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PARSHAS VAYIKRA
 5786

Torat Scene-A-Eye
 This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha.
 This week's is about Parshas Vayikra



Disclaimer: These AI generated images are NOT meant to portray actual people or events from the Torah. They are simply hints to get you thinking. LIST OF THINGS TO FIND ON PAGE 5

WHAT'S UP

ON A HIGH

We're still on a high... No. Not from Purim, but from your partnership helping NCSY raise money last week to expand our programming into the future!

Let's talk summer for a bit. Camp Nageela is actually filling up rapidly, and we're already at over 180 campers signed up! We're getting close to deadlines for Federation scholarships, so NOW is the time, if you're considering Jewish camp for your child, to take advantage of grants, scholarships and incentives to give them their best summer yet! Please visit nageelawest.org for info, or reach out to us directly. Specifically Jewish Nevada's needs based scholarship application closes in April, so let's get on it!

Deuxson is coming back! Fresh from our whirlwind tour in Tucson two weeks ago, we're excited to announce an Arizona Jewniors Shabbaton (5-8 grade) in Tucson on April 17th! More details to come.

This Monday we're introducing a really fun and unusual Monday night Jewniors program- the AI Challenge. You've got to be there to find out what the rules are and what the prizes are! Oh, speaking of prizes... I've decided that whoever wins the biggest prize should always be called the prizident, followed by the vice prizident, etc.

The Prizedents for the recent Purim virtual costume contest are: Shifra K, Itamar S. and Leah Y. Big prizes coming your way!

April 16th is the day we resume Thursday night Scholars. Exciting food and program tweaks coming, too!

You can sponsor a week of Nageela Shabbos in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Help us reach more Jewish kids with interesting Torah content!



Deep Thoughts

Taking a bite of a burger determines which side is the front.



JOIN US!

We have programs for Middle School kids from all over the West Coast. Please contact us for details!



LEADERSHIP

Information: A leadership cohort of committed, responsible 7-8 graders who want to help Jewish kids their age. Please contact us!



LOLZ

What do you get wbe you cross a centipede and parrot?

A walkie talkie.

DVAR TORAH

STOP IN THE NAME OF...

Here are some nursery rhymes for your reading enjoyment:

This little Jew went to the Mishkan,
This little Jew stayed home,
This little Jew bought roast beef,
as his Olah Korban.

The smoke from the fire went wee-wee-wee-wee,
completely well done

Baa Baa, black sheep, are you a Korban,
Yes sir, yes sir, served in a bun.
Brought to my Master, Brought for my shame,
Brought for the man who takes all the blame

Rubber Ducky, you're the one,
You make a perfect Korban,
Get forgiveness for a rather unwealthy Jew

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, mincha man,
Bake me a cake with oil in a pan!
Scoop it and scorch it and mark it with M,
And put it on the altar for poor, poor men.

So here we have four types of offerings, for four different income levels. In our modern economy, a live cow costs nearly \$10,000. A sheep goes for \$3-400, birds usually aren't more than about \$25 and flour is basically just tasty dandruff. God accepts appropriate sacrifice from each group. Very wealthy people would give a cow, less wealthy people would bring a sheep which is still significant. Poor people would bring an inexpensive bird, and the brokest of the broke would bring a handful of flour. Much is written about the idea that God accepts all of those equally; truly, it's not the value of



the
actual
sacrifice
that matters,
but what's in your heart.

Kli Yakar points something interesting out.

When the Torah tells us about the cow, it mentions that the intestines need to be washed before burning on the altar. "ITS intestines" have to be washed. When it comes to the sheep, it says "THE intestines" need to be washed. Hmmm. He takes that to mean that for a person who gives a cow, the cow's intestines may be washed, but the person's aren't. They're still dirty. I asked ChatGPT, and was assured that contrary to urban myths, our intestines are generally quite clean. Kli Yakar means that when a person has a lot of metaphoric 'fat,' that's not so easily cleaned, and even an expensive offering may not fully cleanse the root of the problem. When it comes to the sheep, 'the intestines' get washed, meaning, the person bringing the offering gets cleansed well. Less fat, less distraction, less superficiality= more cleansing power to the Korban.

