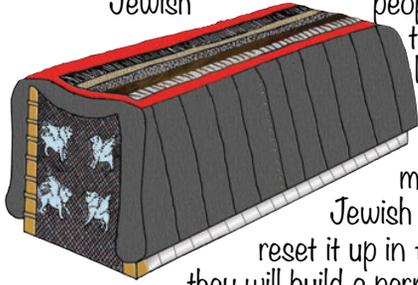




SOUTH HEAD YOUTH PARASHA SHEET

PARASHAT TERUMAH

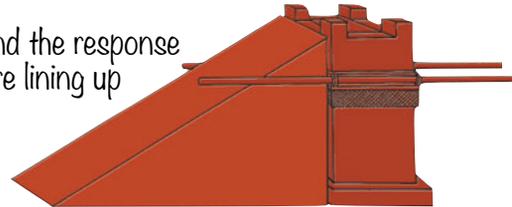
The Jewish people feel Hashem's energy wherever they go. They are still on a spiritual high from receiving the holy Torah from Hashem and they feel very close to Him. Hashem is also feeling a very strong connection to the Jewish people and so He tells Moshe that He wants the Jewish people to build a dwelling place for Him. For the next few decades, the Jewish people will be traveling in the desert and living in temporary homes. Each time the Jewish



people travel somewhere, they will need to pack up all their belongings and then reset up their homes in the new place in which Hashem tells them to settle. Hashem would also like to have a temporary home and He would like for it to be among the Jewish people; so He tells Moshe that He wants to 'dwell amongst the Jewish people'. He would like for the Jewish people to build Him this temporary home so that He can live in their midst. Hashem's home in the desert is going to be called the Mishkan. Every time the Jewish people move to a new camping ground they will need to pack up Hashem's home and reset it up in the new location. This will continue until the Jewish people finally arrive in Israel where they will build a permanent home, the Beit Hamikdash, for Hashem in Jerusalem.

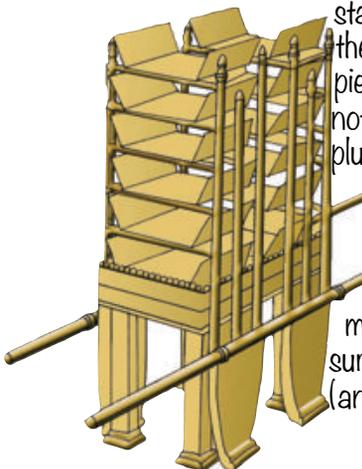
Now Hashem wants everyone to have a chance to partake in this great Mitzvah of building His Mishkan so He makes a rule: everyone and anyone in the Jewish nation is invited to donate materials and valuables for the building of His Mishkan. There's lots of different things that are going to be needed for the building of the Mishkan - gold, silver, copper, wool, linen, wood, oil, beautiful fabrics and many other materials too. But where do you think all these materials will come from? The Jewish people have only just left Egypt. They were slaves only a short while ago. How will the Jewish people have gold and silver, never mind the wool or linen? Well if you remember, when the Jewish people left Egypt, the Egyptians were only too happy to get rid of their Jewish slaves that they gave them lots of gold and silver. And if that wasn't enough gold and silver, the Jews acquired a lot more when Pharaoh's army and horses were drowned in the Red Sea. The horses were adorned with precious jewels and gems and Hashem made a miracle that when the horses drowned, all of these riches floated to the banks of the sea, so that the Jewish people could collect it all so they could use it now for the building of the Mishkan.

Moshe assigns fundraisers to collect the donations from all of the Jewish people and the response is incredible. Before you know it, lots and lots, in fact nearly all the Jewish people are lining up ready to donate their precious items for the building of the Mishkan.



While everyone is donating, Hashem shows Moshe all of the designs and blueprints for the Mishkan. Hashem tells Moshe that He wants the Mishkan to be divided into three different sections. There is the Chatzeir (Outer Courtyard), the Kodesh (Holy) and the Kodesh HaKadoshim (The Holy of Holies). The Chatzeir was open to all of the Levites, Priests and to any Jewish person who brought a gift or a Korban to the Mishkan. However, a Jewish person had to be pure in order to enter the Chatzeir. The Chatzeir was also the place where the Kiyor (washing basin for the Priests) and the big Mizbeach (altar) was kept. This was the altar on which the Jewish people would offer their animal sacrifices to Hashem. On the altar was a fire which burned throughout the day and night. The altar was made out of wood and covered in copper.

