

# Parsha QA



## Parshat Terumah

For the week ending 6 Adar I 5760 /  
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### Parsha Questions

### Kasha!

1. How many types of items were the Jews to donate?
2. The donation of silver for the *mishkan* differed from the donation of the other items. How?
3. What property do *techelet* and *argaman* share that \_\_\_\_\_ do not share?
4. What property do the above three share that *shesh* and *orot techashim* do not share?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ *tachash* *sasgona*  
Why?
6. What kind of trees did Yaakov plant in Egypt?
7. Describe two uses of: a) oil; b) spices; c) jewels.
8. The *aron* was made with three boxes, one inside the other. Exactly how tall was the outer box?
- 9.
10. What did the faces of the *keruvim* resemble?
11. On what day of the week was the *lechem hapanim* baked?
12. What does *miksha* mean?
13. \_\_\_\_\_  
(cups)?
14. How did Moshe know the shape of the menorah?
15. What designs were embroidered into the tapestries of the *mishkan*?
- 16.
17. How long was the *mishkan*?
18. How wide was the interior of the *mishkan*?
19. Why was the altar coated with *nechoshet*?
20. Which function did the copper *yeteidot* serve?

How would you answer this question on the Parsha?

*I can understand the purpose of everything in the Mishkan except for the silver sockets. The wooden beams were carved out on the bottom with just two wooden prongs left sticking down, and the empty space was filled with the silver sockets. What purpose did this serve? It silver coating would have sufficed. For the of the wood where moisture from the ground beams to each other in any way. So, what purpose did it serve?*

Submitted by an Ohrnet reader

**Answer:** It added weight to the beams, as silver is denser than shittim-wood. This added stability.

### I Did Not Know That!

( \_\_\_\_\_ **Exodus 25:8** \_\_\_\_\_  
The word \_\_\_\_\_ (I will dwell) hints at the number of years that both the First and Second Temples stood, as follows: Read as two words, \_\_\_\_\_  
First Temple for 410 years, until its destruction. Rearranged, \_\_\_\_\_ spells \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_ stood for 420 years.

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## Recommended Reading List

### Ramban

25:1	The <i>Mishkan</i>
25:10	Universal Torah Involvement
26:33	Making and Placing

### Ibn Ezra

25:3	The Need for Silver
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### Ohr HaChaim HaKadosh

25:8	The <i>Shechina</i> Within Jewry
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### Sefer Hachinuch

95	Our Need for a <i>Mishkan</i> Utility and Form
97	Blessings and Benefit

1. 25:2 - 13.
2. 25:3 - No fixed amount of the other items was required. The silver was given as a fixed amount: A half shekel.
3. 25:4,5 - They are wool, *orot eilim* are not.
4. 25:4,5 - They are dyed; *shesh* and *orot techashim* are not.
5. 25:5 - The *tachash* delights (*sas*) in its multi-colors ( ).
6. 25:5 - *Arazim* cedars.
7. 25:6-7 - a) The oil was lit in the menorah and used for anointing. b) The spices were used in the anointing oil and for the incense. c) The precious stones were for the *ephod* and the *choshen*.
8. 25:11 - The outer box was one and a half *amot* plus a *tefach* plus a little bit, because it rose a little bit above the *kaporet*. (The *kaporet* was a *tefach* thick see 25:17).
9. 25:16 - It testifies that Hashem commanded us to keep the *mitzvot*.
10. 25:18 - The faces of children.
11. 25:29 - Friday.
12. 25:31 - Hammered.
13. 25:31 - Purely ornamental.
14. 25:40 - Hashem showed Moshe a menorah of fire.
15. 26:1 - On one side a lion; on the other side an eagle.
16. 26:15 - The wooden beams were to be upright and not stacked one upon the other.
17. 26:16 - 30 *amot*.
18. 26:23 - 10 *amot*.
19. 27:2 - To atone for brazenness.
20. 27:19 - They secured the curtains against the wind.