When it comes to the poorer people bringing birds and flour, no cleansing is necessary. These people don't have elaborate schemes, rationalizations and permission structures. If they make a mistake and regret it, they can bring the offering and get forgiven. Cleansing isn't a complex process.

When we mess up, which we all do, and then we want to fix it, which hopefully we do as well, it's worth doing a gut check (pun intended). How real are we? Is there still fat, superficiality and rationalization? If there is, then our intestines stay clogged.



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PICKLE JEWS



PARSHAL PARSHA

*a brief summary of the weekly
Torah parshon*

PARSHAS VAYIKRA THE KOHEIN'S GUIDE TO LIFE

OK- the whole book of Vayikra makes it difficult for simple summaries, because it's very technical. It's also very often overlooked, so I'll do my best here!

- There are a number of different types of offerings we can bring in the Mishkan or Holy Temple.
- The Olah is brought from large or small animals, or even birds, and gets completely burned on top of the altar.
- People may also bring offerings from flour. These are called Mincha offerings, not to be confused with the mincha prayer which is based on a different offering that wasn't a mincha. OK, yes to be confused; I know I am.
- Some minchas are oven baked, some are fried in a pan, and some were deep dish.
- The next category is the Shelamim offering, which is basically a voluntary donation. It may also be brought

from a variety of animals, and the owners were able to eat most of the meat. This was how people had BBQs back then. Certain parts got burned, including the kidneys. If the offering was a kid (the goat kind, not the human kind... what were you thinking?) the kid's kidneys were burned, but the kid's knees weren't burned.

- There were also offerings that were brought to make up for mistakes. These are called Chatas.
- If an individual did something baaaad, he would bring a female goat or sheeeeeep.
- If a leader messed up by telling the people the wrong info- be they King, Kohein Gadol or the Jewish supreme court known as Sanhedrin- they had their own special chatas offerings.
- First certain other sins, the offering was different and was called an Asham. And probably people brought it because they were Asham-ed.



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NA-NA-NAGEELA



How much do you love
being Jewish?

STUMP THE RABBI

StumptheRabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question.

Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

FAST BUT NOT SAD

A CLASSIC STUMP THE RABBI EPISODE #54, REPRINTED FROM 2018

Hi Rabbi,

What's the point of sacrifices? I know that in the Temple, people would bring animals and they'd get burned on the altar. I heard God likes the smell. Can you please explain what that means?

Thanks,
Shepsil Burns

Dear Shepsil,

Different English words are used to describe bringing an animal as a sacrifice, tribute or offering. The Hebrew word is Korban, which means to come close, or approach. The goal of a korban is to help a person get closer to God, not just as a mindless act of ritual. How does this work?

Here's the deal. We mentioned in a previous week (Dvar Torah to Parshat Va-yakhel... you can look it up in Nageela SHabbos Season 2, Episode 24) that we can measure what's important to us by what we're willing to give up for it. You know, for example, that a friend is truly important to you, if you're willing to miss a big game to help him.

When we take an item of value and offer it to God, we're actually saying, "My relationship with you is important enough that I'm ready to give up this very expen-



sive cow." God certainly doesn't need our cows, and He doesn't have a nose (which is odd, because the Jews, His children have more than average in that department) to smell the roasting meat. By bringing an offering, we're showing Him that He is a priority in our lives.

There are three main situations when it's important to do this:

All the time. I know it's unfair to say "three situations" and then throw "all the time at you. In the Temple, 2 daily korbanot were brought on behalf of the entire nation (and additional ones on holidays) to help remind us on a daily basis to keep God in our lives.

When we've done something wrong. Some offerings are brought after we've messed up. It happens to us all, and at that time more than any other, it's super important to remind ourselves that God loves us, and remind God that we love Him.

When something good happens in our lives. The category of "peace offering" is brought when we survive an illness, have a great success, or simply to connect to God. Sometimes people only turn to spiritual thoughts when times are difficult. These offerings help remind us to connect to God when times are good as well, and to thank him for what we have.



