

Parshas Vayakhel - March 21, 2025 - 21 Adar 5785 - Candlelighting: 6:35 PM / 7:31 PM

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monday, April 7:** End of Third Quarter, Critical Day
- **Tuesday, April 8 - Monday, April 21:** Pesach Break - No School
- **Tuesday, April 22:** School Resumes, 9 am Class Starts

MAZAL TOVS:

- Mazal Tov to Sarah (12th Grade) and Miriam (9th Grade) Streicher on the Bar Mitzvah of their brother, Yosef!
- Mazal Tov to Morah Elisheva Goldberger (class of '19) on her marriage to Moshe Landesman!

ALL THE HOSTAGES

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ARE IN OUR HEARTS & TEFILOS.

PLEASE CONSIDER SAYING PEREK 140 OF TEHILLIM AS A ZECHUS FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS.

2025 - 2026 Enrollment Timeline:
Parents, please see the March 10 communication from Mrs. Simons or on our website (Parents > Information tab) for more details.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

The Torah tells us that Moshe Rabeinu spoke to Bnei Yisrael and requested that they bring gifts of various precious materials in order to build the Mishkan.

"כל נדיב לבו יביאה את תרומות לד זהב, כסף ונחושת ותכלת וארמן" Everyone who would like to give should bring gold, silver, copper, sky-blue wool, red wool etc.

In the same paragraph where Moshe asks for gifts to build the Mishkan, he requested that "כל חכם לב" come and build the Mishkan. What is meant by the words, "חכם לב"? Literally, it means: a person with a wise heart. The Abarbanel explains several interesting things regarding how he understands what a *חכם לב* is.

First he explains that the term *חכם לב* is referring someone whose heart's desire is involved in making a particular part of the Mishkan. Even if he or she is not an expert artisan. Moshe Rabeinu was not necessarily looking for outstanding craftsmen and women. Rather he was searching for individuals who had a deep yearning to participate in putting together the Mishkan.

Second, the Abarbanel points out that this deep desire to participate in the building of the Mishkan is itself considered an offering to HaShem. In other words, Abarbanel teaches that being a volunteer to build the Mishkan was as good as giving gold or silver or any other precious material to build the vessels of the Mishkan.

The implication of the Abarbanel is that what was most important in building the Mishkan was a person's desire to be involved in making an abode for the Shechina in this world. Even if a person might not have been trained or did not have natural artistic talents if he or she was sincerely and profoundly interested in serving Hashem the result would be that HaShem would give them the ability to produce vessels worthy of "containing" the Presence of HaShem in this world.

We know that each of us is considered a *מִשְׁכָן מַעַן*, a miniature sanctuary, where HaShem can reside. We hope and pray that we will each work sincerely toward enhancing our desire to serve HaShem and that He will give us the strength and ability to succeed.

