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Parsha Pekudei

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Candlelighting: 7:15 pm

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## Friday, March 15

7:15pm Candlelighting  
7:20pm Mincha / Maariv

## Shabbos, March 16

8:45am Shacharis  
*Kiddush is sponsored.*  
6:40pm Laws of Purim  
7:10pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos  
8:25pm Maariv

## Sunday, March 17

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

## Monday, March 18

8:00pm Developing a Jewish  
Personality – Purim &  
Trust

## Tuesday, March 19

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

## Wednesday, March 20

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

## Thursday, March 21

10:15pm Parsha Class  
(R. Nisenbaum)

### Torah Podcast

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

New episodes twice a week!

### Weekday Minyanim

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

### Class Connection

#### R. Nisenbaum:

425-436-6200 #352171

"The Torah Podcast" weekly  
at all podcast locations

#### R. Stoll:

Zoom: 876-619-3551  
Audio: 669-900-9128

## 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.

### Kiddush Sponsored

by Aviram Ashwal on the  
occasion of his uncle's  
shloshim, Avner ben Shimon

## Insights: Pekudei

**They placed the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the coat.. (Ex 39:23)** The commentators explained that the tinkling bells were surrounded on both sides by the silent pomegranates to teach that a person should remain silent twice as much as he speaks. Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzenski was once learning with some students, and he mentioned a comment of one of the commentaries on page 50. One of the students corrected the Rav that it was on page 51. The Rav did not comment but continued delivering the lecture. The student stood up to look up the commentary himself, but Rav Chaim Ozer stopped him and gently said, "Do you have to embarrass another Jew?" The student returned to his seat, somewhat proud that he had remembered the correct page. Later he looked it up and realized that Rav Chaim Ozer had been correct. He understood that Rav Chaim Ozer had not corrected him to prevent him from being shamed.

## Did You Know?

It is customary to give three half-dollars to charity, either the day before Purim, or on Purim itself to commemorate the half shekel given in the times of the Temple. Some obligate every male from aged 13 while some only obligate from age twenty, since in the desert the obligation was only for those twenty and older. Some obligate women while others say that women are not required to give. One need not give for his young children, but if he does he must continue to give as it is considered to be like a vow. The money may not be subtracted from a person's ma'aser (tithing) obligation. In contrast to the Purim tzedakah (matanos la'evyonim) which must be given to poor people, the half-shekel may be given to any charitable organization, such as a school or chesed organization.

**Thought for the Week: We do not lead lives; life leads us.** (A Candle By Day)