

Parshat Vayakhel

Vayakhel means to assemble. From this word, the term used for a Jewish community (Kehilah) is derived

Moses assembles the Israelites and reminds them of the commandment to observe the Shabbat as a day of rest. G-d further instructs them not to kindle a light on Shabbat.

Then Moses reviews G-d's instructions concerning the building of the Tabernacle and calls upon the people to bring gifts to be used in its construction. Moses' request for gifts for the Tabernacle is the first noted fundraiser. He appoints Bezalel to be the chief artisan in the work of constructing the Tabernacle and to supervise the other skilled craftspeople who will contribute to the building.

The Israelites respond to Moses' call for gifts, bringing so many riches that Moses has to proclaim that enough material has been donated.

Shabbat Shalom Candle lighting time is 6:06 PM

