

THE TESTIMONY*

וְנָתַתְּ אֶל־הָאָרֶן

אֶת הָעֵדוּת

אֲשֶׁר אֶתֶּן אֵלֶיךָ:

And you shall put into the ark
the testimony
that I shall give to you.

And you shall put into the ark the testimony—In the place created from the heartfelt offerings of each woman and man (Ex. 35:22), My law shall reside, and I shall dwell among you at the center of your community. *The testimony that I shall give to you*—That is, “the Torah, which is a testimony between Me and you,” a witness for all time—even as it shall be denied in every age—that I have “commanded you the commandments that are written in it” (Rashi).

* Exodus 25:16 (in Terumah)