

# J.L.C. Connections

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Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei / HaChodesh  
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## Friday, March 13

7:13pm Candlelighting  
7:15pm Mincha

## Shabbos, March 14

8:45am Shacharis  
*Kiddush sponsored by  
Steve Feigenbaum*  
6:05pm Laws of Pesach  
7:05pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos  
8:22pm Maariv

## Sunday, March 15

9:15am *Parsha Class*  
(R. Nisenbaum)  
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"  
(R. Stoll)

## Monday, March 16

8:00pm Mitzvos and Meaning:  
**Pesach and Matzah**  
(R. Nisenbaum)

## Tuesday, March 17

8:00pm Tanna d'vei Eliyahu  
(R. Stoll)

## Wednesday, March 18

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks –  
MISHLEI (R. Stoll)

## Thursday, March 19

8:00pm Sefer HaChinuch: R. Stoll  
10:15pm Parsha Class  
(R. Nisenbaum)

### Torah Podcast

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"Torah Podcast" at Spotify, Apple  
Podcasts, iHeartRadio, and more,  
or download at  
[www.maverickpodcasting.com](http://www.maverickpodcasting.com)

### Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)  
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)  
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

### Class Connection

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**R. Stoll:**  
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## Parsha: VaYakhel-Pekudei

G-Moshe gathered the people to speak to them about the construction of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle. He also reiterated the laws of Shabbos to them and explained that although the Mishkan was important, Shabbos was even more important and could not be desecrated even for the purpose of constructing the Mishkan.

He instructed the Jewish people about the different materials and skills that would be needed for building the *Mishkan*. Although they had not been required to donate anything, the response was overwhelming. The men and women brought so much gold and expensive jewelry that there was a surplus of what was needed, and Moshe discouraged them from bringing more. Similarly, many people offered their services to assist in the construction of the *Mishkan* and its vessels. This enthusiasm was necessary to atone for the misplaced enthusiasm the people had shown when they brought their jewelry at the sin of the Golden Calf.

Betzalel, who was a grandson of Chur, oversaw the construction of the Mishkan. Chur, the Talmud explains, had stood up against the nation when they had first demanded the Golden Calf. He had sharply rebuked them for failing to show the proper faith in Moshe and G-d. At the height of the rebellion Chur was murdered. It was therefore quite

appropriate that the construction of the *Mishkan*, which would atone for the Golden Calf, should take place under Chur's grandson's direction.

After the *Mishkan* was completed, Moshe was told to inaugurate the dedication. This was a seven-day ceremony in which Moshe erected the *Mishkan*, performed the service, and then dismantled it each day. On the eighth day, the first day of Nissan, the *Mishkan* was erected permanently and Ahron took over as the Kohen Gadol, the High Priest.

The Rabbis relate that Moshe was unable to lift the heavy construction by himself. He asked G-d how it was possible to request something of him that he was physically incapable of doing. G-d told Moshe that He only wanted him to put forth his best effort and that the Mishkan would erect itself. This is alluded to in the passage that "the Mishkan was erected" (Exod. 40:17) – not that Moshe erected it.

The implicit message in this is that G-d only expects man to put forth his best effort to try and create a bastion of holiness for G-d's Presence to reside. Once he tries his hardest, however, G-d Himself will complete the task for him.

Interestingly enough, the Torah later says that Moshe constructed the Mishkan. Once Moshe put forth his best effort, although G-d did the work, Moshe was credited with the success.

## Insights: VaYakhel-Pekudei

**...Moshe said to the entire nation of the Children of Israel, "This is what Hashem instructed..." (Ex 35:4)** The parents of a daughter who had strayed from the Torah way of life asked Rav Shimshon Pincus for advice how to deal with their child. Rav Pincus told them that if a child is sick the parents will treat the child with an extra dose of love and warmth. They certainly would not push the child to demand what was expected from their other children. They would also never give up hope on the child's recovery. A child who has strayed is no different. He also needs extra warmth, love, and understanding. Being too tough with these types of children is counterproductive and will accomplish nothing

## Did You Know?

Clf one uses horseradish for marror at the Seder, it must be raw and grated beforehand. There are different opinions whether or not one may leave the grated horseradish uncovered to weaken its strength. One must eat approximately 1 oz. of grated horseradish to fulfill the mitzvah. The marror should be dipped into the charoses mixture, but the excess charoses should be shaken off, in order for the bitterness of the marror to be tasted. The same halacha applies to the matza and marror sandwich eaten afterwards. Incidentally, from the time the bracha is recited upon the matza, one should not speak unnecessarily until after the matza and marror sandwich is eaten as it is an interruption.

**Thought for the Week:** The shortest-term lease is a "new lease on life."  
(A Candle By Day)