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1. It seems strange that the instructions for building the mishkan are repeated again at such length when:
- The Mishkan was clearly a temporary edifice, to be replaced by the Bet Hamikdash.
 - The most prominent mitzvos, like tefilin are only hinted to in scripture.



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2. The Parsha begins with the commandment not to do work on Shabbos.
The Sages added to this by prohibiting work related speech on Shabbos.

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3. Loopholes.
If one must discuss weekday matters on Shabbat, he does so in a roundabout way.
- Instead of "dollar" one might say "challos".
 - "Nisht um shabbos geredt."



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4. A joke about "Nisht um shabbos geredt." (See full sermon)



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5. Extreme?

These days we mostly do our work through speech- meetings, phone calls etc.

Ben Bernanke can make millions for hundreds of people with his *word!*



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6. Every day we recite the Torah section discussion the daily sacrifices- because if we can't do them we can at least learn about them.

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7. Midrash: G-d tells Ezekiel, "By studying the layout of the Temple in exile it will be as though they were building it."

The Rebbe stresses, they will be actually building it.



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8. Since reading about the Mishkan is our only way of fulfilling that mitzvah Torah goes into great detail about the Mishkan because we can't do it these days.

If we could, just a hint would suffice.



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9. [To describe a piece of art it to someone you need to go into great detail for the other to appreciate it.]



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10. By reading the instructions for the construction of the Mishkan today we were actually involved in the creation of a dwelling place for G-d in this world.

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11. The lesson for us:
 Mitzvos we can do in action we must do.
 What we cannot do in action we can do in words.



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