

# What is Yerushalaim?



It goes back to Sarah and Rivka's tent



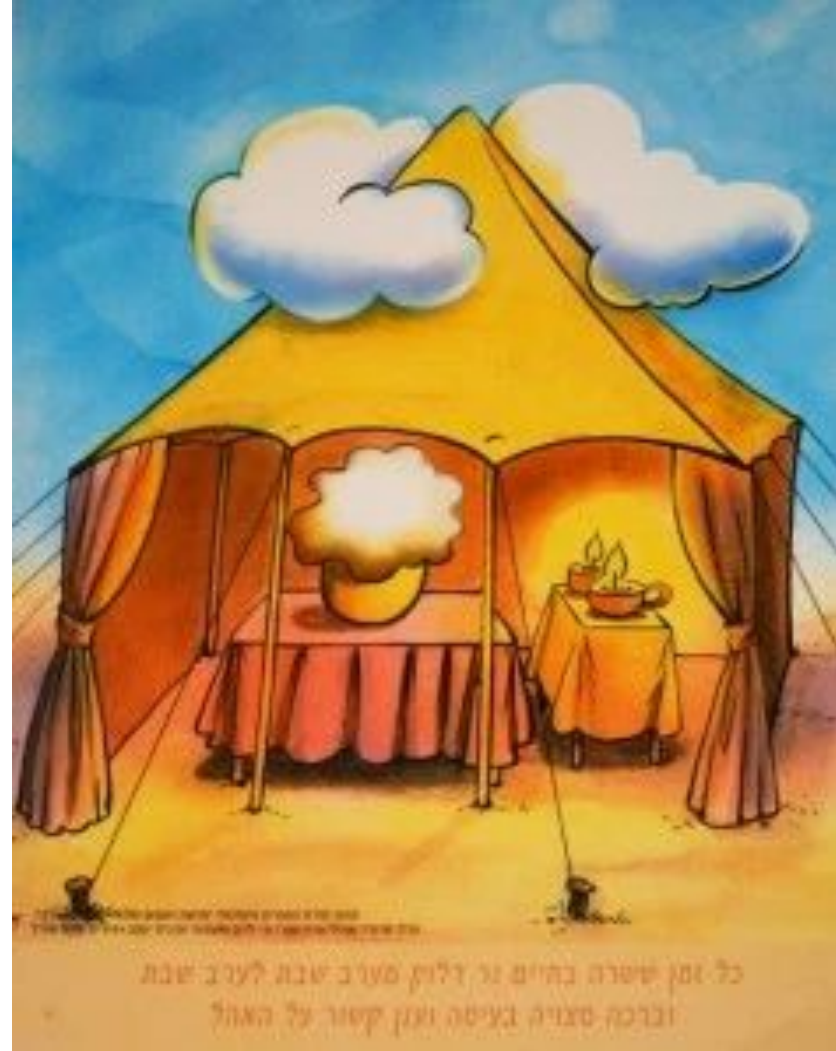
It always had a blessing in the dough



# A light from Erev Shabbos to Erev Shabbos



And a cloud hovering over  
the tent



כל זמן שירה בחיים נר זלוק סגור שבת לערב שבת  
וברכה סגורה בעיטה ונר קטור על האול

This holy experience was transferred to Har Sinai



There there was a great cloud over the mountain



There was thunder and lightning





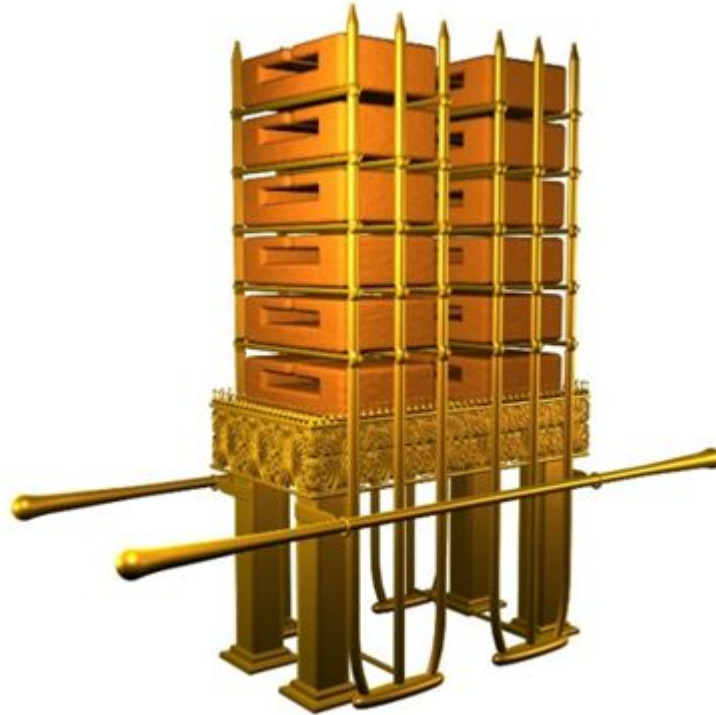
# Ramban: That experience was transferred to the Mishkan



