

# Building the Third *Beis Hamikdash*<sup>1</sup>

## Question

Who is obligated to build the *Beis hamikdash* (Temple in Jerusalem), and is there an obligation to begin rebuilding the *Beis hamikdash* today, before the coming of the *mashiach*?

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## Response

### The Mitzvah

The Torah states: “*You shall make for me a mikdash.*”<sup>2</sup> Although the context of the verse is the construction of the *mishkan* in the desert, halachic authorities explain that this instruction also includes the future *batei mikdash*. They derive this from the verse itself, in different ways:

(1) בעריכת המאמר השתתפו חברי המכון שליט"א הרב אליעזר ראקסין, הרב אברהם בערגשטיין, והרב יהודה ליב אלטיין.

(2) שמות (כה, ח): “וַיַּעַשׂ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכָם”.