



Kids Parsha packet

פ"ש לילדים

Parshat Tetzaveh

Last Week in Parshat Terumah:

Hashem commanded Bnei Yisrael to build a Mishkan as a house for God.

Who Will Work In The Mishkan

Who is responsible for cleaning, cooking, fixing, shopping, and everything else in your house? It's probably your parents. The children help out, of course, but it's really mostly the parents' responsibility. Every house

needs someone to be in charge. If no one takes charge, the result would probably be chaos. There would be no food to eat or clean clothes to wear and more... We learned that Bnei Yisrael are about to build the Mishkan - a house for Hashem. And just like any other house, someone has to take responsibility for the Mishkan. Who will light the Menorah? Who will prepare the lechem hapanim (the special bread)? Who will keep it clean? The Mishkan is Hashem's home. It is a very important place. People can't just do as they please in this important, holy place. You can't just come and go whenever you want to. Hashem decides that Aharon and his sons will have this job. They will be the ones responsible for maintaining the Mishkan and for performing all of the tasks that must be done there.

"ואתה הקרב אליך
את אהרן אחיך
ואת בניו אתו
גיתוך בני ישראל
לכהנו לי"
(כ"ח, א')

"And you,
bring near
to yourself
Aaron your
brother, and
his sons with
him, from
among the
Children of
Israel, so that
he shall be a
Kohen
to Me"
(28, 1)



Activity

"Who is responsible?" – Talk about what everyone in the family is responsible for (and if some people don't have jobs, it's time to assign them....).

The clothes make all the difference

On special occasions like your birthday or when you go to a wedding, you choose your nicest and most special clothing, right? Do you remember why the Mishkan was built? To honor Hashem! The Mishkan is an important place, a place to connect with Hashem. Sometimes our clothes help us to remember where we are and how we are expected to behave. Moshe gets detailed instructions about the clothes that the Kohanim will wear while working in the Mishkan. The Kohen may not work in the Mishkan if he is not wearing his special clothes. The Kohanim wear pants, ktonet (robe), avneit (belt), and migba't (hat), all in white. Aharon, Moshe's brother, receives a very important job. He will be the Kohen Gadol, the high priest that works closest to Hashem. If you were standing next to an important person, how would you know? Maybe by noticing the special clothing that he wears, that other people don't have? Aharon wears additional garments so that he stands out as the Kohen Gadol. He has special clothes that are colorful and decorated, in addition to the white clothing that all Kohanim wear. He wears a golden ephod, the choshen (breastplate) embedded with precious stones, me'il (cloak) adorned with bells and pomegranates, and the mitznefet (hat) with its golden thread.



"ועשית בגדי קדש
לאהרן אחיך
לכבוד ולתפארת"
(כ"ח, ב')

"You shall make
garments of
sanctity for
Aaron your
brother, for
glory and for
splendor."
(28,2)