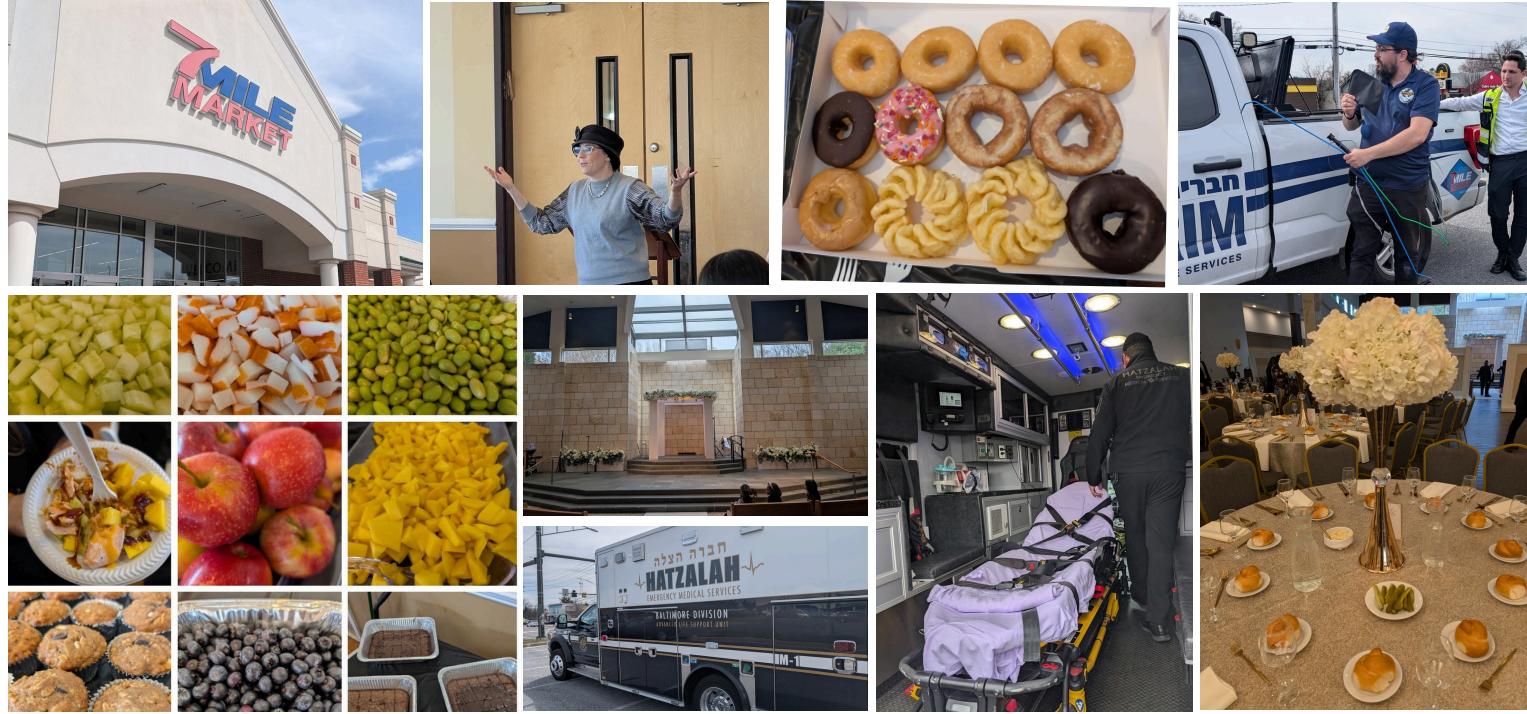
Good Shabbos to All!

Rabbi Shapiro

This Week at a Glance:

SIMCHA RETREAT - PLANES, TRAINS, & AUTOMOBILES!

Temima goes to Baltimore for our Simcha retreat culminating in Morah Shevy's wedding!



- Thank you to Mrs. Pransky, Mrs. Ribakow, Mrs. Meth, and Mrs. Schuck for all your planning and arranging to make this retreat so meaningful and memorable!
- Thank you to our chaperones, Mrs. Birnbaum, Mrs. Lipschutz, Mrs. Nagla, Bas-sheva Alterman, and Tova Gerchikov, for traveling with us and staying up very, very late! :)

Thank you to ALL of our amazing alumnae residing in Baltimore for all your help baking, chopping, shopping, schlepping, arranging, and more!

- Shaina McGhee
- Estee Bolnick
- Sarahle Pearlman
- Ora (Fischer) Leiman
- Devorah (Asa) Nelkin
- Tzipora (Deutsch) Gross
- Esther (Donowitz) Ehrman
- Miriam Malka (Gross) Esral
- Yaeli (Pollock) Friedman
- Ahuva (Stein) Rozwaski
- Rivky (Stein) Males
- Shoshana (Herscovici) Borooson
- Bracha (Sobel) Kossman
- Yocheved (Boroosan) Abraham
- Shoshana (Varon) Golfeiz

- Thank you to Mrs. Rabenstein for teaching us to Take Charge and giving us the tools and the awareness to shift our perspectives. (And also for teaching us how to sleep on the bus ;-)
- Thank you to Baltimore Hatzalah and Chaveirim for showing us what it means to show up and take action!
- Thank you to Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Tendler (Shulamis Tendler's grandparents) for donating Pride of the Farm ice-cream.
- Thank you to Rebbetzin Leah Feldman of Yeshivas Ner Yisroel for inspiring us with her life story. Thank you to Mrs. Russy Steinhardt for opening her home to us for the Rebbetzin's talk.
- Thank you to Mrs. Malka Kravitz for teaching us our Flash Mob dance!
- Thank you to the Goldberger family for having us at Morah Elisheva's Chasana. It was so special to be there!

Special thanks for helping out:
Bracha Van Messel and Malky Pransky

GOOD SHABBOS!