

Vayakhel, Exodus 35:1 - 38:20

Moshe relays the Almighty's commands to refrain from building the *Mishkan* (the Tabernacle) on the Shabbat, to contribute items needed to build the *Mishkan*, to construct the components of the *Mishkan* and the appurtenances of the *Cohanim*. The craftsmen are selected, the work begins. The craftsmen report that there are too many donations, and for the first and probably the only time in fundraising history, the Jewish people are told to refrain from bringing additional contributions!