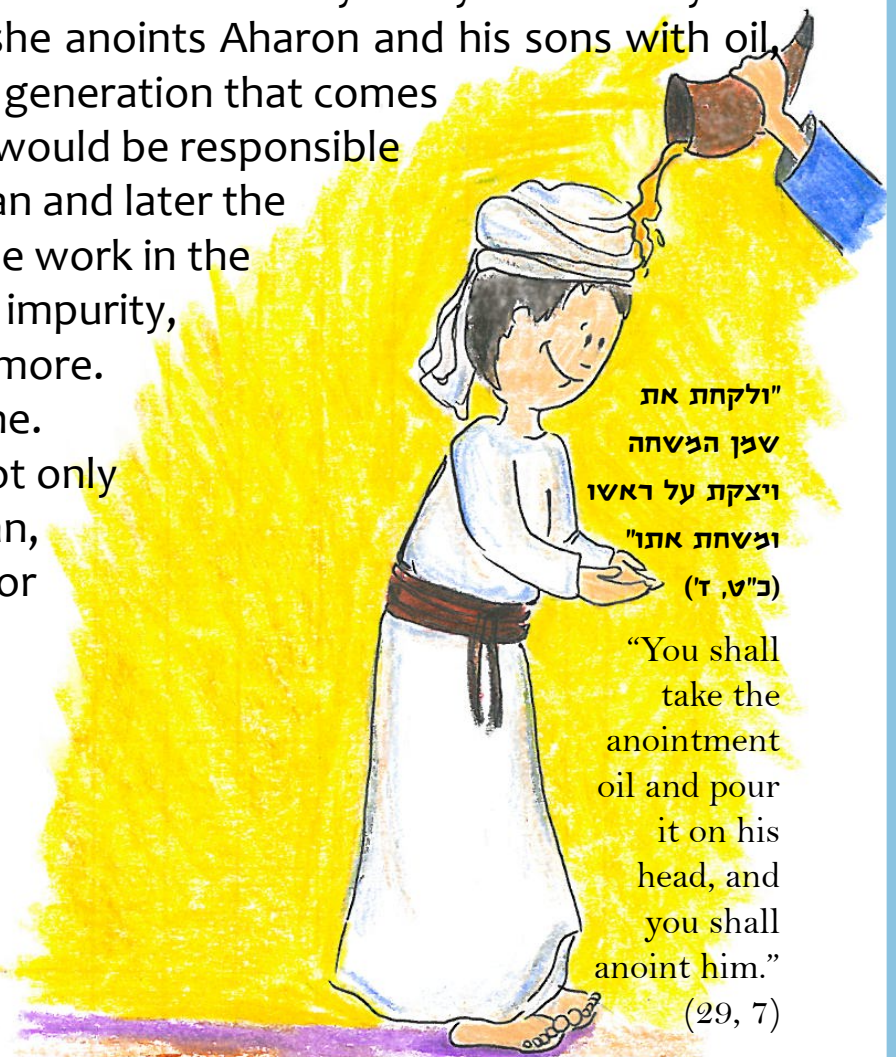
Does it take you a long time to choose clothes for school or for Shabbat?

Activity

"Who is the grandest of them all?" – Every person chooses their nicest and most special clothing, and decides who looks "the grandest".

Responsibility for Generations

Have you ever been responsible for cleaning your living room? Usually, once you finish cleaning the living room, it's no longer your responsibility to keep it clean, right? Everyone in the house has to make sure it is kept neat. The next time it gets messy, someone else might be responsible to clean up. In the Mishkan it was different. Aharon and his sons were responsible for maintaining the Mishkan and performing the various tasks. But this assignment did not end with Aharon and his sons. This responsibility remains in Aharon's family for generation after generation. Only descendants' of Aharon and his sons can work in the Mishkan. Why? Why can't everyone work in the Mishkan? Moshe anoints Aharon and his sons with oil, and that meant that every generation that comes after Aharon and his sons would be responsible for maintaining the Mishkan and later the Beit Hamikdash as well. The work in the Mishkan requires avoiding impurity, abstaining from wine and more. This task is not for everyone. Aharon and his sons are not only responsible for the Mishkan, they are also responsible for making sure that they themselves always remain pure and holy so that they can work in the Mishkan.



"ולקחת את
שמן המשחה
ויצקת על ראשו
ובשחת אתו"
(כ"ט, ד')

"You shall
take the
anointment
oil and pour
it on his
head, and
you shall
anoint him."
(29, 7)



Do you know someone whose last name is Cohen?

Activity

"From generation to generation"- Talk about things that have been passed down from the older generation to the younger generation, and from one sibling to another (similar faces, similar habits, traits, etc.).

An Especially Pleasant Smell

What is more pleasant, good smells or bad smells? We all prefer good smells, of course! And the Mishkan should smell nice too. Do you remember that we learned about the Shulchan (table) and the Menorah, that make the Mishkan feel like home? There is another vessel, the Mizbe'ach Ha'Ketoret (Alter of Incense), also known as the Mizbe'ach Ha'Zahav (Alter of Gold). Ketoret means incense. The Kohen Gadol takes a mixture of aromatic herbs and burns them on the alter. The smoke from the herbs gives the Mishkan a pleasant smell. The Kohen Gadol prepares this incense every morning and evening so that the Mishkan smells nice all of the time. It is important to remember that the ketoret is only prepared from the herbs that Hashem commanded and may not be prepared in any other way. Besides for the good smell that comes from burning the aromatic herbs, the ketoret also creates smoke that spreads through the Mishkan. The smoke reminds the Kohanim and Bnei Yisrael of the great smoke at Har Sinai when Hashem gave them the Torah. The smoke constantly reminds everyone that the Mishkan is the house of Hashem, and therefore you must be respectful and obey Hashem's commandments. The smoke also reminds us how close Hashem is to us...



