

**Shabbat Shekalim**  
**Shabbat of the Shekel**

**Torah:** Exodus 30:11-16  
**Haftarah:** 2 Kings 12:1-17  
**Brit Chadasha:** Matthew 17:24-27

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**TORAH:**

**Exodus 30:11-16**

Census and Ransom Money

11 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

12 “When you tally the sum of *Bnei-Yisrael* by numbering them, then every man must pay a ransom for his soul to *Adonai* when you count them, so that no plague will fall on them.

13 Everyone among them who crosses over must give half a shekel according to the Sanctuary shekel (which is 20 gerahs): half a shekel as an offering to *Adonai*.

14 Everyone who crosses over among them who is counted, from 20 years old and upward, is to give the offering to *Adonai*.

15 The rich are not to give more and the poor are not to give less than the half shekel, when they present the offering of *Adonai* to make atonement for your souls.

16 You are to take the atonement money from *Bnei-Yisrael* and give it for the service of the Tent of Meeting, so that it may be a memorial for *Bnei-Yisrael* before *Adonai*, to make atonement for your souls.”

## HAFTARAH

### 2 Kings 12:1-17

#### Jehoash Restores the Temple

1 Jehoash was seven years old when he became king.

2 Jehoash began his reign in the seventh year of Jehu and he reigned 40 years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

3 Now Jehoash did what was right in *Adonai's* eyes all his days, just as Jehoiada the *kohen* instructed him.

4 The high places, however, were not taken away. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense on the high places.

5 Then Jehoash said to the *kohanim*, "All the money of the sacred donations brought to the House of *Adonai*—the money in exchange for each person's valuation, as well as all the money that anyone's heart prompts him to bring to the House of *Adonai*—

6 let the *kohanim* receive it, each from one of the treasurers, so they may repair the damage to the House wherever any damage is found."

7 But by the twenty-third year of King Jehoash, the *kohanim* still had not repaired the damage to the House.

8 Then King Jehoash summoned Jehoiada the *kohen* and the other *kohanim*, and said to them, "Why are you not repairing the damage to the House? Now therefore, take no more money from your treasurers, but hand it over for the damage to the House."

9 The *kohanim* agreed that they would take no more money from the people, nor would they repair the damage of the House.

10 But Jehoiada the *kohen* took a chest, bored a hole in its lid, and placed it beside the altar, on the right side as one entered the House of *Adonai*. The priestly guards of the threshold deposited there all the money that was brought to the House of *Adonai*.

11 Whenever they saw that there was a large amount of money in the chest, the royal scribe and the *kohen gadol* would come up, put the money in bags and count the money that was found in the House of *Adonai*.

12 Then they would give the money that was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had been overseeing the House of *Adonai*—they, in turn, would pay it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the House of *Adonai*,

13 and to the masons and the stonecutters, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the damage to *Adonai's* House, and for all that was laid out for the House to repair it.

14 But there were no silver cups, snuffers, bowls, trumpets, and no vessels of gold or vessels of silver made for the House of *Adonai* from the money brought to the House of *Adonai*.

15 For they gave it to those that did the work, and with it they repaired the House of *Adonai*.

16 They did not check on the men to whom they gave the money to pay the workers, for they dealt faithfully.

17 The money from the guilt offering and money from the sin offering was not brought into the House of *Adonai*—it was for the *kohanim*.

## **BRIT CHADASHA**

### **Matthew 17:24-27**

24 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter and said, "Your teacher pays the Temple tax, doesn't He?"

25 "Yes," Peter said. Now when Peter came into the house, *Yeshua* spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? The kings of the earth, from whom do they collect tolls or tax? From their sons or from strangers?"

26 After Peter said, "From strangers," *Yeshua* said to him, "Then the sons are free.

27 But so that we do not offend them, go to the sea and throw out a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. And when you open its mouth, you'll find a coin. Take that, and give it to them, for Me and you."