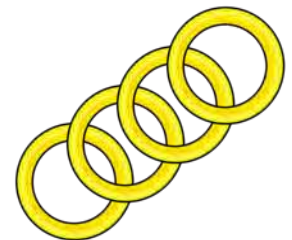
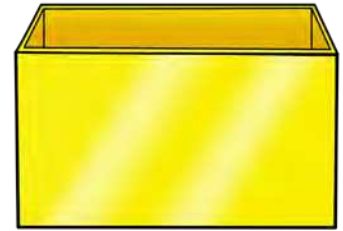


# PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh told Mosheh the words which he should speak to the children of Yisra'el (25:8-9, 40):
  - "Make Me a Set-apart Place so that I will dwell in your midst"
  - "According to all that I show you - the pattern of the Dwelling Place and the pattern of all its furnishings - make it exactly so"
  - "See, and do according to the pattern which was shown to you on the mountain"

## Ark of the Witness (25:10-22; 37:1-9)

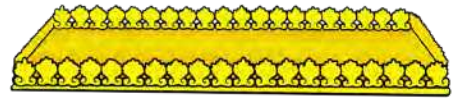
- Yahweh's specifications for the ark (**aron**)
  - made from acacia wood
  - overlaid with clean (pure) gold, inside and outside
  - molding of gold all around it
- The ark's measurements
  - $2\frac{1}{2}$  cubits long ( $3\frac{3}{4}$  ft.)
  - $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubits wide ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  ft.)
  - $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubits high ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  ft.)
- The ark's rings
  - 4 (**arba**) rings of gold; 2 (**shtayim**) rings on each side
  - 1 (**achat**) ring to be attached on each of the 4 corners
  - to serve as holders for the poles
- The ark's poles
  - 2 poles
  - made from acacia wood
  - overlaid with gold
  - each pole was to be inserted into 2 rings on each side of the ark
  - their purpose was to help lift the ark of the Witness
  - once placed in the rings, they were not to be taken out
- The Witness that Yahweh gave Mosheh, was to be placed inside the ark (chest) - 25:16
- The ark was to be placed behind the *inner veil* in the Most Set-apart Place (Holy of Holies) - 26:33-34



## **Lid of Atonement** (25:17, 21; 37:6)

- Yahweh's specifications for the lid of atonement (**kapporet**)

- made of clean gold
- rests on top of the ark



- The lid of atonement's measurements

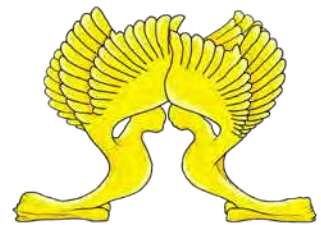
- $2\frac{1}{2}$  cubits long ( $3\frac{3}{4}$  ft.)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubits wide ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  ft.)

- The lid of atonement was to sit upon the ark of the Witness in the Most Set-apart Place - 26:34

## **Kerubim** (heavenly beings) on the Lid of Atonement (25:18-20; 37:7-9)

- Yahweh's specifications for the 2 kerubim

- made of beaten (hammered) gold from the gold that was on the lid
- placed at the 2 ends of the lid
- their wings were to be spread out above the lid
- their wings were to cover the lid
- they were to face each other, looking downward toward the lid



- Yahweh said He would meet with Mosheh there before the ark of the Witness. He would speak from above the lid of atonement, between the 2 kerubim on top of the Ark, and tell him all that He commanded regarding the children of Yisra'el - 25:22



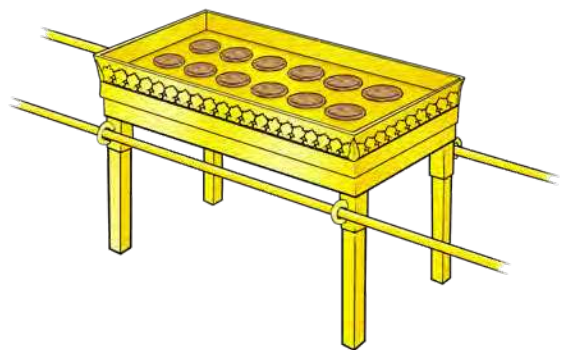
## **Table of Showbread** (25:23-30; 37:10-16)

- Yahweh's specifications for the table (**shulchan**)

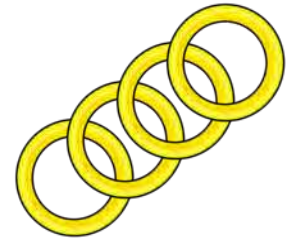
- made from acacia wood
- overlaid with clean gold
- a rim all around, about a handbreadth in width
- a molding of gold all around the rim

- The table's measurements

- 2 cubits long (3 ft.)
- 1 cubit wide ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft.)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubits high ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  ft.)



