





# ParshaPix explanations



*The fun way to go over the weekly sedra with your children, grandchildren, Shabbat guests*

## KI TISA - PARA

### • and three Unexplaineds

There are 20 grains of wheat - the Biblical shekel was 20 grains of silver.

The washing machine is for the washing (immersing) of one's clothes as part of the Tahara process - part of Parshat Para.

D, CCL, CCL, D - Roman numerals for 500, 250, 250, 500 - amounts of the ingredients of Ketoret.

## Vayakhel-P'kudei HaChodesh

Negation circle over the lighted match is for LO T'VAARU EISH... <> the Shabbat candles, on the other hand, emphasize that we are not supposed to sit in the dark, but light up our homes from before Shabbat in honor of Shabbat and for Oneg Shabbat <> and the Menorah is to remind us of the fact that it was lit on Shabbat in the Mikdash, as were other MELACHOT done therein <> Comedian Elon Gold is for the gold collected and used in the Mishkan <> Lone Ranger's horse, Silver for the silver collected and used <> British policemen are called coppers <>

b'samim box is for the b'samim used in the Mishkan <> Sapling being planted, for the Midrash that Yaakov Avinu planted trees on his way down to Egypt so his descendants would have wood for their needs (Mishkan) <> Murex Trunculus (twice) is the popular choice today for the original source of both T'cheilet and Argaman dyes. Depending upon exposure to sunlight and oxygen during processing, the dye from MT can become purple or blue <> the source of the third dye used in the Mishkan, SHANI. <> two SHOHAM (onyx) stones in gold settings for the shoulder straps of the Eifod <> fork lift is for moving the heavy foundation blocks of the Mishkan (ADANIM) <> pomegranates (pompoms) adorned the hem of the Kohein Gadol's M'IL; one opinion, based on the wording in the pasuk, is that the gold bells were within the rimonim, rather than alternating with them <> The onion goes together with the Canada Dry logo giving BATZAL-ALE <> according to Living Torah (Rav Aryeh Kaplan z"l), OROT T'CHASHIM, part of the upper covering of the Mishkan, might have been blue dyed leather <> or a particular animal's skin. The TACHASH might have been <> ermine <> narwahl <> dugong (a.k.a. sea cow) <> giraffe <> okapi (looks more like a zebra, but is a close relative of the giraffe, and is a kosher animal, like the giraffe <> Key-oar is the KIYOR,

and the soda can with the letter O is KANO <> the flak jacket is called an EIFOD <> Towards the beginning of Vayakhel, there is a portion that makes most BKs (Baalei K'ri'a) cringe. The word ALEF-TAV occurs many times, sometimes with a SEGOL (ET or ES) and sometimes with a TZEIREI (EIT or EIS) - these are symbolized by the ampersand, which is a stylized combination of E and T, as in the Latin ET, for AND; an 8-ball for the word EIT; the S from Superman's logo, for ES, and the ace of diamonds for EIS <> The Cloud is the Mishkan while covered with a cloud, as described in the final p'sukim of P'kudei and the whole book of Sh'mot. If you see just a cloud and not the Mishkan within it, then you probably only see the Little Prince's hat and not the boa constrictor that had recently swallowed an elephant. If you don't know what we're talking about, ask a child or grandchild who read the Little Prince <> for Parshat HaChodesh, we have - the first visibility of the lunar crescent <> a lamb and a goat - your choice for KP <> and three matzot <> the two gentlemen are Nir Barkat and Mike Pence. I do not remember what they were doing in the ParshaPics for Vayakhel-P'kudei - HaChodesh. Maybe I should have just left them out this time around. On the other hand, maybe a reader will figure out what they are doing in this ParshaPix. Hey,

maybe Mike Pence, who was vice president of the US back in Trump's first term - VP, vice president, Vayakhel-P'kudei. If so, I should have switched to a pic of JD Vance. And Barkat? No idea yet <> the woman is looking at herself in a mirror. This is for the donation of copper mirrors from the women to the Mishkan. Moshe did not want to accept them but HaShem told him how precious He considered their gift <> Three new Unexplaineds