



Kids Parsha Packet

פִּשְׁט לילדים

Parshat Pekudei

Last week in Parshat Vayakhel:
Preparations are underway to build the Mishkan.

Let's get organized

Remember the Trumot (donations) that Bnei Yisrael brought for the Mishkan? Before beginning to prepare the Mishkan and its vessels, the builders looked through all of the donations that they received and sorted them by material: gold, silver, copper, fabrics, etc. They also counted how much they received of each type of material. Why was it so important to sort and count everything? Have you ever made a cake? In order for your cake to taste good, you need the right amounts of each ingredient. Hashem explains to Moshe how to build the Mishkan and what each vessel should look like. This is a very precise job. Sorting and counting the donations help the builders be organized. They

know exactly where to find each item and how much material is available for each and every vessel that they build.



"אלה פקודי המשכן גשן
העדת אשר פקד על פי גשה"
(ל"ח, כ"א)

"These are the accountings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of the testimony, which were counted at the word of Moses;" (38.21)



Are you organized?

Activity

"Inventory checking" – Check which item you have the most of in your house – books, vessels, toys, etc.

One, two, three, go!

The builders have all of the donations that were brought by Bnei Yisrael. They have sorted them, counted them and organized everything. What's next? The main job is still ahead of us. We have to build the Mishkan, its vessels, and prepare clothes for the Kohanim. In last week's parsha and the beginning of this one, the Torah describes how Bezalel ben Ori and Oholiav ben Achisamach did everything exactly as Hashem commanded Moshe.

Remember what has to be built? The aron, menorah, shulchan, mizbe'ach haketoret, mizbe'ach hanechoset, kiyyor, the courtyard, Mishkan coverings, clothes for the Kohanim, and more. The work took a long time but finally everything was ready.

"All of the work of the Mishkan, the tent of Meeting, was completed, and the Children of Israel did like all Hashem had commanded Moses, so did they do."
(39,38)

"ותכל כל עבדת
גשכן אהל מועד
ויעשו בני ישראל ככל אשר צוה ה'
את גשה כן עשו" (ל"ט, ל"ב)



Have you ever worked to build something that took a long time?

Activity

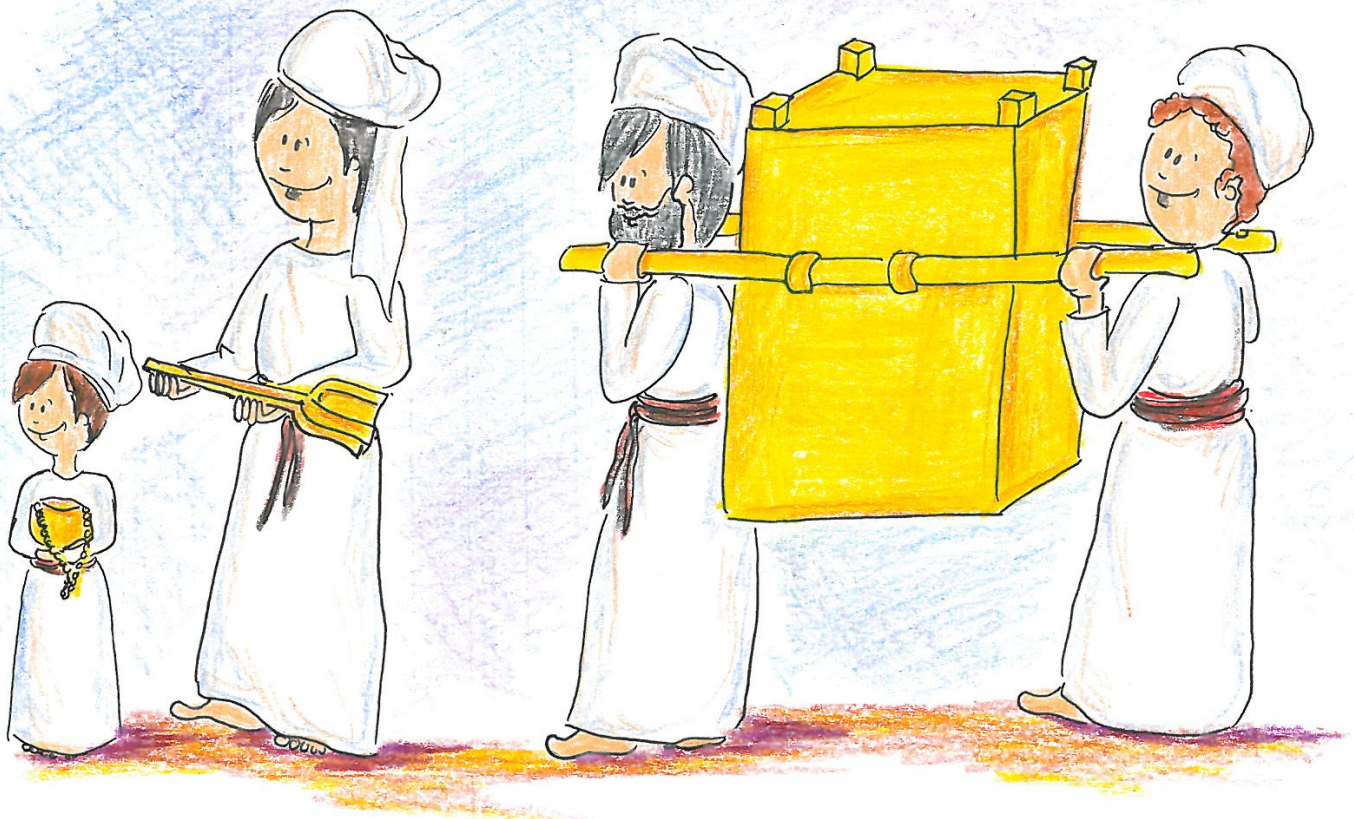
Builders – each builder uses Lego/blocks (or anything else) to build any structure that you decide (a tower, house, barn, etc.). See how long it takes each person to build their structure.