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

STUMP THE RABBI

CONTINUED...

Maimonides adds that many nations have built their religions worshipping animals. Offering an animal to God is a clear sign that we do not put any value in their animal worship.

But it's 2026. We don't have a temple, and we don't practice korbanot today. What takes the place of these important offerings? Our words and our actions. Prayer has replaced physical offerings by reminding us to stay close to God. Korban. Our actions, too, show what is truly important in our lives.

So remember, you don't need a cow, to connect to the King of the mooniverse...

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

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Monday
March 23rd

THE AI CHALLENGE

Bring a device. get ready to create and win!

5:00-6:00pm (grades 4-6)
6:15-7:30pm (grades 7-8)

RSVP AT THE LINK PROVIDED OR MESSAGE RABBI LOCKER AT LOCKER@NCSY.ORG OR 917-613-1037

Torat Scene-A-Eye Challenges

Start Here

- The Kohen Gadol
- The striped Mishkan tent
- The Aron inside the tent
- The golden menorah

Keep Going

- The brown bull
- The white lamb
- The separate fire burning nearby
- The large altar with smoke rising

Look for Details

- A basket of eggs
- A basket of red fruit
- A basket of yellow fruit
- A green bowl filled with round items

Trickier Finds

- A small sign hanging from a table
- A child holding a yellow cup
- A man carrying a tray of round items
- Three pigeons on the ground

Challenge Round

- The man with the bright blue beard
- A child sitting on a stool
- Two people blowing horns



FYI

This week marks the beginning of our Torah reading cycle reaching the third book (out of five). Nearly at the halfway mark!

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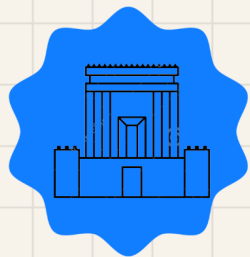
ANSWER ON PAGE 6

Question of the Week

There is a commandment to stand up when certain people enter the room. For which person who is NOT a parent, a teacher, king, Kohen Gadol or Torah scholar would you be required to stand?

VISUAL TORAH BLAST

vayikra



there were **2 types**

of sacrifices that were brought in the Holy Temple to help people get forgiveness for their mistakes.

chatas & asham



When a serious mistake was made (like breaking Shabbat), the chatas was brought. However, when a person wasn't sure whether they made the mistake, their offering is called the Asham.

backwards



CHATAS means **mistake**.
ASHAM means **destruction**.
Asham is the more serious sacrifice.
It seems backwards. Why would a **maybe mistake** be worse than a **for sure mistake**?

awareness



We never want to make mistakes, but they happen to all of us. We should always be awake, thoughtful, and aware of our world.

In a way, **not knowing if we messed up** is a more serious problem because it means we're not paying attention. Also, **it's much harder to fix** a problem you're not sure you have.

be present
be aware
be in the moment

Prayer Prompt:

PRAYER IS A BIG PART OF JUDAISM, BUT LET'S BE HONEST. MOST KIDS (AND EVEN ONE OR TWO ADULTS) DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING. LET'S EXPERIMENT WITH THIS. WE HOPE TO WRITE A SMALL BLURB ABOUT ONE OF THE PARTS OF OUR PRAYER SERVICES EACH WEEK. MAYBE WE'LL START UNDERSTANDING SOME OF THEM!

FIFTEEN MEDITATIONS- PART 5

ONE OF THE FIRST BLESSINGS IN OUR DAILY SERVICE IS:

POKAYACH IVRIM-SIGHT AND SENSES

*POKAYACH IVRIM- WHO GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND
CLOSE YOUR EYES. NOW TRY TO WALK AROUND A BIT. CAREFUL! IT'S HARD TO DO THAT FOR 30 SECONDS. IMAGINE LIVING YOUR WHOLE LIFE LIKE THAT. AND THEN A DOCTOR INVENTS A SURGERY TO CURE YOU- HOW AMAZINGLY GRATEFUL WOULD YOU BE TO THAT DOCTOR???*
LET'S SHOW THAT GRATITUDE TO GOD WHO GAVE US THESE GIFTS FROM DAY 1!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR OTHER SENSES? HOW WOULD OUR LIVES BE DIFFERENT IF THEY DIDN'T WORK VERY WELL?

