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Parashas Terumah

"וַיִּקְחוּ-לִי תְרוּמָה"

"And have them take for Me an offering"
 (Shemos 25:2).

The Maharal Tzintz says that the word "לי" ("for Me") alludes to the dimensions of the Mishkan, which was 30 (lamed = 30) cubits long and 10 (yud = 10) cubits high. "According to all that I show you, the pattern of the Mishkan and the pattern of all its vessels." He explains that through Moshe's power to behold and contemplate the heavenly, spiritual pattern of the Mishkan and its vessels, he drew holiness into the physical Mishkan and its vessels on earth. The verse continues: "...and so shall you do," which our Sages interpreted as "you shall do for generations." The Maharal Tzintz says that through the power of Moshe's contemplation of the Heavenly Mishkan, all future generations received the power to build a Holy Temple in which holiness would dwell, and the Divine Presence would reside among us, may it be speedily in our days, Amen.

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