Activity

“The best sense of smell” – Close your eyes. One family member passes around different things, and everyone tries to guess what they are just by smelling them.

Next Week In Parshat Ki Tisa...

We'll see what happens when Bnei Yisrael can no longer wait for Moshe to come down from Har Sinai.

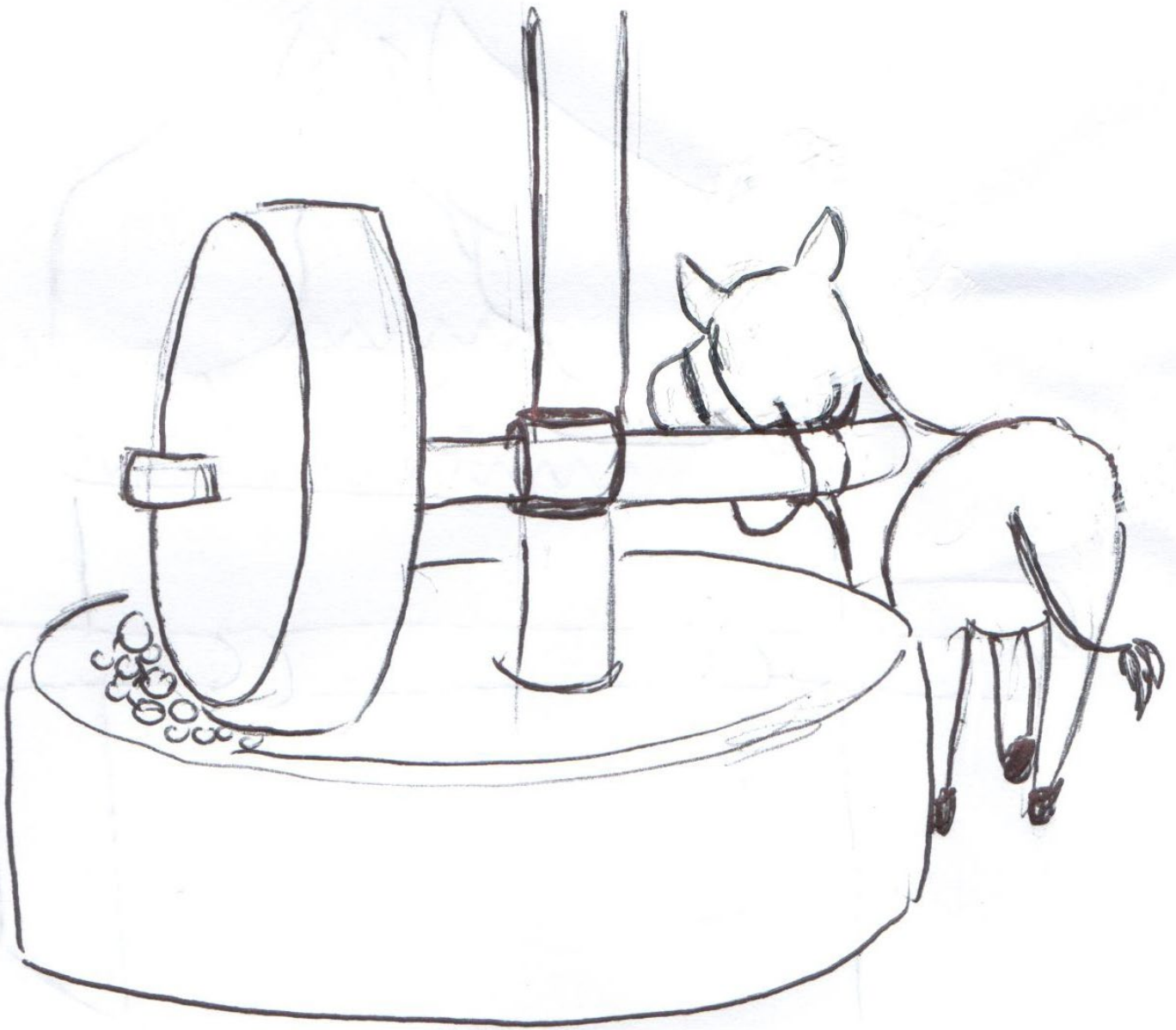
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