

Answers Pikudai

1. The agents handling the money that was donated to the Bet Hamikdash was not allowed to withdraw the money while wearing a hemmed garment, shoes, sandals, socks, tefillin or an amulet, for the people suspect them of stealing. If the agent would become poor people would probably say because he stole from the treasury chamber. If he became rich, it is because he stole from the treasury chamber. A person must always please people in the same manner that he pleases Hashem. 2) They had to give an accounting at the end of the day as to how much money came in and how much money was taken out and for what reason. Any money that was missing would have to be replaced from the agent's own pocket. Even though the collectors of charity are trustworthy we should not assume that they are all honest, therefore it is important that they give a clear accounting to others.
2. Just as the Mishkan had a Divine cloud above it during the day, and a fire above it during the night for all the Bnei Yisroel to be awed and inspired. So too, the last Bet Hamikdash will have a wall of fire surrounding it giving it great honor and respect.
3. Moshe blessed the Bnei Yisroel that Hashem's presence should dwell upon the works of our hands. Hashem had already promised them but Moshe Rabbeinu blessed them because he was worried that the sin of the *egel* would have prevented Hashem's closeness. Also we learn from here that the leader of the generation should always bless the leader in the community for fulfilling his orders so this way he will be more eager to help in the future. Some say that Moshe said they will increase 1,000 fold and that no enemy shall harm their precious work. That is what happened later on with the Mishkan it was buried safely in a tunnel by the Bet Hamikdash.
4. The second Bet Hamikdash did not have the 1. *Aron*, the golden covering over the *Aron*, the *Kerubim*, 2. The special fire shaped like a lion that was on the *Misbeyah* 3. The same intense presence of Hashem 4. *Ruach Hakodesh* 5. *Urim Vetutumim*-through, which the people made, inquires.
5. This was to show that even if you were a great man you should not assume that people would judge you favorably, you must do whatever you can to avoid the nasty comments. Even Moshe Rabbeinu who Hashem said was the most trustworthy, who never took one thing from the community such as funds for himself, or a donkey to ride, still he had instigators commenting behind his back that Moshe Rabbeinu was pocketing the money. Since Moshe Rabbeinu was the one to put up the Mishkan, it showed that he was honest, and was blessed by Hashem.
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7. Officially the Menorah, *Shulhan*, and the *Misbeyah hakatoret* and all other implements such as the shovels, pans, spoons, and bowls had to be made from metal and preferably gold. If the Jewish community was poor they were allowed to make it out of lead, until they had enough money to replace them with gold.
9. *Mishkan* means a type of dwelling place. It could also mean collateral, for if the Bnei Yisroel would sin then the Bet Hamikdash would be taken away as collateral to pay for their *aveirot*.
10. The superior *shevit* was the tribe of Yehuda and the inferior *shevet* was the tribe of Dan. So Hashem said let a worker come from both these *shevatim* the most superior tribe and the inferior tribe, so no one should degrade the lesser tribe, and the one from the superior tribe should not consider themselves haughty or arrogant. The big and the small are all equal before Hashem. As the saying goes "all men are created equal."
11. The Kohen gadol would enter the Holy of Holies the Satan in his jealousy and his passion to harm and stop good people would grab on to the cloth of the Kohen Gadol. In order that it should not rip, it needed reinforcement around the neck. That is why the Kohen Gadol needed to wash his hands after coming out of the Kodesh Kidoshim. in case the Satan touched him.
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15. There is the pasuk Hashem pleasantness should be upon us and the work of our hands He should establish.
16. Oil has the tendency to float above all liquids it is superior. So too we are reminding the Kohanim and the kings and those who work in the *Mishkan* that these are not ordinary things, they are superiora and with that in mind, they will be superior with that as well.
17. ?
18. Hashem told Moshe to get busy with his hands as if you are putting up the Mishkan and it will be put up by itself. This is a message in life, that sometimes we wonder how can we make a great contribution or an accomplishment to Klal Yisroel. Hashem says you just do the motions and I will make it happen.
19. When the maan fell from heaven gems and precious stones fell with them. The sadikim gathered them to be used for the Mishkan.

20. In his heart. The best place to make Hashem's presence rest is in our very being. This is the great level of the sadikim, who are one with Hashem.
21. Tyrhe begdai Kehuna was buried as fitting for holy items after their use so they would not become desecrated. Also the belts of the Kohanim had shatnes and they would not want it to be found that someone should put it on. It is for that reason that they used to burn the frayed belts of the Kohanim in the menorah on Succat by the festivities of the celebration,.
22. The Mishkan proved to us that Hashem forgave us eventhough we sinned with the egel and that Hasehm still loves His children. That is why it is called th3e Mishkan of testimony.
23. When Yosef Hasadik was put to the ultimitae test of temptation he visioned his father before him saying to him "in the future in the Bet Hamikdash will be all the names of my sons do you want your name to be left out, as it says the name fo the wicked are blotted out. That sent a chill up Yosef's spine which made him reconsider and demonstrate self control.
24. One who does not pray with a minyan in the Bet Keneset, will eventually have to go into exileand leave the comfort of his own home.
25. It is greater to pray in a place of Torah study, because Hashem's dwelling place in this world today is where the study of his law takes place.



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