



פרשיות ויקהל/פקודי Table Talk



We learn about the creation of the Mishkan in Parshiot Vayakhel and Pekudei. There are several parallels between the creation of the world and the creation of the Mishkan.

בראשית א'-ב'	שמות ל"ט - מ'
וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהִנֵּה-טוֹב מְאֹד And Hashem saw all that He had made, and found it very good.	וַיֵּרָא מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-הַמְּלָאכָה וְהִנֵּה עָשׂוּ אֹתָהּ כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' בְּן עֲשׂוֹ And when Moses saw that they had performed all the tasks—as the Hashem had commanded, so they had done
וַיֵּכֶלּוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל-צָבָאָם The heaven and the earth were finished, and all their array.	וַתֵּכֶל כָּל-עֲבֹדַת מִשְׁכַּן אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד Thus was completed all the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.
וַיֵּכֶל אֱלֹהִים... מְלֹאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה Hashem finished the work that He had been doing	וַתֵּכֶל כָּל-עֲבֹדַת מִשְׁכַּן אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד Thus was completed all the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. The Israelites did so; just as the Hashem had commanded Moses, so they did.
וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים And Hashem blessed	וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם מֹשֶׁה And Moses blessed them.
וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ and declared it holy	וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ and make it holy

We imitate Hashem by creating, just as Hashem created the world, we create holy spaces. Bereshit begins with Hashem creating the universe as a home for humankind. Shemot ends with human beings, the Bnei Yisrael, creating the Mishkan as a home for Hashem. To put it simply: *chol* is the space Hashem makes for humankind and *Kodesh* is the space humankind makes for Hashem.

(The Lord Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Sacks)

Let's Talk!

How do we make a space holy?

What are holy places you go to? How can you tell that they are holy?

Where is the holiest place you have ever been to? How did it feel to go there?

Hashem made us the world as our home, how do we create a home for Hashem?

