

North American Inclusion Month

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BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Parshat Terumah “Working Together”

This week’s parsha, Parshat Terumah, talks about the building of the Mishkan. The Mishkan was the holiest place, where Hashem would rest His Shechina, to be extra close to Bnai Yisrael. Bnai Yisrael would worship Hashem in the Mishkan.

Hashem wanted the Mishkan to be built in a very special way. Hashem told Moshe about everything he would need and the details of how to build the Mishkan. Many valuable materials were needed to build the Mishkan. Bnai Yisrael were glad to give their gold, silver, brass and other precious materials for the building of the Mishkan.

When all the Jewish people pitched in and worked together, the beautiful Mishkan was built. When Jews work together and get along with each other, Hashem is happy and His presence stays close to His people. By fully including Jews with disabilities in the community- through recreational activities, hiring them as employees, giving kibbudim on Shabbat, and so forth, we are ensuring that Hashem’s presence is close to us, as we are all working together.

Shabbat Shalom!



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