



וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: יז דַּבֵּר | אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְקַח מֵאֵתָם מִטֶּה מִטֶּה לְבֵית אָב מֵאֵת כָּל-נְשִׂאֵיהֶם
לְבֵית אֲבֹתָם שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר מִטּוֹת אִישׁ אֶת-שְׁמוֹ תִּכְתֹּב
עַל-מִטְּהוֹ: יח וְאֵת שֵׁם אֲהֶרֶן תִּכְתֹּב עַל-מִטֶּה לְוִי כִּי
מִטֶּה אֶחָד לְרֹאשׁ בֵּית אֲבוֹתָם: יט וְהִנַּחְתָּם בְּאֵהָל מוֹעֵד
לְפָנַי הָעֵדוּת אֲשֶׁר אֲוַעֵד לָכֶם שָׁמָּה: כ וְהָיָה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר
אֶבְחַר-בּוֹ מִטֶּהוּ יִפְרַח וְהִשְׁכַּתִּי מֵעָלַי אֶת-תְּלַנּוֹת בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הֵם מִלִּינָם עָלֵיכֶם: כא וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּתְּנוּ אֵלָיו | כָּל-נְשִׂאֵיהֶם מִטֶּה לְנָשִׂיא אֶחָד
מִטֶּה לְנָשִׂיא אֶחָד לְבֵית אֲבֹתָם שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר מִטּוֹת וּמִטֶּה
אֲהֶרֶן בְּתוֹךְ מִטּוֹתָם: כב וַיִּנַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת-הַמַּטֹּת לְפָנָיו
יְהוָה בְּאֵהָל הָעֵדוּת: כג וַיְהִי מִמַּחֲרַת וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה אֶל-אֵהָל
הָעֵדוּת וְהִנֵּה פָּרַח מִטֶּה-אֲהֶרֶן לְבֵית לְוִי וַיֵּצֵא פָּרַח וַיֵּצֵן
צִיץ וַיִּגְמַל שְׁקָדִים: כד וַיֵּצֵא מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-הַמַּטֹּת מִלְּפָנָיו
יְהוָה אֶל-כָּל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּרְאוּ וַיִּקְחוּ אִישׁ מִטְּהוֹ:

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16. And Hashem spoke to Moses, saying, 17. Speak to the people of Israel, and take from every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, from all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods; write every man's name upon his rod.

18. And you shall write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi; for one rod shall be for the chief of the house of their fathers. 19. And you shall lay them up in the Tent of Meeting before the Testimony, where I will meet with you. 20. And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom; and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the people of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. 21. And Moses spoke to the people of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, from each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. 22. And Moses laid up the rods before Hashem in the Tent of Testimony. 23. And it came to pass, that on the next day Moses went into the Tent of Testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds. 24. And Moses brought out all the rods from before Hashem to all the people of Israel; and they looked, and took every man his rod.