This week’s Parsha discusses the gifts that were brought by the nesi’im, tribal leaders, during the dedication ceremony of the Mishkan. In this section, the Torah details the exact gifts brought by each leader. This extensive description is rather puzzling since each leader brought an identical gift. Why did the Torah not simply describe the specifics of the gift one time? Why go through the details of the entire gift for each Nasi?

One answer given is that the Torah here is emphasizing the uniqueness of each gift, even though they all consisted of the same materials. The Torah is telling us that even though the gift was the same, each Nasi was able to imbue in the gift his personal feelings, emotions, and meaning.

On the surface, one can look at Judaism as a conformist religion where everyone is taught to look the same, think the same, and act the same. The reality is that this is not the case. While we have certain tenets of belief that are unwavering, and certain practices that we all do, the goal is to take those practices and imbue them with personal meaning and make them uniquely our own. At Hillel Academy, we may follow formal math and science curricula and teach Jewish texts that haven’t changed in thousands of years, but our goal is to make each learner a part of the process of integrating the lessons into their everyday lives and persona.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Weinberg, Principal
NEWS & VIEWS

Rabbi Senft presented the boys with the prizes they earned by learning outside school – over 2000 minutes combined! A raffle was held for the Grand Prize, and winner Yosef Kaminsky made it just in time to collect it and join in this group picture. Nice work everyone!

The Eleventh and Twelfth Grade students enjoyed a visit to Kennywood for Physics Day. Here are the boys enjoying some entropy.

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Have you seen the Bnot Sheirut’s Yom Yerushalayim 2018 movie? It’s a dashcam extravaganza!

This ballet recital included a lot of actual dancing, we promise! You can see the ballerinas in action on the Hillel Academy Facebook page. (Totes adorbs!)

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Mr. Sutton: WARMLY
Miss Mia: TRELLO
Mrs. Oz: WEATHER
Mrs. Levy: YNET
Mrs. Greenfield: WAZE
Ms. Morris: 52 FRAMES
Mrs. Wimer: ZILLOW, HEALTH
Mrs. Leah Milch: DUOLINGO
Mrs. Abraham: WHATS APP
Mordy Brown: BASKET
Mrs. Itskowitz: SUDOKU
Mrs. Ferari: FACEBOOK
Deonte: WORLDSTAR, YOUTUBE
Officer Sage: THE WEATHER CHANNEL
Ms. Kraybill: SNAPCHAT, GOOGLE MAPS
Rabbi Sutofsky: CALENDAR, WAZE, THERAPY NOTES
Rabbi Smith: TORAH ANYTIME, YAHOO FANTASY SPORTS
Mrs. Finder: SHAZAM, iTUNES, iBOOKS, WEATHER
Mrs. Van Sickle: STARBUCKS, GO MOBILE PGH, APPLE MUSIC
Ms. Felder: DOJO, CALJ, HEADSPACE, WHATSAPP, ELEVATE, ALBERT, STASH
Mrs. Sunshine: GOODREADS, STRAVA, INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, KINDLE
Mr. Roth: PIXELART, GOOGLE MAPS, FACEBOOK, RENWEB
Mrs. McDougall: SNAPCHAT, CALENDAR, GMAIL, WEATHER TIMELINE
Mrs. Erskine: DUOLINGO, NEWSLEA, SPOTIFY
Morah Jessie: MY FITNESS PAL, REMINI, WEATHER, GOOGLE DRIVE
Mrs. Myers: SKY GUIDE, LOSE IT, MY RADAR, INSTAGRAM, CALCULATOR, HIPSTAMATIC, SCRABBLE, SET, GMAIL

Mrs. Noorparvar wanted to share her favorite math Apps — which inspired this week’s awesome survey:

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE APPS?
SENIOR PROFILES
We’ll be featuring two members of the Class of 2018 in each issue until graduation.

MOSHE DOVID LUZER
Where he’ll be next year: Temple University

“I’ll never forget when Rivky Saxon dressed up like me — and I loved her outfit!”

“Moshe Dovid has a great sense of humor!”

“I’ll miss Moshe Dovid’s enthusiasm and brilliant smile.”

