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Parsha: Vayakheil –ויקהל

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

- a. Instead of "dollar" one might say "challos".
 - b. "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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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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6. Every day we recite the Torah section discussion the daily sacrificesbecause if we can't do them we can at least learn about them.



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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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10. By reading the instructions for the

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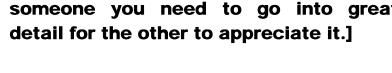
construction of the Mishkan today we

dwelling place for G-d in this world.

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9. [To describe a piece of art it to someone you need to go into great





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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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