There the flame lasted from one day to the next



There the bread was always on the Shulchan



And a cloud formed over the Mizbach Hazahav



This holiness was then transferred to the Beit  
Hamikdash



There the flame, the Shulchan and the cloud continued



And miracles showing G-d's presence were on display

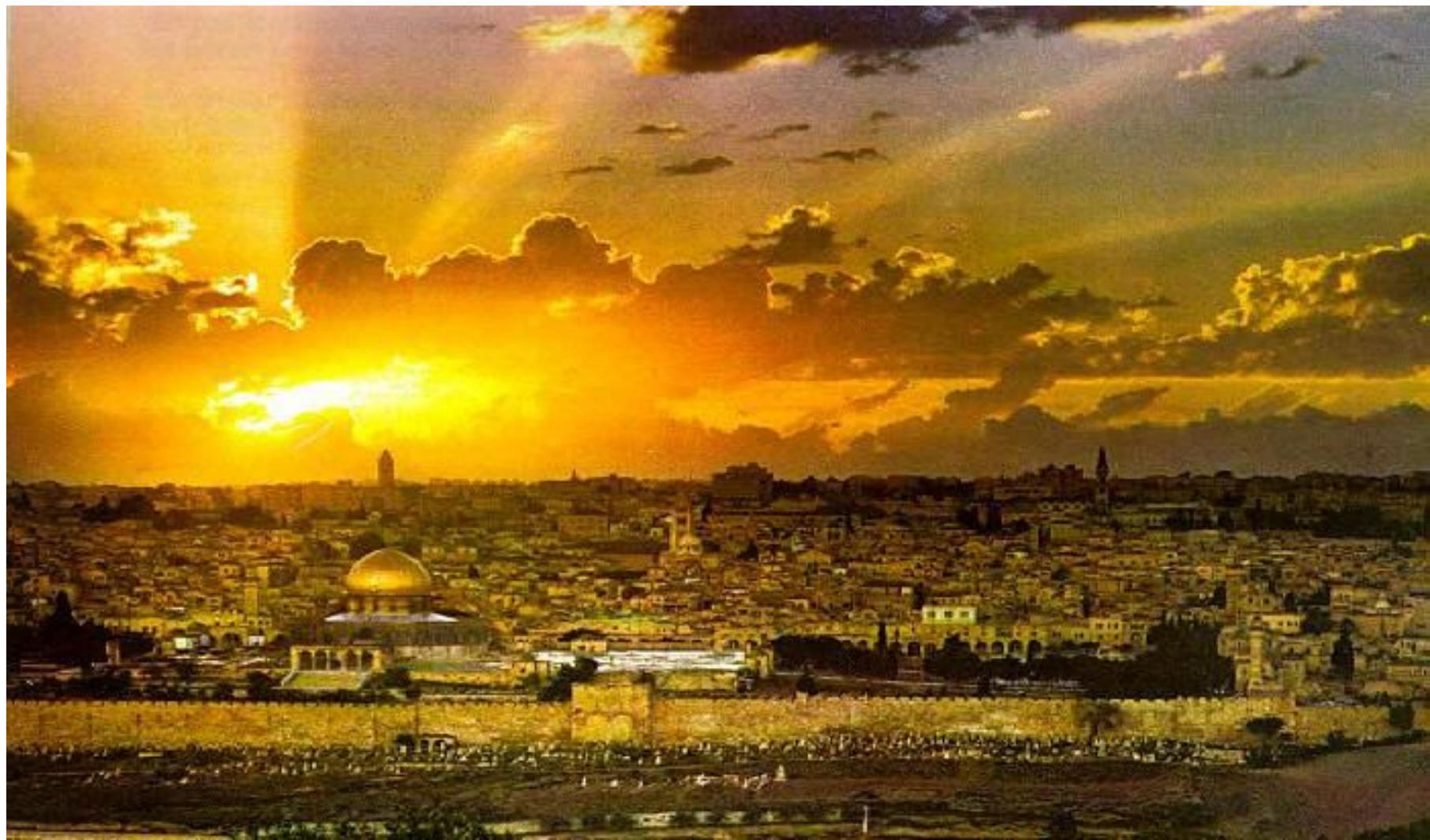
עֲשׂוּהָ נִסִּים נַעֲשׂוּ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בְּבֵית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ:

Ten wonders were wrought for our ancestors in the Temple:

To this day this is where a Jew can readily encounter  
G-d







And it is the ability to return to this place that we  
celebrate today.



It is our hope that this conquest is the beginning of our return to G-d and His return to us.



שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת בְּשׁוּב יְהוָה אֶת־שִׁיבַת צִיּוֹן הָיִינוּ כְּחִלְמִים:

A song of ascents. When the LORD restores the fortunes of Zion —we see it as in a dream—



זֶה־הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה יְהוָה נִגִּילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בּוֹ:

This is the day that the LORD has made— let us exult and rejoice on it.

