

5771 – Terumah
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1. Breishit 1:7-8

<p>G-d thus made the sky, and it separated the water below the sky from the water above the sky. And it was so. G-d named the sky “heaven.” It was evening and it was morning, a second day.</p>	<p>וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים, אֶת-הַרְקִיעַ, וַיַּבְדֵּל בֵּין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת לַרְקִיעַ, וּבֵין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מֵעַל לַרְקִיעַ; וַיְהִי-כֵן. וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לַרְקִיעַ, שָׁמַיִם; וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר, יוֹם שֵׁנִי.</p>
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2. Breishit 1:31, 2:1-3

<p>G-d saw all that He had made, and found it was very good. It was evening and it was morning, the sixth day. Heaven and earth, and all their components, were thus completed. With the seventh day, G-d finished all the world that He had made. He thus ceased on the seventh day from all the work that He had been doing. G-d blessed the seventh day, and He declared it to be holy, for it was on this day that G-d ceased from all the work of creation that He had done.</p>	<p>וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה, וְהִנֵּה-טוֹב מְאֹד; וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר, יוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי. וַיִּכְלֹו הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ, וְכָל-צְבָאָם. וַיִּכַּל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי, מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה; וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי, מְכָל-מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה. וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי, וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ: כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבַת מְכָל-מְלַאכְתּוֹ, אֲשֶׁר-בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת.</p>
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3. Shmot 24:16

<p>G-d’s glory rested on Mount Sinai, and it was covered by the cloud for six days. On the seventh day, He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.</p>	<p>וַיִּשְׁכַּן כְּבוֹד-ה' עַל-הַר סִינַי, וַיִּכְסְהוּ הָעָנָן שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים; וַיִּקְרָא אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי, מִתּוֹךְ הָעָנָן.</p>
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4. Shmot 25:8-9

<p>They shall make Me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among them. You must make the tabernacle and all its furnishings following the plan that I am showing you.</p>	<p>וַעֲשׂוּ לִי, מִקְדָּשׁ; וְשִׁכַנְתִּי, בְּתוֹכָם. כְּכֹל, אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְרַאֶה אוֹתְךָ, אֵת תְּבִנַת הַמִּשְׁכָּן, וְאֵת תְּבִנַת כָּל-כֵּלָיו; וְכֵן, תַּעֲשׂוּ.</p>
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5. Shmot 39:32

<p>All the work on the communion tent tabernacle was thus completed. The Israelites did exactly as G-d had commanded Moses.</p>	<p>וַתִּכָּל--כָּל-עֲבֹדַת, מִשְׁכַּן אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד; וַיַּעֲשׂוּ, בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל--כְּכֹל, אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֶת-מֹשֶׁה, כֵּן עָשׂוּ.</p>
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6. Shmot 39:43

When Moses saw that all the work had been done exactly as G-d had ordered, he blessed them.	וַיֵּרָא מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-הַמְּלָאכָה, וְהִנֵּה עָשׂוּ אֶת־הַ--כְּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה', כִּן עָשׂוּ; וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם, מֹשֶׁה.
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7. Shmot 40:33

He set up the enclosure surrounding the tabernacle and altar, and he placed the drape over the enclosure's entrance. With this, Moses completed all the work.	וַיִּקַּם אֶת-הַחֲצִיץ, סָבִיב לְמִשְׁכַּן וּלְמִזְבֵּחַ, וַיִּתֵּן, אֶת-מָסַךְ שַׁעַר הַחֲצִיץ; וַיְכַל מֹשֶׁה, אֶת-הַמְּלָאכָה.
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