

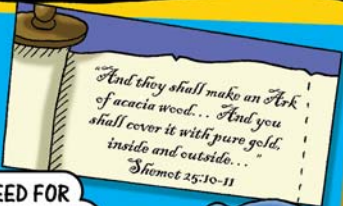


THE TRIBE SCRIBE

TERUMA: INSIDE OUT!

THIS WEEK'S PARASHA DISCUSSES THE OBJECTS OF THE MISHKAN, INCLUDING THE HOLIEST OF ALL, THE ARON HAKODESH/HOLY ARK.

I'M GOING TO USE MY X-RAY VISION TO SEE WHAT THE ARK WAS MADE OF.



NO NEED FOR X-RAY VISION DAN, THE TORAH CLEARLY TELLS US HOW THE ARK WAS CONSTRUCTED!



Cover of the Ark. Pure gold. 1 handbreadth thick.

Cherubim 10 handbreadths high



BUT WHY DO WE NEED GOLD ON THE INSIDE TOO? NO ONE EVER SAW THE INSIDE...

THE VERY CAREFUL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING THE HOLY OBJECTS OF THE MISHKAN OFTEN CONTAINED A HIDDEN MESSAGE FOR US. THE ARON HAD TO BE MADE OF PURE GOLD INSIDE, EVEN WHERE NO ONE COULD SEE IT. THIS REMINDS US THAT OUR BEHAVIOUR IN PRIVATE, EVEN WHERE NO ONE IS WATCHING, SHOULD BE THE SAME AS HOW WE WOULD ACT IF WE KNEW WE WERE IN PUBLIC.

Inner. Pure gold.

Middle Ark. Wood.



2 wooden carrying poles 10 amot long overlaid with gold.

Outer Ark. Pure gold with a gold decorative rim.



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