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Parshas Pekudei

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Candlelighting: 6:02 pm

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## Friday, March 4

7:00am Shacharis

6:02pm Candlelighting  
6:05pm Mincha / Maariv

## Shabbos, March 5

8:45am Shacharis  
Kiddush is sponsored by  
Dr. Scott Peters on the  
occasion of his mother's  
yahrzeit

5:25pm Laws of Purim  
5:55pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos /  
Maariv

## Sunday, March 6

8:00am Shacharis  
9:15am **Parsha Class**  
(R. Nisenbaum)  
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"  
(R. Stoll)

## Monday, March 7

7:00am Shacharis  
8:00pm **Understanding Emunah:**  
Everything is for the  
Best – Right? (8 / 10)  
(R. Nisenbaum)

## Tuesday, March 8

7:00am Shacharis  
8:00pm **Avos D'Rav Nosson**  
(R. Stoll)

## Wednesday, March 9

7:00am Shacharis  
8:00pm **Nach Still Speaks**  
(R. Stoll)

## Thursday, March 10

7:00am Shacharis  
8:00pm **The 12 Jewish Months**  
(R. Stoll)  
10:15pm **Parsha Class**  
(R. Nisenbaum)

## Class Connection

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## Parsha: Pekudei

As the Book of Exodus comes to a close, the Torah completes the discussion of the erection of the Tabernacle. After all the materials were collected, Moshe made an exact accounting of what was collected, and how each donation was used in the construction in order to avoid any suspicion. A leader must behave in a way that is beyond reproach.

After each vessel of the Tabernacle was made, the Torah informs us that it was made exactly in accordance with G-d's instructions to Moshe. This is repeated eighteen times throughout the portion. The reason this point is reiterated so many times in the Torah is to emphasize the importance of every detail. Every vessel, and every piece in the Tabernacle, had some kind of meaning attached to it. If even one detail would have been missing, the Tabernacle could not achieve what it was meant to accomplish. It is therefore emphasized that every task was fulfilled in exact accordance with G-d's command to Moshe.

Another interpretation is that the Tabernacle was meant to atone for the sin of the Golden Calf, where the people had jumped to their own conclusions. They had ignored Moshe's words to them about his return from atop the mountain when they should have trusted him. The atonement for this sin required the people to follow every detail of G-d's instructions to Moshe, without omitting one thing. That is why the Torah repeats the refrain that they followed Moshe's every order regarding each item of the Tabernacle.

After the Tabernacle was finally completed, Moshe blessed the nation for all their efforts. He offered a prayer that G-d grant success to their efforts and allow His presence to dwell on the nation's handiwork.

G-d instructed Moshe regarding the inauguration of the Tabernacle on the first day of the month of Nissan. On that day all their work would be brought to fruition as the Tabernacle would be assembled and erected, and G-d's Presence would rest on it.

**Mazel Tov**  
to those participating in the  
Daf Yomi cycle on the completion  
of Seder Moed this week

## Insights: Pekudei

**Moshe set up the Tabernacle...as Hashem instructed Moshe (Exodus 40:19)** Rav Yisrael Yaakov Lubchansky, the Mashgiach of the Baranovich yeshiva, became seriously ill. Rav Elchanan Wasserman, the Rosh Yeshiva, paid him a visit. The family mentioned that even in his weakened state, Rav Yisrael Ya'akov refused to accept any assistance from his students. Rav Elchanan told the Mashgiach, "The Torah says that Moshe did as Hashem instructed Moshe. It should have said 'like Hashem commanded him'. Why does it repeat Moshe's name? The Torah is teaching us that there were two dimensions to Moshe. There was the individual Moshe and there was also G-d's messenger, the leader Moshe. "The same is with you, Rav Yisrael Yaakov," Rav Elchanan said, "As an individual, you can forgo the students' help. But as their Mashgiach, you have no right to refuse their help. The individual Rav Yisrael Yaakov must do everything possible for the Mashgiach Rav Yisrael Yaakov to recuperate. It is not just about you--it is about the yeshiva!"

## Did You Know?

Matanos L'evyonim, the Purim gifts for the poor, must be distributed to the poor on Purim day. One may give the gift to an agent before Purim, but it must reach the poor person's hands on Purim. One may not give a post-dated check if the date is after Purim unless the cash can reach the hands of the poor person on Purim. The gifts should go to a person who cannot afford his basic necessities and not merely someone who is having difficult times. Similarly, the mitzvah cannot be fulfilled by giving to an institution like a yeshiva. Preferably a person should give at least the value of a cheap meal, approximately \$7-\$10 to each of two different people.

**Thought for the Week: Our failures we attribute to circumstance and our successes to initiative.**  
(A Candle By Day)