- The table's rings
  - 4 rings of gold; 2 rings on each side
  - 1 ring to be attached on each of the 4 corners, at each of the 4 legs
  - set close to the rim
  - to serve as holders for the poles



- The table's poles
  - 2 poles
  - made from acacia wood
  - overlaid with gold
  - each pole was to be inserted into 2 rings on each side of the table
  - their purpose was to help lift the table of showbread



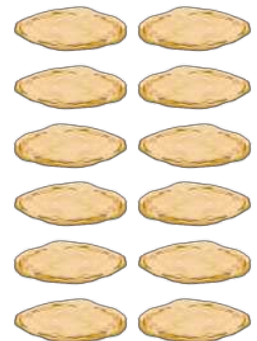
- The table's utensils
  - dishes
  - ladles
  - pouring bowls
    - made of clean (pure) gold



- The table of showbread was to be placed outside the veil, on the *north side* of the Set-apart Place - 26:35

### **Showbread** (25:30; Lev. 24:5-9)

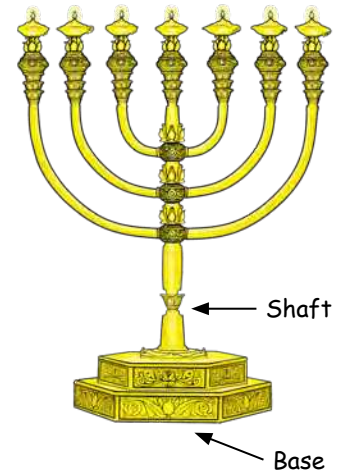
- Yahweh's specifications for the showbread
  - Aharon was to take fine flour and bake 12 (**shtem esre**) cakes - 2/10ths of an ephah in each cake
  - the 12 showbreads were to be arranged in 2 rows - 6 (**shesh**) in each row - upon the clean table
  - the showbread was to be placed on the table before Yahweh, continually
  - each bread was to have clear frankincense on it - a remembrance portion - an offering made by fire to Yahweh
  - this was to be done on every Sabbath - from the children of Yisra'el - an everlasting covenant
  - the showbread was set apart to Aharon and his sons who were to eat the bread in the Set-apart Place - an everlasting law



Frankincense

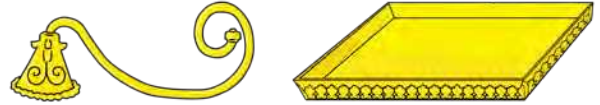
## Lampstand (25:31-39; 37:17-24; Lev. 24:1-4; Num. 8:1-4)

- Yahweh's specifications for the lampstand (menorah)
  - its base, shaft, cups, ornamental knobs and blossoms were to be made of clean beaten gold
  - it was to have 7 (**sheva**) lamps on top
- The branches of the lampstand
  - 6 branches
  - 3 (**shalosh**) branches were to come out of one side of the lampstand shaft, and 3 branches were to come out of the opposite side of the lampstand shaft
  - Each individual branch was to have:
    - 3 cups
    - 1 ornamental knob
    - 1 blossom
- The cups of the lampstand
  - 22 (**esrim u'shtayim**) cups made like almond flowers
  - 3 cups made like almond flowers were to be on each of the 6 branches coming out of the lampstand
  - 4 cups made like almond flowers, on the lampstand itself (the shaft)
- The knobs of the lampstand
  - 10 (**eser**) ornamental knobs and 10 blossoms
  - 1 ornamental knob and 1 blossom was to be on each branch coming out of the lampstand
  - 4 ornamental knobs and 4 blossoms on the lampstand itself (the shaft)
- The lamps of the lampstand
  - 7 lamps on it
    - mounted in such a way as to give light in front of the lampstand
    - Aharon was to set up the 7 lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand as Yahweh commanded Mosheh



- The utensils for the lampstand

- snuffers
- trays



- made of pure gold

- Aharon and his sons were to tend the lamp in the Tent of Meeting continually before Yahweh, outside the veil to the Most Set-apart Place (Holy of Holies) that housed the ark of the Witness - 27:21; Lev. 24:3-4
- The lampstand was to be placed on the *south side* of the Set-apart Place, opposite the table of showbread - 26:35
- The lampstand with all its utensils was to be made out of a talent of clean gold - 25:39; 37:24
- The olive oil for the lampstand (27:20-21; Lev. 24:1-2)

