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SHABBAT PARAH**

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Kiddush: The Kiddush this week is being sponsored by the **Mario Goldgorin** in memory of his father **Meir**. Good Shabbas!

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In Memory of

Remembered by

Meir Goldgorin
Ralph Weintraub
William Stern
Max Friend
Erna Friend

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Marion Sheppard
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Tribute Cards

You can remember your loved ones with tribute cards for all occasions: Births, Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, Get Wells, Retirements, and Condolences, etc., etc. Remember besides giving a donation in honor of, in memory of, or for the good health of someone you know or love, you will also be helping out the Temple with your contributions. Please call Marion Sheppard with your tribute wishes at her home, (323) 938 1334.

Our continued Thoughts and Prayers go out to Lena Levy, David Moss, , Florence Chest Leslie Steiner, Gary Stamler, Anne Davine, , Grace Peshkin, John Beber, Marlene Kamienny, Faye Schecter, Michael & Gail Gerber, Arlene Epstein, and Barry Schoer. May they continue on the Road to Recovery. May they all have a Refuah Shlayma.

We remember those who have departed during the past year, whose names are inscribed on the memorial plaques in the Steinman Chapel and in the Sanctuary, and /or in our Hearts.

Barry Bass
Rose Rockmaker
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Joy Sharp
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Lights will be kindled this week on the occasion of the Yahrtzeit:

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**Parashat Vayakel
Exodus - Shemoth (35.1-38.20)**

After the golden calf and breaking the stone tablets of God's Ten Commandments Moses returns to Mt. Sinai for another 40 days and 40 nights. Moses brought down a second set of stone tablets with The Ten Commandments. Moses gathered the Israelites to share all that God had commanded. Moses began, "God commands a holy Sabbath. Six days you shall work but on the seventh day no-one may work. Whoever works on the Sabbath shall be put to death. You shall create no fire on the Sabbath day."

Moses continued, "This is what God has commanded. Everyone moved by his or her heart to donate to God shall bring gifts for the Sanctuary. These gifts can be gold or silver, wool or linen, wood or oil, spices or stones, anything to make the Sanctuary more glorious. Let everyone with talent and skills help make this Sanctuary and everything it." Right away the whole Israelite community went to find gifts. Men and women, brought these gifts and worked together to build the Sanctuary, the Tent of Appointed Meeting with God.

Moses then said, "God has called out by name Bezalel and Oholiab and filled them with the spirit of God and the knowledge and talent to

craft this Tent of Appointed Meeting. God has given Bezalel and Oholiab the ability to teach each of you how to use your best skills to help make the Sanctuary." Moses gave the gifts from the Hebrews to Bezalel and Oholiab and they begin to lovingly craft the holy Sanctuary according to God's specific instructions. The Israelites, of their own free will, continued to bring gifts for the sanctuary until Moses said stop.

Here is how The Tent of Appointed Meeting with God is made. The Tabernacle is made of fine twisted linen cloth with an angel design with a roof of goat's hair. Its sides are made of acacia wood covered with gold. Its curtains are made of blue, purple and red cloth also with an angel design. Bezalel then makes the Ark with wood covered completely with gold. The Ark's cover has two angels looking at each other with their wings spread out over the Ark to protect it. Bezalel also makes all the utensils for the Ark out of gold. He makes the incense altar too and prepares sacred anointing oil and incense. He makes the burnt offering Altar with its special utensils made out of copper. Bezalel then hangs curtains of finely twisted blue, purple and red linen for the Tent of Appointed Meeting with God.

Questions: 1) How do you rest on Shabbat? 2) What kind of gifts do you offer God? As a giver of gifts to God (or to humans), do you give the exact amount, a little more or a little less? 3) What is the meaning of so much gold in the Sanctuary?

Illustration ideas: The Israelites bringing gifts...men and women working together on the Sanctuary... any part of the Tent of Appointed Meeting, ark, tabernacle, curtains etc...the angels on the Ark cover...

**Parashat Pekude
Exodus - Shemoth (38.21-40.38)**

After the people are inspired to bring gifts to make the holy Sanctuary for God, Moses appoints Bezalel and Oholiab to direct the crafting of The Tent of Appointed Meeting, including the Tabernacle, the Ark and all the utensils and altars. The sacred garments for the priests officiating in the Sanctuary are also made. Aaron, the High Priest, has extra special clothing. Aaron's breastplate is made with twelve stones to represent the tribes of Israel and his robe is woven with blue linen and has bells of pure gold. All of the priests wear a pure gold headplate that says, 'Holy to God'.

All the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting is now complete just as the Lord commanded Moses. The Israelites bring the Tabernacle and everything within it to Moses. When Moses saw the good work of the people, Moses blessed them.

The Lord said to Moses, "On the first day of the month you shall set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting and all that is within it. You shall take the anointing oil and anoint the Tabernacle and all its contents so that it shall be holy. You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to wash and put on the priestly clothing. You shall anoint them so that they may serve Me." Moses did as God commanded.

In the first month of the second year the Tabernacle was set up according to God's instructions. Moses screened off the Ark of the Pact, placed the table in the Tent of Appointed Meeting, and set bread before the Lord. He placed the lampstand in the Tent of Appointed Meeting and lit it before the Lord. He placed the gold altar in the Tent of Appointed Meeting and burned sweet smelling incense. He put up a colorful screen for the entrance of the Tabernacle and put there the Altar of burnt offerings. Moses then offered God the burnt offering and the meal offering. He also placed a bucket between the Tent of Meeting and the

Altar so the priests could wash before entering this holy place.

When Moses finished anointing the Tent of Appointed Meeting, a cloud covered it and the Presence of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because of the cloud and the Presence of the Lord. When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites were told to travel toward the Promised Land. If the cloud did not lift, they were not to travel. Moses and all of the Israelites could see the cloud of the Lord resting over the Tabernacle by day and by fire at night.

Questions: 1) Where would you put 'Holy To The Lord' on your body? 2) How do you know when the Presence of the Lord fills a Sanctuary? 3) What can clouds teach us about God? 3) What can fire teach us about God?

Illustration ideas: The finished Tent of Appointed Meeting... the priests in their special clothing... Moses anointing the Tent of Appointed Meeting...the Presence of the Lord filling the Tabernacle. The cloud/fire..

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