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Word of the Month

Kiddush L'vana

According to Minhag Yerushalayim, one says KL from three days (72 HRS) after the Molad. Ideally, one takes the first opportunity (without waiting for Motza"Sh). The molad of Adar Rishon was MON (Feb 4) at 11:37pm Israel Winter Time. First op would be THU 11:37pm. Problem: Moon set on that night is 7:36pm. No Moon visible at 11:37pm. First op FRI? No, we don't say KL on Leil Shabbat unless it is the last op for the month. Therefore, first op is Motza"Sh. What about NY (for example)? Molad was MON 4:37pm. 3 days is THU 4:37pm. First op is THU evening, weather permitting.





Upper-left: Gold US Double Eagle, Silver dollar, copper penny for the 3 precious metals that were collected for use in the construction of the Mishkan and its furnishings • Below the penny is a young fellow, recently having reached the age of mitzvot, named Shoham mentioned in the sedra • Two cabbages. In Hebrew - KRUV, as in the K'RUVIM (cherubs) on the KAPORET of the ARON • Many of the other items represent materials that were collected • Gemstone for the stones for the CHOSHEN and the shoulder straps of the EIFOD • Gold rings stand for the rings through which were inserted the carrying poles of some of the furnishings of the Mishkan • And also, the rings that connected adjacent wallboards - even though those rings were rectangular rather than round • spools of thread represent the different colored wool and linen that were used to weave the coverings in the Mishkan. Also, to sew together the panels of the Mishkan and the Ohel • Bouquet of flowers, in Hebrew - ZEIR. That is the term used in the Torah for the decorative border of gold that was made for the ARON and the SHULCHAN • olive oil represents the olive oil, which had several purposes in the service of the Mikdash • tree and log, for ATZEI SHITIM, the acacia wood used extensively in the construction of the Mishkan • Trophy cup is called a GAVI'A. The computer key is a KAFTOR and the

flower is the PERACH. The actual Menora shapes did not necessarily resemble these, but the names match • sewing machine to facilitate various sewing jobs that were needed in the Mishkan • column or pillar, of which there were many in the Mishkan • frame, MISGERET in Hebrew. The word is used in the description of the SHULCHAN • In the frame is a graduation cap. It stands for the wisdom that G-d endowed the artisans of the Mishkan • Matza with a face is LECHEM HAPANIM • • Notebook is MACHBERET, a term used in the sedra, different meaning • computer screen is called a MASACH in Hebrew • Upper-right is MUREX TRUNCULUS, the snail from which the T'CHELET (and ARGAMAN) dye comes • VI is 6 is SHEISH, which also means linen • B'SAMIM box represents the B'SAMIM that was collected for the anointing oil and the Ketoret • optical illusion in the lower-right has a dot which either looks like it is inside or outside the box. The ARON was plated inside and out with gold • below the cucumber is a close-up of the hook and loop fastener we call Velcro, the logo of which is under that photo • Under that is another optical illusion of Panim el Panim • the flag lower-left is of Lebanon with a cedar tree - from the haftara • Rabbi Gold is pointing to the gold coin, obvious. But he's also pointing to the silver coin. He is dean of the Avrom Silver Jerusalem College for Adults, part of the educational program of the OU Israel Center. • The hatchet is mentioned in the haftara - GARZEN • The other fellow is D'VIR, the term in the haftara for the Kodesh Kodashim