



# THE ETZ CHAYIM YOUTH NEWSLETTER™

## PARSHAT TRUMAH

1/2 ADAR 5771

## ROSH CHODESH SPECIAL

FEBRUARY 4/5 2011

*Dvar Torah By: Moshe Schwalb*

*Grade: 8*

Parshat Terumah is the beginning of the building of the Mishkan, where G-d would dwell among the Jews as they traveled in the desert. To build the Mishkan materials had to be collected, and G-d commanded the Jews to collect several types. After listing the need for metals, wools, hairs, skins, and wood, the Torah tells us that they collected "oil for illumination" and "spices for the anointment oil and incense". Why does the Torah suddenly need to tell us what the materials were to be used for, when it hadn't discussed it thus far?

One possible answer is that there are two differences between the characteristics of the other materials and those of the oil and spices. Firstly, while the other materials were important, they required no effort in producing, while the oil and spices had to be manufactured and maintained. Those people that didn't have the precious stones to donate to the building of the Mishkan still had the opportunity to contribute with their efforts instead! Secondly, both the oil and the spices are of the most 'giving' materials used in the Mishkan: The oil was used to light the Menorah, which gives off light to everything around it, and the spices give off a beautiful smell to its surroundings. The message it clear...The most beautiful and giving things in life are those that require our active effort. Spices smell and oil illuminates BECAUSE someone took the time and effort to make them! The same can be said today...Being a good person and a good Jew is beautiful and rewarding to ourselves and to others, but only BECAUSE we take the time and effort to understand and cultivate it!

*I Hope you enjoyed this Dvar Torah, and consider passing it on to somebody else!*

*Good Shabbos*

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

Candle Lighting: 4:58PM

Mincha/Maariv- 5:05 PM

### SHABBOS, FEBRUARY 5, 2011

Youth Minyan Upstairs: 8:00 AM

Shacharit Main Shul: 9:00 AM

Youth Groups 10:01 AM

Daf Yomi: 3:50 PM

Mincha- 4:50 PM

Maariv: 5:58 PM

*Shabbos is over @ 6:07 PM*

### NEWSLETTER/YOUTH UPDATES:

**THANK G-D ITS SHABBOS** Every other Friday night learning kicks off tonight here at the Shul for kid's grades 6-10, from 7:45-9:00 PM! Divrei Torah! Friends! Cholent! Kugel! And much more!

**Group Leaders Working this Week:** Judd, Andrew, Brian, Jordana, Aliza, Carrie

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It's good in some ways because the jokes will never get old and you'll be looking forward to it every week. PLUS its always 4 pagerz!

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## DID YOU KNOW?!?

If you add the year you were born (1993) with the age you will be this upcoming year (18) it automatically adds up to 111?!? ( $93 + 18 = 111$ ) This only works on living people and if you weren't born before 2000.

A toaster uses almost half as much energy as a full-sized oven??

An airplane mechanic invented Slinky while he was playing with engine parts and realized the possible secondary use for the springs??!

## THE RANDOM FACTS OF THE WEEK

The Letter 'R' is on the left side of the keyboard, and 'L' is on the right side.

Even after jellyfish are dead, they can still sting you.

Starfish have an eye on each one of their 5 arms.

A way you can tell if you're whispering or not is to put your hand at your throat. If you feel vibrations, you're talking. If you don't, you're whispering.



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## THE RIDDLES OF THE WEEK

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### Riddle #119

If you stand up straight for 1 hour, and then you jump for 1 hour, then how much time did you spend standing up straight?

### Riddle #120

Josh Cunningham walked up to his uncle and said, "Uncle, do you know how to make 100 dollars out of ten bills, but not use a single 10 dollar bill?" "What do you mean?" he replied. Josh then replied, "Make 100 dollars out of any ten bills that aren't a 10." And so the uncle tried and gave up. But when Joshua Cunningham tried he got it right. What ten bills, all but the 10 dollar bill, did he use?

## THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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The *aron* was made from acacia wood and both its interior and exterior were overlaid with gold (25:11).

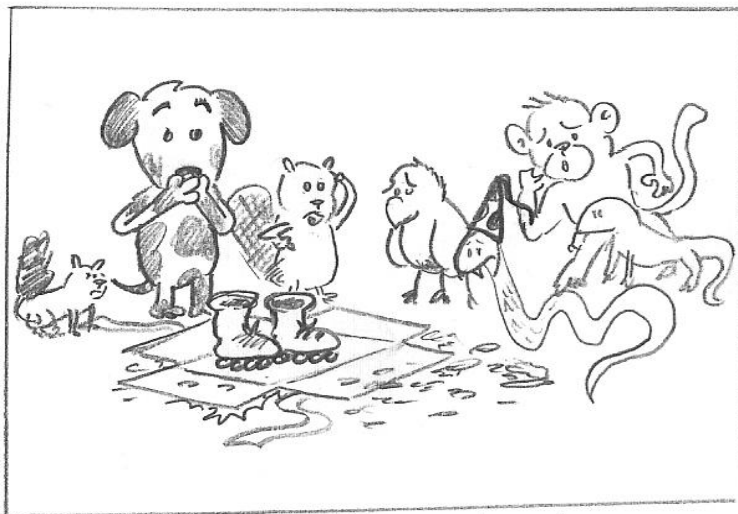
The Talmud (Yoma 72b) comments that the aron, which contained the luchos as well as the original Sefer Torah, symbolizes the Torah scholar, who also possesses Torah. Just as the aron was plated with pure gold inside and out, so must the Torah scholar be pure both inside and out – "*tocho ke-varo*" ("his inside should match his outer appearance"). His pious exterior must reflect his true essence. If the aron symbolizes the Torah scholar and the two levels of gold plating represent the need for both exterior and interior piety, then why not require that the ark be made entirely of gold, with no wood whatsoever?

**Double Bubble has arrived. The winner will receive 5 pieces!**

**NEW!!**

## THE COMICS OF THE WEEK

*Brought to you by Leo Traub*



Brian reflects to reconsider his gift idea.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT LEARNING**

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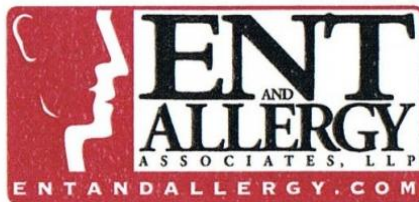
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