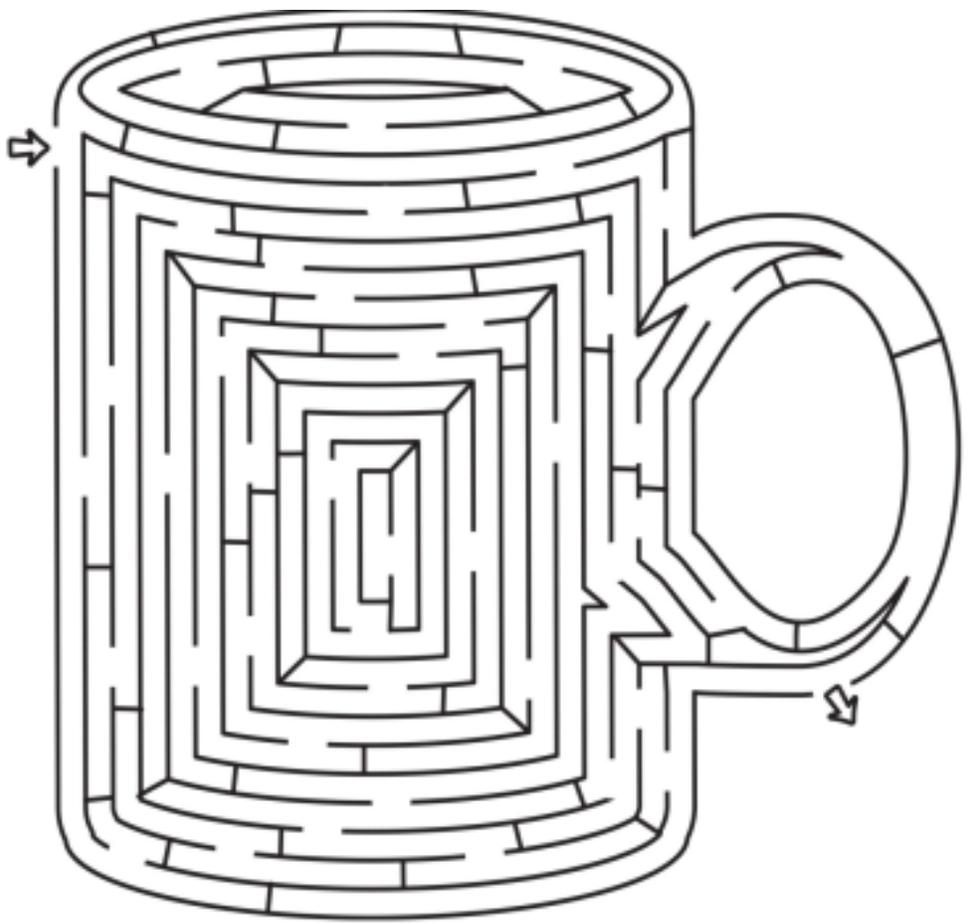
King Ahasuerus



Haman

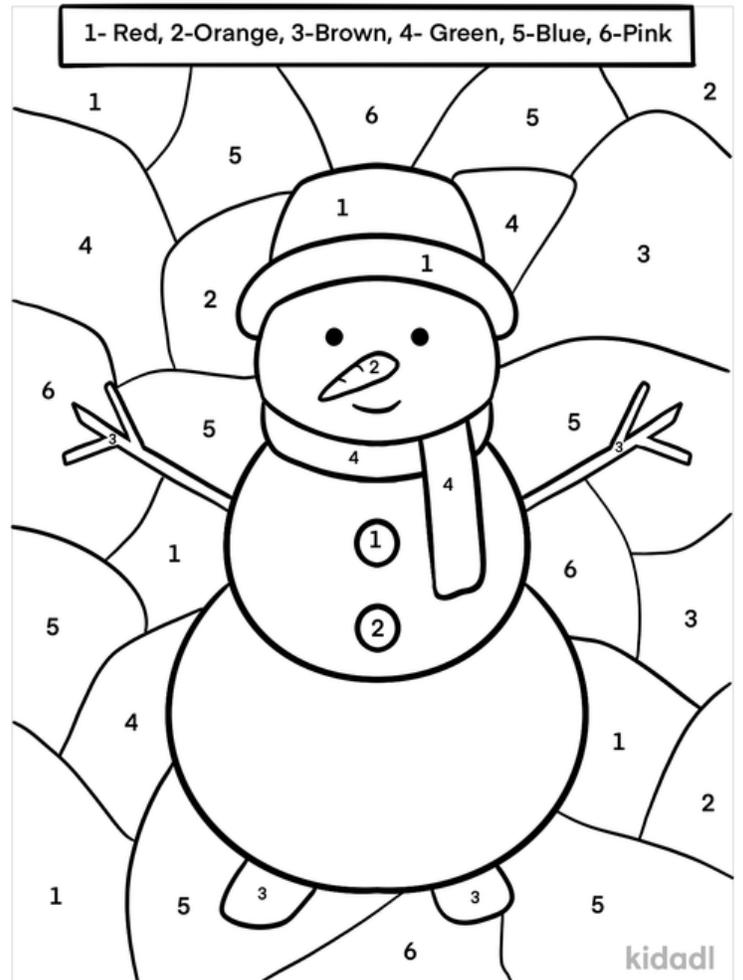
# Winter Fun

Enjoy some winter activities!



1-blue    2-orange    3-black    4-green  
