The donations for the Mishkan were necessary to serve as an atonement for the terrible sin of the golden calf that was perpetrated by the Jewish people. It meant that they now needed to give of their time and especially of their money for a higher cause. This lesson applies to Jews in every case.

R' Chortkover Rebbe, R’ Duvid Moshe Friedman ZT”L would say: “Moshe Rabbeinu gathered together the entire Congregation of Bnei Yisroel and said to them: ‘These are the things which Hashem has commanded you to do.’ Every Jew approaches a mitzvah with his own thoughts and intentions. But, every Jew has to imagine himself as a participant in physical performance of the mitzvah is carried out in the same manner by all. Moshe was able to assemble all the Jews in true unity because the performance of mitzvos is common to all Jews, irrespective of other differences.”

R’ Chortkover Rebbe, R’ Avraham Borenstein ZT”L (Avnei Nezer) would say: “And every wise-hearted woman spun with her hands, and they brought spun wool.” The Seferin writes that the men gave permission to their wives to donate material to the construction of the Mishkan, as it says, י美媒ות איה, גלות גלות - 'The men came with the women.' The question still remains though: how were these same Jewish women permitted to donate their handwork - the wool that they spun with their own hands - to the Mishkan without permission from their husbands? Don’t the products of married woman’s hands belong to her husband? The answer is that a woman’s handwork only belongs to her husband when her husband is supporting her. In the wilderness, though, the Jews lived on Mann and were supported by Hashem - so the husbands did not have to support their wives!”

A Wise Man would say: “Success is not measured by how high you have climbed but by how many people you have brought with you.”

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Without exception, every Jew participated in the building of the Mishkan from their title as a form of punishment for their lack of charity, even to the Rav. Seeing that the man had no intention of giving tzedaka, the Rav told his attendant to follow the man, "for he might die without reciting Shema.

When he arrived at the man’s home, the saw the man collapse and die, and the servant immediately recited Shema for him. Upon returning to the Beit Midrash, the Rav summoned him and explained that he had seen a severe decree hanging over the head of the wealthy man, and had tried to save him through the mitzvah of tzidkua. However, the man’s sinfulness cost him his life.

The Mishnah of R’ Yechezkel Levenstein ZTL describes the situation as follows: “During those five years of exile, R’ Shmuel Berenbaum literally ran his yeshivah for us (shever hasmadah - incredible diligence)!”

Shabbos is the source of blessing for every Jew. Any blessing that we hope to see during the week is rooted in Shabbos. Shabbos is called a “Tavlin” - literally a “spice” that makes everything tasty and feel delicious. But if you are so exhausted that you can’t keep your eyes open at the Shabbos table, then you certainly cannot experience the “Taste of Shabbos”.

One should prepare on Erev Shabbos, which means to be ready in time! One must GIVE HIS HEART, making an effort to prepare for Shabbos in order to feel the kedusha and receive it’s blessings.

However, it is not enough to get all fired up and excited on the day of Shabbos itself. Oh no! You are 6 days too late! The Chasam Sofer ZTL tells us that the posuk “Do not kindle a fire in your home on Shabbos,” means that a person must not become excited about Shabbos. For they expect they will be able to kindle a fire in their home and heart, a passionate burning love for Hashem BEFORE Shabbos, not only ON Shabbos! That fire must be kindled in their hearts BEFORE they even think about Shabbos. This is the “Chassidic” Shabbos Shloshah Mishtos that arrives he is ready to experience the “Tavlin” to its fullest! Many people make an effort to prepare themselves physically and spiritually for Shabbos. This could mean preparing a special dish, learning about Torah or even taking a nap on Friday afternoon! One should prepare on Erev Shabbos so that he can truly give over real Torah values and proper Hashkafah to his children. Where better a place to get it then at the yeshivah? How will they give it to their children if they don’t get it there? Whatever you do, just make sure to be ready to truly envelop and be uplifted by our treasure, a gift called Shabbos.