The Kodesh was home to three holy vessels. There was the Shulchan (Table), the Menorah and the Mizbeach Hazahov (gold altar). The Shulchan, literally translated as 'table' in Hebrew, was a table with twelve shelves, in two stacks of six. The shelves held twelve loaves of bread which the Kohanim (the priests) working in the Mishkan, would eat on Shabbat. The Menorah in the Mishkan was carved out of one solid piece of gold; it had fancy & detailed designs on the branches and the base. The Menorah was not like the Menorah which we light on Chanukah. The Menorah on Chanukah has eight branches plus the Shamash, whereas the Menorah in the Mishkan had seven branches. This Menorah was lit each and every evening. Only the Priests were permitted to enter Kodesh.



Inside of the Kodesh HaKadoshim was kept the holy Aron (the Ark). The Aron was assembled from three boxes, one inside the other. The outer and inner boxes were solid gold, and the middle box was solid wood. The boxes were covered with a golden lid, and an ornamental design surrounded the upper edge of the outermost box. On the lid of the Aron were two Keruvim (angels). When Hashem would speak to Moshe, His voice would come out from between the

Keruvim. If Hashem was happy with the Jewish people, the two Keruvim would face one another like two friends. However, when Hashem was upset with the Jewish people, the Keruvim would turn their backs towards each other. The Aron was also the home of the Luchot, the two Tablets that Hashem gave to the Jewish people. Only the Ark was allowed inside the Kodesh HaKadoshim. The Kodesh HaKadoshim was and is still so holy that no other vessels and definitely no people were allowed inside. The only person that was allowed to enter the Kodesh HaKadoshim was the Kohen Gadol (High Priest) and even he was only allowed inside once a year; on the the holiest day of the year, Yom Kippur. The Kodesh HaKadoshim was sealed off by a thick curtain called the Parochet, in order to ensure that nobody entered this very holy room.



Now I think there is a question which you might have... Hashem has told Moshe how to design the Mishkan right? And He has also told Moshe to make all of these vessels (the Shulchan, Mizbeach, Aron, Menorah, Mizbeach Hazahov and Kiyor), but He has not told Moshe how to make these vessels. How is Moshe supposed to make these vessels? He has never seen anything like them before! How is he supposed to know what they should look like? Here's your answer... Hashem shows Moshe a fiery vision and in this vision Hashem shows

Moshe what all the vessels are supposed to look like. He shows Moshe the dimensions, size, colour and all. Do you know that Hashem told Moshe that the Menorah is to be made out of one solid piece of gold!? You would think that it would be impossible to do right? Well it wasn't for Moshe because Hashem shows him exactly how to make it and how to carve it so that it can be made from just one piece of gold! Now that definitely is something awesome!



If you're thinking that we're finished talking about the building of the Mishkan, you're in for a nice surprise!! In next weeks Parasha you will be amazed when you read about all the other amazing parts and details of the Mishkan. Make sure you don't miss out!

Mission of the week: Kiss the Sefer Torah!

PARASHA QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of this week's Parasha?

This week's Parasha is Parashat Terumah.

2. What does Hashem want the Jewish people to build for Him?

Hashem wants the Jewish people to build a dwelling place for Him so that He can dwell amongst the Jewish people. This place is called the Mishkan.

3. How do we see that the Jewish people were so happy to donate for the Mishkan?

We can see that the Jewish people were happy to donate for the Mishkan because as soon as they were asked to donate, they quickly lined up with their gold, silver and materials in their hands ready to give it for the building of the Mishkan.

4. How many sections are there in the Mishkan? What are they called?

There are 3 sections in the Mishkan. They are called the Chatzeir (Outer Courtyard), Kodesh (Holy) and Kodesh Hakadoshim (Holy of Holies).

5. How many vessels are there in the Mishkan and what are the names of these vessels?

There are 6 vessels in the Mishkan. The Kiyor (Water Basin) and Mizbeach (Altar) are kept in the Outer Courtyard, the Shulchan (Table), Menorah and Golden Altar are kept in the Holy and the Ark is kept in the Holy of Holies.

6. How did Moshe know how to create all of these vessels?

Moshe knew how to create these vessels because Hashem showed him a fiery vision in which He detailed the size, colour, dimensions and looks of each vessel.

7. What is the holiest part of the Mishkan?

The holiest part of the Mishkan is the Kodesh HaKadoshim - Holy of Holies - No one is allowed inside except for the High Priest and he is only inside on Yom Kippur.

It was great seeing you in Shule!

We Hope you enjoy reading this Parasha Sheet and quizzing your family!

Shabbat Shalom from Brookie and the South Head Youth Crew

