

TERUMAH - Uplifted Offering



Exodus 25:1- 27:19

God has called Moshe to ascend Mount Sinai once again. The Mount is covered by a cloud - *anan* - ענן and with fire - *esh* - אש, signifying His Presence. What does the Almighty want to reveal and communicate to Moshe this time? In the *parasha* we find the answer. He wants Israel to build Him a house - *bayit* - בַּיִת ; a sanctuary - *mikdash* - מִקְדָּשׁ . He wants to dwell in their midst. He wants to be their neighbor - *shachen* - שָׁכֵן ! Root: *shin - caf - nun sofit* - ש-כ-ן . A dwelling - *mishkan* - מִשְׁכָּן ; neighborhood - *sh'chunah* - שְׁכוּנָה . Once it is built the glory of the Presence of God, the *Shekinah* - *Shechinah* - שְׁכִינָה will indwell the Mishkan.

God gives Moshe the blueprints and detailed instructions of the design, materials and furnishings He desires to have in His house. This construction project requires much action to be taken and the people are asked to participate and to make specific offerings -*terumot* towards it. Today we will focus on Verbs - doing words - *poel / poalim*, which also means workers.

First a review of the Word Order in a sentence or phrase: Subject - **Verb** - Object

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| 1. Sarah is singing. | <i>Sarah shira.</i> |
| 2. Yossi drives a taxi/ bus/ car. | <i>Yossi noheg monit/autobus /auto.</i> |
| 3. He eats a falafel. | <i>Hu ochel falafel.</i> |
| 4. The elephant is huge! | <i>Ha'pil gadol me'od!</i> |
| 5. The shop is in the Old City. | <i>Ha'chanut ba'lr Ha'Atika.</i> |

VERBS - PO'ALIM - פועלים

The basic verb patterns are built on the root letters of the masculine singular form of the verb. There are 7 Verb patterns, or groupings, called *Binyanim*. 4 *binyanim* are active forms of the verb and 3 are passive. We will only be studying the first active group, called *Pa'al* or *Kal*, which means easy, as opposed to *kasheh*, which means difficult. So that's good news!

PRESENT TENSE

to dance lirkod/לִירְקֹד	roked רוֹקֵד	rokedet רוֹקֵדֶת	rokdim רוֹקְדִים	rokdot רוֹקְדוֹת
to go/walk lalechet/	holech הוֹלֵךְ	holechet הוֹלְכֶת	holchim הוֹלְכִים	holchot הוֹלְכוֹת

Your friend the Infinitive! “I want - *Ani rotzeh / rotzah* - **le’..... li....**
 “I need - *Ani tzarich / tz’richa* - **la’.....**

E.g.,

I want to read a story. *Ani rotzeh/rotzah likroh sippur.* אני רוצה לילרא סיפור
 He wants to eat a falafel. *Hu rotzeh le’echol falafel.* הוא רוצה לאכול פלפל
 She wants to buy stamps. *Hi rotzah liknot bulim.* היא רוצה ליקנות בליים
 We need to go home. *Anachnu tz’richim lalechet ha’baita.* אנחנו צריכים ללכת הביתה
 They need to drink water. *Hem/hen tz’richim/tz’richot lishtot mayim.* הם/ן צריכים/ות לשתות מיים
 I need to write a letter. *Ani tzarich/tz’richa lichtov michtav.* אני צריכה לכתוב מכתב

PAST TENSE of: read - *karah* ; ate - *achal* ; went/walked - *halach*

Singular

הִלַּכְתִּי	halachti	אֲכַלְתִּי	achalti	קָרַאתִי	karah’ti	אני - I
הִלַּכְתָּה	halachta	אֲכַלְתָּה	achalta	קָרַאתָה	karah’ta	you(m) - אתא
הִלַּכְתָּ	halacht	אֲכַלְתָּ	achalt	קָרַאתָ	karah’t	you(f) - את
הִלַּךְ	halach	אָכַל	achal	קָרָא	karah	he - הוא
הִלְכָה	hal’cha	אָכְלָה	ach’lah	קָרְאַה	kar’ah	she - היא

Plural

הִלַּכְנוּ	halachnu	אֲכַלְנוּ	achalnu	קָרַאנוּ	kara’nu	אנחנו - we
הִלַּכְתֶּם	halachtem	אֲכַלְתֶּם	achaltem	קָרַאתֶם	kara’tem	you(m) אתם
הִלַּכְתֶּן	halachten	אֲכַלְתֶּן	achalten	קָרַאתֶן	kara’ten	you(f) אתן
הִלְכוּ	halchu	אָכְלוּ	achlu	קָרְאוּ	kar’u	they(m) הם
הִלְכוּ	halchu	אָכְלוּ	achlu	קָרְאוּ	kar’u	they(f) הן

When God created the universe (also a purposeful construction project!) we are told that on the 6 days He spoke - *Va’yomer Elohim* - “And God said... וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים...”; then on the 7th day He rested and enjoyed His work. Here, in Exodus, we find the instructions for the Tabernacle / *Mishkan* are given in 6 sections and each begins with, “And the LORD spoke [to Moshe]...” *Va’yedaber YHWH...* וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה. These are directly followed by a section on Shabbat - the 7th day. It seems the *Mishkan* is a microcosmic universe also centered around His Holy Presence!