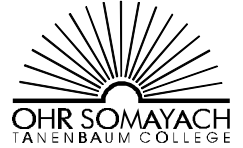


Parsha Q&A



Parshas Pekudei

For the week ending 6 Adar II 5757
14 & 15 March 1997

This issue is sponsored Herschel Kulefsky, Attorney at Law, 15 Park Row, New York, NY 10038, 1-212-693-1671

Parsha Questions

1. Why is the word *Mishkan* stated twice in verse 38:21?
2. Why is the *Mishkan* called the "Mishkan of testimony"?
3. Who was appointed to carry the vessels of the *Mishkan* in the *midbar*?
4. Who was the officer in charge of the *Levi'im*?
5. What is the meaning of the name *Betzalel*?
6. How many people contributed a half-shekel to the *Mishkan*? Who contributed?
7. Which material used in the *Bigdei Kehuna* was not used in the coverings of the sacred vessels?
8. How were the gold threads made?
9. What was inscribed on the stones on the shoulders of the *Ephod*?
10. What was on the hem of the *Me'il*?
11. What did the *Kohen Gadol* wear between the *Mitznefes* and the *Tzitzit*?
12. What role did Moshe play in the construction of the *Mishkan*?
13. Which date was the first time that the *Mishkan* was erected and not dismantled?
14. What was the "tent" which Moshe spread over the *Mishkan* (40:19)?
15. What "testimony" did Moshe place in the *Aron*?
16. What function did the *Paroches* serve?
17. Where was the *Shulchan* placed in the *Mishkan*?
18. Where was the *Menorah* placed in the *Mishkan*?
19. Who offered the communal sacrifices during the eight days of the dedication of the *Mishkan*?
20. On which day did both Moshe and Aharon serve as *Kohanim*?

Bonus

Q:

"And the 100 silver kikar were melted for the (100) sockets... one kikar per socket...and the (remaining) 1775 shekelim were fashioned into hooks..." (38:27)

Why does the Torah specify exactly what was done with the silver, whereas the Torah is not as specific regarding the gold?

I Did Not Know That!

The words "as Hashem commanded" appear 18 times regarding the *Mishkan's* construction. The Sages instituted 18 blessings in the *Shemone Esrei* prayer to correspond to these 18 commands. Today, when we have no *Beis Hamikdash*, the 18 blessings of the *Shemone Esrei* substitute for the sacrifices offered in the *Mishkan*.

Vayikra Rabba 1:18 [thanks to Rabbi Sholem Fishbane]

Prepared by Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, Israel

©1997 Ohr Somayach International - All rights reserved.

22 Shimon Hatzadik Street, POB 18103, Jerusalem Israel

☎ 972-2-581-0315

fax: 972-2-581-2890

✉ ohr@virtual.co.il

38 East 29th Street 8th floor, New York, NY 10016, USA

☎ 1-212-213-3100

fax: 1-212-213-8717

✉ RZCorlin@aol.com or estern@Aol.com

613 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, Ontario L4J 5V3, Canada

☎ 1-905-886-5730

fax: 1-905-886-6065

✉ Somayach@MSN.com

Dedication opportunities are available for Parsha Q&A — Please contact us for details.

Parshas Pekudei — 6 Adar II 5757, 14 & 15 March 1997

Written and Compiled by Rabbi Reuven Subar

General Editor: Rabbi Moshe Newman

Production Design: Lev Seltzer ☞☐

Recommended Reading List

Ramban

38:22 Betzalel's Genius
40:2 Timetable of the *Yemei Milu'im*

Ibn Ezra

38:11 Sunshine and Rain
40:35 Covering the *Aron*

Sforno

40:18 Essence of the *Mishkan*

Ba'al HaTurim

39:27 Storage of the Garments

Aderes Eliyahu

39:33 The World of the *Mishkan*

Answers to this Week's Questions

All references are to the verses and Rashi's commentary, unless otherwise stated

1. 38:21 - To allude to the *Beis Hamikdash* that would twice be taken as a "*mashkon*" (pledge) for the sins of the Jewish People until the nation repents.
2. 38:21 - It was testimony for the Jewish People that Hashem forgave them for the golden calf and allowed His *Shechina* to dwell among them.
3. 38:21 - The *Levi'im*.
4. 38:21 - Isamar ben Aharon.
5. 38:22 - "In the shadow of G-d."
6. 38:26 - 603,550. Every man age twenty and over (except the *Levi'im*).
7. 39:1 - Linen. (See Rashi 31:10).
8. 39:3 - The gold was beaten into thin plates from which threads were cut. (See Rashi 28:6).
9. 39:6, 39:7 - The names of the tribes.
10. 39:24,25 - Woven pomegranates and golden bells.
11. 39:31 - *Tefillin*.
12. 39:33 - He stood it up.
13. 40:17 - *Rosh Chodesh Nissan* of the second year in the *Midbar*. For seven days before this, during the consecration of Aharon and his sons, Moshe erected and dismantled the *Mishkan*. (Rashi 39:29)
14. 40:19 - The curtain of goat-skin.
15. 40:20 - The *Luchos HaBris*.
16. 40:21 - It served as a partition for the *Aron*.
17. 40:22 - On the northern side of the "*Ohel Mo'ed*," outside the "*Paroches*."
18. 40:24 - On the southern side of the "*Ohel Mo'ed*" opposite the "*Shulchan*."
19. 40:29 - Moshe.
20. 40:31 - On the eighth day of the consecration of the *Mishkan*.

Bonus

A:

Because everyone gave exactly half of a silver shekel, the total amount of silver was public knowledge. Therefore, the more relevant question regarding the silver was "How was it used?" The gold, however, had been a free will offering, each person giving as much as he wanted. Therefore, the most relevant question regarding the gold was "How much was donated."

*Ahavas Yonasan
(thanks to Rabbi Sholem Fishbane)*