

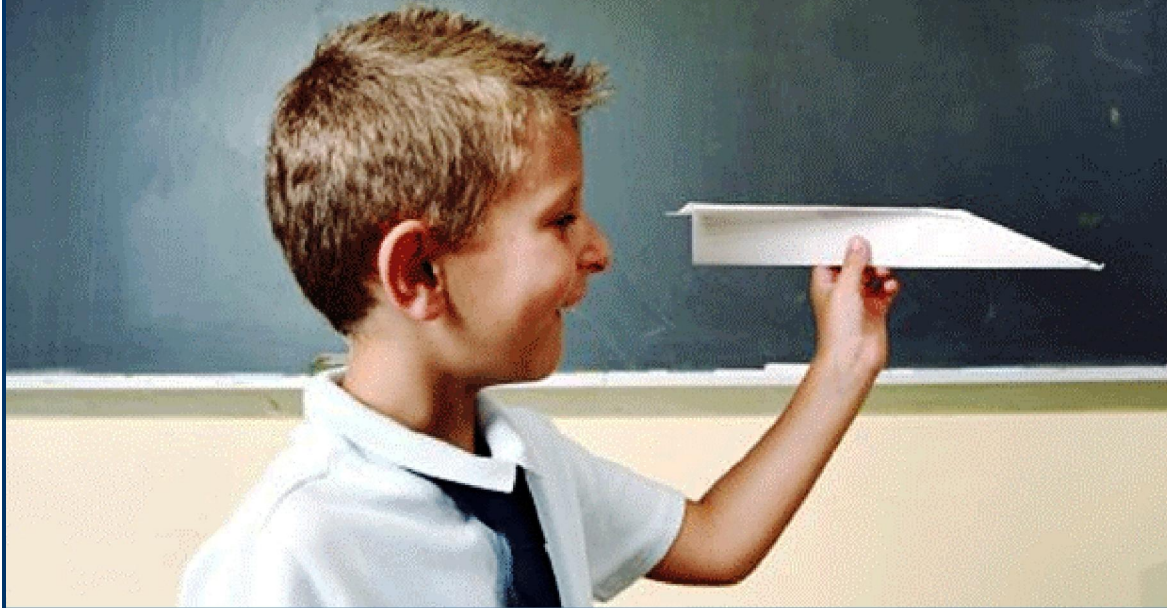
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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: TERUMAH (EXODUS 25:1 - 27:19)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Dr. Albert Zickmann, in appreciation of Chicago Torah Network, and in honor of Chavah, Sarah Yarden, Moshe Benyamin, Yishai Eliran, and all of Klal Yisrael.

1. They shall make for Me a Sanctuary ... (25:8)

It's right after the story of the Exodus.

The Jews leave Egypt.

And one of the first things they do is build a Temple.

... There's a beautiful Jewish tradition about some special wood that they used.

It says that the Jews had wood that was passed down from generation to generation.

Where did it come from originally?

It goes back to our forefather Abraham.

... *The Torah tells us that Abraham planted trees.*

Trees to provide food and shade for travelers.

Because Abraham dedicated himself to caring for others.

... It's a powerful message.

For the Jews building the Temple.

And for us. As we try to grow in our Judaism.

... Because the Temple had the Ark.

With the Tablets. The Ten Commandments.

And the Temple was also the place to serve G-d. With prayer and offerings.

... *But these are not enough.*

Yes. Torah and Divine service are central to Judaism.

... *But we need more.*

We need *chessed*. Acts of kindness.

We need to remember Abraham.

And his lifelong commitment to *chessed*.

And then we can 'build a Temple to G-d'.

STORY OF THE WEEK

A guy is skiing in Switzerland. And he gets separated from his group.

Suddenly he falls into a deep hole.

Luckily, he's not hurt. But he's stuck there.

... A few hours later a search party finally finds him.

They have to wait for the rescue team to arrive.

And in the meanwhile they want to reassure him that he is safe.

So they yell down to him: 'Hello. We're from the Red Cross.'

And he calls back up:

'... I already gave at the office!'

... It's an important lesson to remember. About *Tzedakah* - charity.

How we think that we are giving.

But every time we give – and have the opportunity to help others – we receive as well.

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Shabbat Shalom and best wishes for a wonderful week.

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