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1. ה' told the Jews in the desert to build a *Mishkan*. What was this? A TENT IN WHICH THE JEWS PRAYED AND OFFERED SACRIFICES
2. Why did ה' want the Jews to build the *Mishkan*? SO HE COULD BE ON THE EARTH
3. What was built in Yerushalayim in Israel that looked a lot like the *Mishkan*? THE BAIT HAMIKDASH
4. Who could collect things to build the *Mishkan*? ANYONE BORN JEWISH
5. Who were the *airev rav*, and were they allowed to collect things? EGYPTIANS WHO LEFT MITZRAYIM WITH THE JEWS. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO COLLECT THINGS
6. Were the *airev rav* allowed to give things to build the *Mishkan*? YES
7. When ה' first told Moshe that He wanted a *Mishkan*, Moshe said he wasn't sure if the Jews had enough things to build it. What did ה' tell Moshe? EACH JEW HAD ENOUGH THINGS BY HIMSELF TO BUILD IT
8. How many different things did the Jews give to build the *Mishkan*? 14
9. **EXTRA CREDIT:** One thing was *shittim* wood. Explain how the Jews got *shittim* wood in a desert. WHEN YAKOV MOVED TO MITZRA-YIM, HE PLANTED SHITTIM TREES. MOSHE CUT THEM DOWN AND BROUGHT THEM WHEN THE JEWS LEFT MITZRA-YIM
10. The *Mishkan* had three parts. The *kodesh ha-ko-do-shim* was the holiest part because of something in it. What? THE ARON (Ark) WHICH CONTAINED THE LUCHOT (the original Ten Commandments written on stone tablets)
11. How many boxes was the *aron* made of? THREE
12. In which box were the *luhot*? IN THE SMALLEST BOX
13. How did the Jews carry the *aron* from one place to another in the desert? WITH POLES ATTACHED TO RINGS
14. On the *aron* were two *kruvim*, or "angels." What faces did they have? A BOY AND A GIRL
15. When the Jews did the *mitzvot*, who did the *kruvim* face? EACH OTHER
16. When they did not do the *mitzvot*, which way did the *kruvim* face? AWAY FROM EACH OTHER
17. Why did the *kruvim* have faces like children near the *aron*? TO SHOW THAT ה' LOVES CHILDREN WHO STUDY TORAH AND DO MITZVOT
18. Which group of people will not be asked to help build the Third Bait Hamikdash? CHILDREN
19. Why won't children be asked? BECAUSE THEIR STUDY OF TORAH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BUILDING THE BAIT HAMIKDASH
20. There were three things in the *kodesh* part of the *Mishkan*: the *shulchan* (the table), the *menora* and the *mizbach ha-zahav*, the altar made of gold. How was the *shulchan* (table) carried? WITH POLES PLACED IN RINGS
21. How many shelves were on each side and how many shelves were there altogether? SIX FOR A TOTAL OF 12

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22. **EXTRA CREDIT:** What was the bread called that was put on the shelves?
LECHEM HAPANIM ("bread with faces")

23. When Moshe didn't know what the menorah was supposed to look like, what did ה' tell him to do? TAKE A BIG PIECE OF GOLD, THROW IT IN A FIRE

24. Did the *menora* come out of the fire? YES

25. How many branches were on the menorah? SEVEN

26. What oil was used to light the menorah? OLIVE OIL

27. What was special about the Western Lamp? IT BURNED ALL THE TIME AND NEVER WENT OUT

28. The shulchan stood for food. The menorah stood for Torah. Because they were near each other, we learn that Jews should give food and money to TORAH SCHOLARS (Jews who sit and study Torah)

29. What was offered on the *mizbach ha-zahav*, the altar made of gold? SPICES

30. What kind of wood were the walls of the Mishkan made of? SHITTIM

31. King Shlomo built the First Bait Hamikdash. What did he do with the things from the Mishkan that he couldn't use? HE HID THEM UNDER THE BAIT HAMIKDASH

32. The *masach* was in front of the entrance to the Mishkan. It was a curtain. What was sewn on the curtain? PICTURES OF KRUVIM

33. What was sacrificed on the *mizbach hanechoshet*, the Copper Altar which was in the *chatzair*, the yard? ANIMALS