

In this week's parashah, Vayak'hel, the community of Israel carries out God's instructions for building the mishkan, God's portable home on earth. Moshe begins by calling on everyone with a willing heart to contribute materials for the project. "Take from yourselves an offering for God."

Moshe could have simply said "Take an offering." Why did he add "from yourselves"? According to the Slonimer Rebbe, Moshe meant to teach that the most important part of any gift is the part of ourselves that goes with it. The Talmud teaches that "God wants the heart." It is when we give of ourselves that we feel most deeply that our lives have meaning and purpose.

We are also introduced to the seriousness of Shabbat in this week's Parshah in which we are told those who violate the laws will be put to death. This idea was made explicit at the beginning of this week's Torah portion. Most of the portion deals with a major project, the building of a tabernacle as a center of worship to be carried through the wilderness. But before work can be done on this project, Moses gathers the entire people together and orders them to do no matter of work on the Sabbath. There are six days to do and one day simply to be. The Israelites need to work and then to stop and rest.

The Rabbis of the Talmud learned a powerful lesson from the juxtaposition of building the tabernacle and resting on Shabbat. What was forbidden on the Sabbath was precisely the work necessary for the building of the tabernacle. The Rabbis laid out 39 categories of work forbidden on Shabbat. They themselves admitted the Shabbat laws were like a mountain hanging by a hair, a multitude of laws with little Biblical support (Mishnah Hagigah 1:8). But the Rabbis knew what they were doing. They wanted to overcome the natural human tendency to constantly transform the world, to constantly be doing. Even if we are building a tabernacle for God, once a week we have to stop and simply be.

Lets learn and experience Shabbat together as we prepare for the purim in the coming weeks.



Iris Johnson 02/27/2022 Sunday  
Diane Freilich 03/02/2022 Wednesday



Elaine Schwartz/Glaser 03/01/2022 Tuesday  
Myron & Shoshana 03/04/2022 Friday  
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The deadline to order Purim Baskets is  
February 28th



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## Rabbi Jeffery Lipschultz Saturday Morning Services Services 9:30 a.m.

Parashat Vayakhel/פרשת ויקהל

Read on 26 February 2022 / 25 Adar I 5782.

1: 36:20 - 30 · P 377 - 378

2: 36:31 - 38 · P 378

3: 37:01 - 16 · P 379

4: 37:17 - 24 · P 379 - 380

5: 37:25 - 29 · P 380

6: 38:01 - 08 · P 380 - 381

7: 38:09 - 20 · P 381

Maf:38:11 - 16 · P 381

Haftarah: I Kings 7: 40-50 \* P382

***Mi Shebeirach, by Debbie Friedman***

***Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu  
May the source of strength  
Who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage  
To make our lives a blessing,  
And let us say, Amen***

***Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu  
Bless those in need of healing  
With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma  
The renewal of body,  
The renewal of spirit  
And let us say,  
Amen***

**The following Yahrzeits will be observed during this week.**

2/27/2022	Adar I 26	Nathan Auerbach	Brother	Gloria Greenberg
2/28/2022	Adar I 27	Gabriella Farkas	Mother	Gyorgyi Rosenthal
2/28/2022	Adar I 27	Lillian Friedman	Mother	Sharon Rothzeit
2/28/2022	Adar I 27	Milton Rothschild	Father	Jamie Rothschild

**Prayer for healing**

We pray for a speedy recovery of body and spirit for the following loved ones and members of our community.

Evelyn Schultz, Richard Wasserman, James Clapp, Herb Leibowitz, Rhoda Lessner, Gloria Greenberg, Shlomo Ben Channah, Joan Karlin, Charlie Tarnor, Marty Hamer, Shelly Roberts, Sheldon Koven, Lorraine Silverman, Lorre Wyatt, Cheryl Bookman, Robert Summer, Bert and Lola Atlansky, Elaine Schwartz, Harry and Barbara Newman, Irving Schweizer, Maxine Popolow, Phillip Kanter, Ellen Bogolub, Edward Schwartz, Baruch Ben Chanah Rachel, Jamie Joseph, and Mindel Bayla bat Leah, and Neil Johnson.

**May their memory be a blessing.**

**יהי זכרם ברוך.**