Everything's ready now

Once the vessels and the Mishkan were ready, the builders present everything to Moshe. God tells Moshe that on the first day of the month of Nissan (Rosh Chodesh) he must erect the Mishkan. All of the preparations that we learned about over the last few weeks have come to an end. Moshe must place each vessel in its proper place, assemble the parts of the Mishkan, dress the Kohanim in their special clothes, and anoint them with oil to qualify them for their work in the Mishkan. The Torah elaborates and describes in great detail how Moshe did everything as Hashem commanded. Have you noticed that we have been learning about the Mishkan throughout the last four parshot? The Torah tells use which vessels will be placed in the Mishkan, how to build them, and where to put them. Then it describes how to build them, what Moshe must do and how he does it. What can we learn from them? We learn that when we are given an assignment, it is important to carry out every detail, from beginning to end.

"And they brought the Mishkan to Moses, the tent and all it implements."
(39,33)

"ויביאו את המשכן אל משה
את האהל ואת כל כליו"
(ל"ט, ל"ג)



Have you ever started something that you did not finish?

Completing the construction of the Mishkan

Moshe finishes building the Mishkan and placing all of the vessels inside of it. Then a cloud comes down and covers the Mishkan. Why do you think a cloud appears? Remember the great cloud that appeared at Har Sinai when we received the Torah? We cannot see Hashem, so when he wants to reveal himself to Moshe and Bnei Yisrael, he does it through a cloud. This shows that the Mishkan was built and established exactly how Hashem commanded. Hashem is satisfied with the work that was done, and covers the Mishkan with a cloud to make it his home. The cloud has another job as well. It tells Bnei Yisrael when to travel in the desert and when to rest. Whenever the cloud rises up over the Mishkan, Bnei Yisrael know that it is time to move on. As long as the cloud remains on the Mishkan and does not rise, they will remain in place.

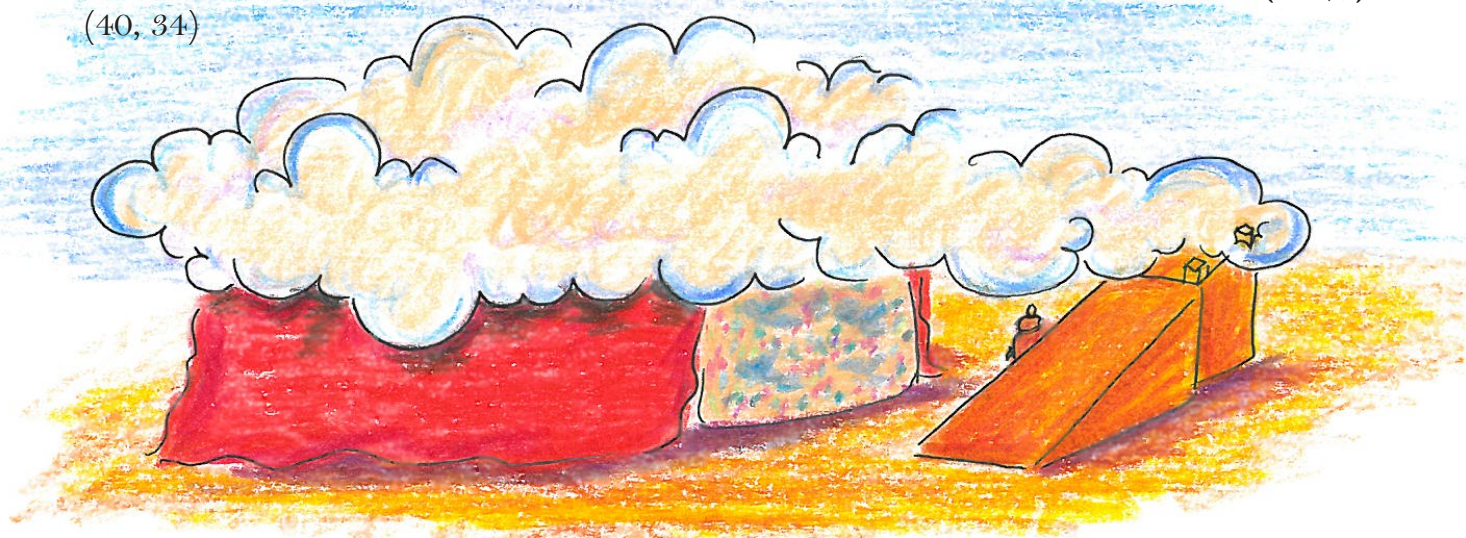
“The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Hashem filled the Mishkan.”

(40, 34)

“ויכס הענן את אהל מועד

וכבוד ה' גלא את המשכן”

(צ"ל, ד)



חזק חזק ונתחזק!

Activity

Stop and Go – One person calls out the instructions. When that person says ‘stop’, everyone else moves around. When he says ‘go’ everyone must stop. See who is the last person to get mixed up. (You can add your own confusing instructions as well).

Next Week In Parshat Vayikra...

We will start a new book and we will learn about the sacrifices in the Mishkan.

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