



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

PIKUDEI: SHUL ON THE MOVE!



I'VE HEARD OF A HOUSE ON YOUR BACK AND A HOME ON WHEELS, BUT HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A SHUL ON THE MOVE?



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS ONE, BUT A SHUL IN WASHINGTON DC GREW WHEELS AND WENT FOR A STROLL AROUND THE CORNER. IT WAS WHEELIE COOL!

BOOM!  
TISH!

THE ENTIRE BUILDING OF ADAS ISRAEL, WASHINGTON'S OLDEST SYNAGOGUE, (BUILT 1876) WAS PUT ON WHEELS. THE SHUL WAS MOVED THREE BLOCKS DOWN THE ROAD TO ITS NEW HOME AS PART OF A JEWISH MUSEUM TO AVOID BEING PULLED DOWN. TALK ABOUT A MOVING EXPERIENCE!

BUT IT'S NOT THE FIRST EVER SHUL ON THE SCHLEP! IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA THE MISHKAN (TABERNACLE) IS COMPLETED AND READY FOR USE. THE MISHKAN WAS A PORTABLE HOUSE FOR GOD - THE ORIGINAL MOBILE SANCTUARY.



THE MESSAGE OF THE MISHKAN IS THAT BEING JEWISH IS NOT JUST FOR SHUL, AND NOT JUST FOR HOME. THE TORAH TELLS US TO MAKE THE MISHKAN PART OF US AND WE CAN TAKE THAT WITH US WHEREVER WE GO. SCHOOL, WORK OR PLAY - WE ALWAYS HAVE OUR VIRTUAL MISHKAN PRESENT.

AND WITH THAT VIRTUAL MISHKAN COMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES. WHEN WE CHOOSE TO BEHAVE IN THE TORAH WAY, WE BUILD OUR PERSONAL MISHKAN. NO WHEELS NEEDED!



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