5-red    6-                      white

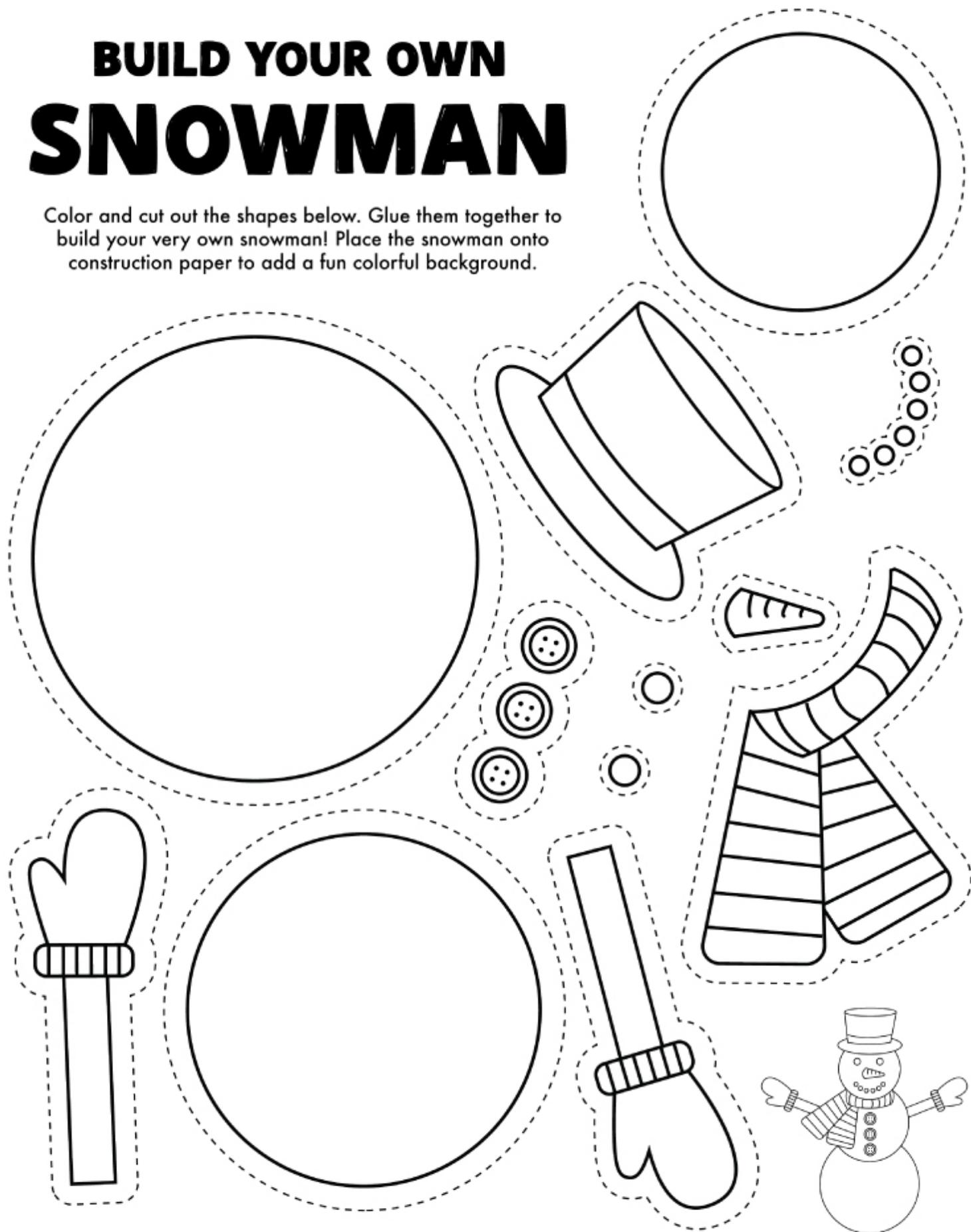
For more creative learning ideas check out [www.makinglearningfun.com](http://www.makinglearningfun.com)



