

# Make for Me a Sanctuary

## Parsha Terumah

### Exodus 25:8

וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשֹׁכְנֵתִי בְּתוֹכְכֶם

And they shall make Me a sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst

### Maimonides Positive Commandment #20

The 20th *mitzvah* is that we are commanded to build a Sanctuary to serve [G-d]. In it we offer sacrifices, burn the eternal flame, offer our prayers, and congregate for the festivals each year, as will be explained.

The source of this *mitzvah* is G-d's statement (exalted be He), "Make a Sanctuary for Me."

The *Sifri* says, "The Jewish people were commanded three *mitzvos* upon entering Israel: appointing for themselves a king, building themselves a Sanctuary and wiping out the descendants of Amalek."