- Yahweh's specification for the oil

- Mosheh was to command the children of Yisra'el to provide the pure olive oil used to light the lampstand
- it was to burn continually
- the children of Yisra'el were to provide oil for the lampstand; this was a law forever



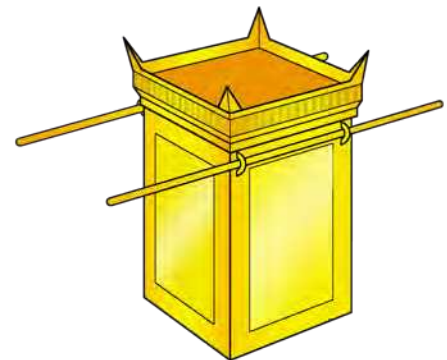
### **Altar of Incense** (30:1-10; 37:25-29)

- Yahweh's specifications for the altar (**mizbeach**) of incense (**ketoret**)

- made from acacia wood
- overlaid with clean gold (its top, its sides all around, and its horns)
- a molding of gold all around it

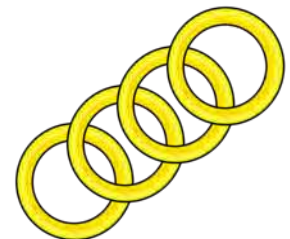
- The altar of incense's measurements

- 1 cubit long (1½ ft.)
- 1 cubit wide (1½ ft.)
- 2 cubits high (3 ft.)



- The altar of incense's rings

- 4 rings of gold; 2 rings on each side
- 1 ring to be attached on each of the 4 corners
- placed under the molding on both its sides
- set close to the rim
- to serve as holders for the poles



- The altar of incense's poles
  - 2 poles
  - made from acacia wood
  - overlaid with gold
  - each pole was to be inserted into 2 rings on each side of the altar
  - their purpose was to help lift the altar of incense
- The altar of incense was to be placed *before* (in front of) the inner veil, behind which was the ark of the Witness with its lid of atonement, where Yahweh would meet with Aharon once a year - 30:6
- Aharon was to burn sweet incense upon this altar every morning, as he tended the lamps - 30:7
- When Aharon lit the lamps between the evenings, he was to burn the incense on the altar - a continual incense before Yahweh throughout their generations - 30:8
- Yahweh's strict prohibitions (30:9):
  - NO strange incense was to be offered on it
  - NO burnt or grain or offerings were to be offered on it
  - NO drink offering was to be poured on it
- Aharon was to make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement (Day of Atonements), throughout their generations - 30:10
- Yahweh declared that this yearly offering was most set-apart to Him - 30:10

### ***The Incense for the Altar of Incense (30:34-38)***

- Yahweh told Mosheh to take the following ingredients in equal amounts for compounding the incense
  - sweet spices
  - fragrant gum
  - cinnamon
  - galbanam
  - clear frankincense
- It was to be salted, clean (**tahor**) and set-apart (**kodesh**) - 30:35-36
- Some of it was to be beaten very fine and put before the ark of the Witness in the Tent of Meeting where Yahweh was to meet with Aharon - 30:36
- This incense compound was not to be made for individual use - 30:37
- Anyone who made any incense like it or who was to smell it would be cut off from his people - 30:38



# DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Why do you think Yahweh gave a precise 'blueprint' for building his Set-apart Place and all its furnishings? What can we learn from this regarding our walk?
- Research acacia wood and gold. Why do you think Yahweh chose that the tabernacle items be made from these materials?
- What was the ark of the Witness and what did it hold? Look up Hebrews 9:4 and 1 Kings 8:9.
- Research the meaning of the kerubim on the lid of atonement (mercy seat). On which day of the year did Yahweh appear over the lid? Where was the mercy seat placed?
- In the Hebrew language, almond tree is shâqêd (Strong's, 2010). The primary root means to be watchful, alert, on the lookout, and sleepless. Almond buds and blossoms were fashioned on the lampstand, where the lamps burned throughout the day and throughout the night. Why do you think Yahweh chose to place this flower on the lampstand? Could it be to symbolize the constant watchfulness of Yahweh over His people? Could it be the need for Yisra'el to be alert to the commandments of Elohim?
- In Scripture, incense is often associated with prayer. Find verses that support this. See Psalm 141:1.
- What was the strange fire that Nadab and Abihu brought on the altar of incense? See Leviticus 10:1-2.
- Throughout Scripture we see that Yahweh desired His children to be set-apart. Although the children of Yisra'el performed the rituals associated with the temple services, Yahweh's purpose was for their hearts and lives to be right. Read Isaiah 1:13 and discuss its meaning. Does Yahweh want us to obey Him because we want to or because we are commanded to do so?