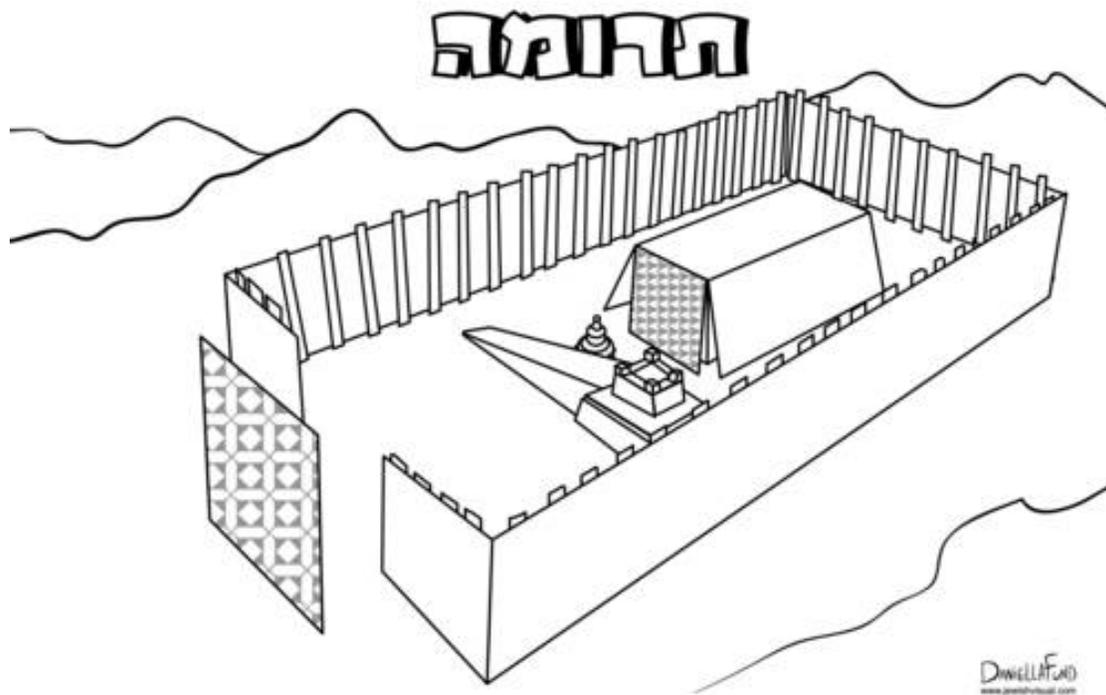
1- Red, 2-Orange, 3-Brown, 4- Green, 5-Blue, 6-Pink

# BUILD YOUR OWN SNOWMAN

Color and cut out the shapes below. Glue them together to build your very own snowman! Place the snowman onto construction paper to add a fun colorful background.