NOPE

Wrong answers only

We asked some people...

Moses wrote the word Vayikra with the letter Alef extra small, because of his humility.

What letter in the Torah (or elsewhere) would you make bigger or smaller, and why?

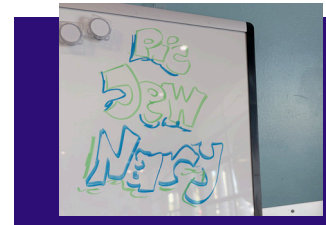
- I'd enlarge the letter Pay everywhere, because it's awesome to get paid.
- I wouldn't change the size, but would put a guard on every shin.
- I'd make W bigger because it's better than X.
- Nun of them.
- Nun, and that's final.
- If you don't like that answer, Tuf on you.

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Nageela counselor Gavriel Weiner upon his engagement!

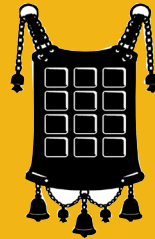
PIX CLIX

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME RECENT STUFF



Mincha

Mini-Cha



CHASE PEACE

Topping the list

of amazingly important people who are overshadowed by siblings (like my brothers) is Aharon, AKA Aron, AKA A-A-Ron. 3 years older than his brother Moses, Aharon was the defacto leader of the Jewish people during the many years Moses was absent from Egypt. After Moses was chosen as leader, Aharon happily accepted his role as spokesperson. His heart was so pure that God chose him to be the Kohein Gadol- the head priest, and every kohein. ever. for. the. rest. of. time. has to be a granchild of Aharon. No exceptions! That's real royalty.

Aharon was known for bending over backward to make peace between friends or couples who weren't getting along. He's immortalized as one of the ushpizin, the 7 symbolic guests we invite into our Sukkah.

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Answer of the Week

The answer is the wife of a Torah scholar. One is obligated to stand for her just as one would for a scholar.



QUESTION ON PAGE 5

LAS VEGAS

JEWNIOR NCSY

CALENDAR

2025-2026

- Sep 02** **Skating Kickoff**
City National Arena **COMPLETE**
- Oct 11** **HUT DOG**
Campout under the stars and stars **COMPLETE**
- Oct 19** **Summer Jump Session**
Learn about all our amazing summer opportunities **COMPLETE**
- Nov 7-9** **ADVENTURE SHABBATON**
Alamo, NV **COMPLETE**
- Dec 11-14** **SKI Weekend**
Utah **COMPLETE**
- Feb 13-16** **Jewnior Regional**
California Extended Shabbat experience with Jewniors from six states **COMPLETE**
- April 17-19** **AZ District Shabbaton**
Tucson
- May 24** **Summer Sendoff**
End the year with a bang!

- FUNLY FIRSTLY**
Fun Days, the first Sunday or Monday of the month:
- Monday Nov 3- Laser Tag
 - Monday Dec 1- Bowling
 - Monday Jan 5- Flipn Out
 - Sunday Feb 1- Ski Day
 - Sunday March 1- Glow Party
 - Monday April 13- Roller Skating
 - Monday May 4- Sports Day
 - Monday June 1- Ice Cream Party

- Weekly Programs:**
- Sunday 10am Hebrew School
 - Monday 5pm Tween Night (grades 4-6)
 - Monday 6pm Teen Night (grades 7-8)
 - Thursday 8:15pm Scholars Study (boys)

- Look out for...**
- Giving Days- Fundraising Drive March 8-9
 - Our Board run Instagram account @lv.jewniors
 - Sticker Drop Days
 - ZOOM classes
 - Monthly Challenges and other info at westcoastncsy.org/jewniors.

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JUNE 23- JULY 15

GIRLS ADVENTURE WEEK
JUNE 16- JUNE 23

BOYS MAIN SESSION
JULY 15- AUG 6

BOYS ADVENTURE WEEK
JULY 8- JULY 15



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