RIVKY SAXON
Where she’ll be next year: Tomer Devorah

“I’ll never forget how awesome Rivky Saxon played Captain Hook four years ago.”

“Secretary of State!”

“I never forget when Moshe Dovid’s enthusiasm and brilliant smile.”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATES!
Graduations
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
June 3
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
June 10
EIGHTH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS
June 11

NO BNEI AKIVA
THIS WEEK
THE COUNSELORS
ARE AWAY AT A
SHABBATON

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS!
June 7 - 3rd Grade to Heinz History Museum
June 11 - 4th Grade to Tour Ed Mine

TERRANOVA TESTING
For Middle School
Week of June 4

GIRL’S ONEG
Every week in the PZ Educational Building from 3-4.
For all girls in grades K-6.
Hope to see you there!
Join us for our closing activity on June 3rd!
The last week of ONEG will be June 9th.

MAZEL TOV

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Sarah Clendenning
Lois R. Brozenick Memorial Chair

Sarah Clendenning joined the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in 1997, under Music Director Mariss Jansons. Prior to joining the PSO, she played in the violin sections for both the San Diego Symphony and the San Diego Opera. She has also performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Mainly Mozart Festival, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and the Vermont Mozart Festival.

Ms. Clendenning has appeared as a soloist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony Chamber Orchestra, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, the Hanover Chamber Orchestra, the Honduras National Youth Orchestra, a Boston Symphony Youth Concert, and the Oberlin Orchestra. She was Concertmaster for the Connecticut Grand Opera and Opera North in Hanover, New Hampshire.

As a chamber musician, Ms. Clendenning has played with the Pittsburgh Symphony Chamber Orchestra, the Ionian Chamber Players, and the Tanglewood Festival, where she was also a member of the Tanglewood Fellowship Orchestra. She won First Prize at the Coleman Chamber Music Competition as a member of the Maud Powell String Quartet.

Originally from Hanover, New Hampshire, Ms. Clendenning earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin College and a Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School. She has studied with Joel Smirnoff, Gregory Fulkerson, Marylou Speaker-Churchill, and Andrew Jennings.

Jodi Weisfield

Jodi Weisfield has spent her career working in Orchestra Management and Development and serves as the Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Prior to this, Jodi served as the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra’s Major Campaign Director, where she led the Orchestra’s largest capital campaign. Jodi began her tenure with the Pittsburgh Symphony in 2001, where she worked as the Director of Corporate Support from 2001-2005. Jodi has also worked as Director of Corporate Development for the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Product Marketing Manager for Carnegie Learning, Inc. and started her career in Development for the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

A Pittsburgh native and life-long pianist, Jodi earned her Bachelor’s degree in Piano Performance from Indiana University, Bloomington, and her MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. Jodi serves on the Boards of Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra, and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and is on the nominating committee for Rodef Shalom Congregation. Jodi was a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh in 2014. Jodi resides in Squirrel Hill with her husband Andrew, and their three children, David, Amaya and Elana.

WHAT TIME IS IT IN RANGOON, MYANMAR (BURMA?)

Did you know that the world’s time zones are not whole hours? Some countries go by half-hour deviations from standard time, such as Newfoundland, India, Iran, Afghanistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, the Marquesas, as well as parts of Australia. Some nations, such as Nepal, and some provinces, such as the Chatham Islands of New Zealand, use quarter-hour deviations.

(Thanks to Ms. Morris for the heads-up!)
We respectfully request that younger children remain outside during the musical performances, thank you.

Preparations are underway for the Night of Art & Music! Here are some details from the artwork you’ll see displayed – will you be able to spot them?
At Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh, we educate young men and women with unlimited capacity who compete in a superior manner in all challenges undertaken. Our students are Torah observant models of exemplary character, who love G-d, the Jewish people, and the land of Israel. To say that our students possess a love of learning, confidence and the ability to think critically, merely highlights the value of a Hillel education. What we ultimately achieve each day, and have been achieving for 70 years, is the gift of instilling each student with the foundation for a life spent actively serving and leading the Jewish community and society.

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