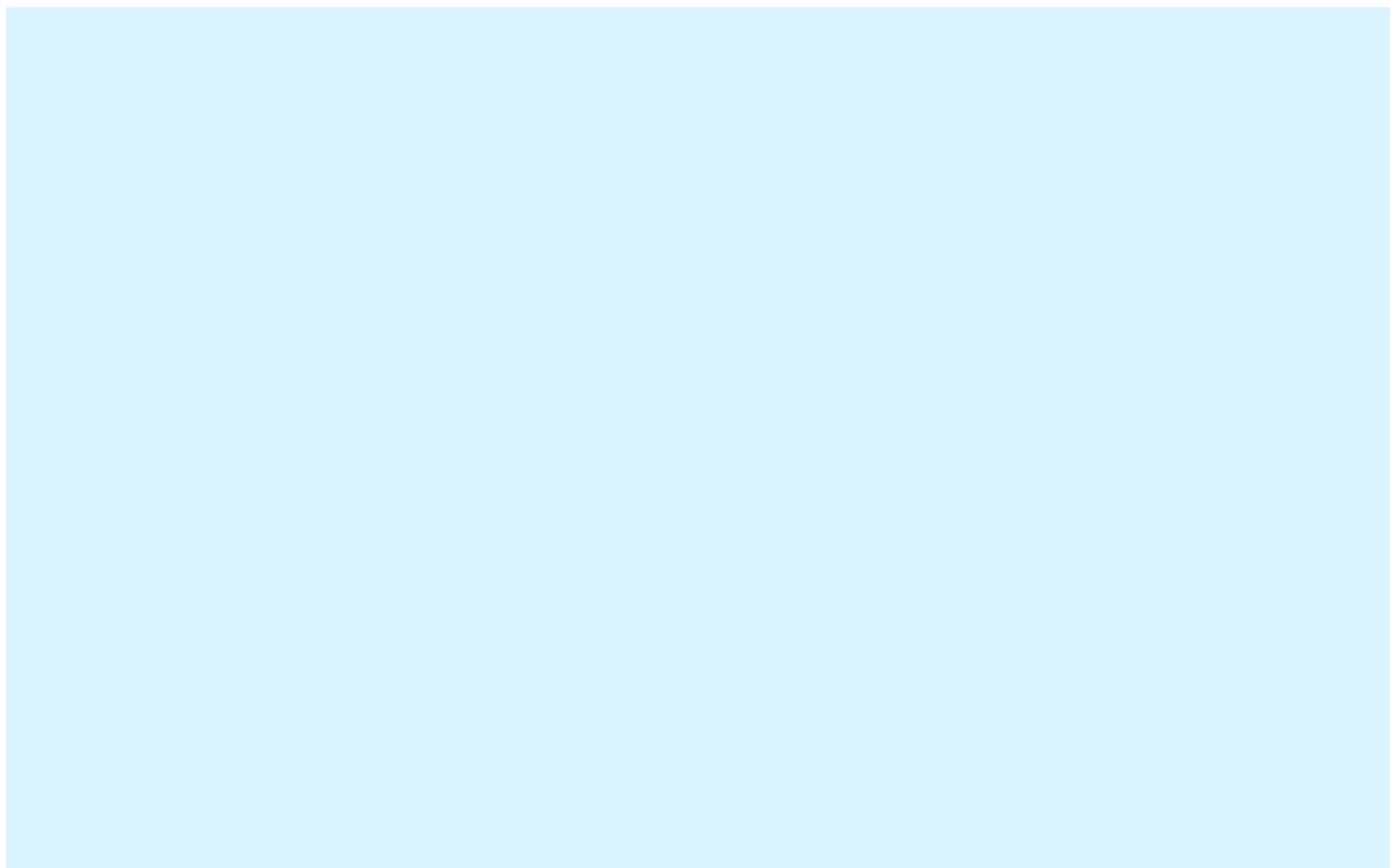


# Parshat Terumah

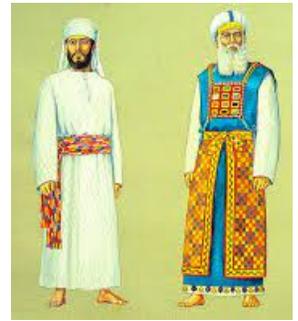


Instructions:

Color in the Mishkan above and try to draw your own below. After you are done with the picture, send it in to the office for a prize.



# Parshat Tetzaveh



Color and label the clothing of the Kohein and Kohein Gadol.  
Use the song hints below and word choices for help.



Word choices:

Michnasayim, Migba'at, Ketonet, avnet, michnefes, tzitz, meil, choshen, eifod

When I was in school, my teacher taught us a song to remember the items the Kohein and the Kohein Gadol wore. Until today, I still remember the song and what they wore!

To the tune of Lecha by Chevra

Michnasayim on their legs, migbaat on their heads, the ketonet was a very long shirt.  
Avnet wrapped around their waist, they did their work with haste. These are the clothing that  
the Kohein Hedyot wore. (x2)

Course: Stop, wait. There's something to add. Things that only, the Kohein Gadol had.

Michnefes and Tzitz on his head did rest.

Meil, choshen, eifod, know it for your test.

# Ki Tisa

K	T	W	A	M	O	S	H	E	A	H	U	L	N
G	L	H	I	A	L	R	O	H	T	G	U	O	A
O	L	I	Y	A	H	K	A	K	I	T	I	S	A
H	H	O	H	S	I	A	A	L	M	C	S	H	S
Y	A	H	W	L	I	A	S	E	S	N	H	O	W
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H	O	S	H	U	N	C	O	K	O	T	K	N	L
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S	I	E	D	H	M	H	O	O	N	O	L	H	R
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U	G	O	L	D	E	N	C	A	L	F	H	M	A

SHEKEL  
GOLDEN CALF  
LUCHOT  
GLOWING  
HAR SINAI  
MOSHE  
AHARON  
YEHOSHUA  
LAWS  
KI TISA  
HASHEM  
COUNTING

## Parshat Vayakel

Moshe makes an appeal for specific materials needed to build the mishkan: gold, silver, copper, dyed wool (purple, blue, crimson), olive oil, shittim wood, tachash skins, precious stones, fragrances, red rams skins, goats wool.

X the items that were not collected for the mishkan. Circle the ones that were.

