



Family & Friends

Parshas Vayikra

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Melave Malka at the Altusky home.

PARSHAS VAYIKRA RABBI ARYEH WALDEN

In Parshas Vayikra, the Torah discusses the various korbanos; those of cattle, sheep, goats, and the korban mincha as well. The korban mincha consists of flour and oil only; by far the most inexpensive of the korbanos. Interestingly, we find a difference in the Torah terminology between the animal sacrifices and the korban mincha. In regard to animal sacrifices, the Torah says: "Adam ki yakriv", when a person will offer a sacrifice. However, in regards to a korban mincha, it says: "V'Nefesh ki sakriv", when a soul will offer. The obvious question is, why is it that specifically the most modest of the sacrifices is called an offering of the soul?

Rashi addresses this point and says: 'Whose practice is it to offer a korban mincha?' A poor person. Says Hashem, "I consider it as if he has offered his very soul!" This implies a new understanding into the value system of the korbanos. The significance of a korban is not measured by its actual size or price, rather by the level of mesiras nefesh it represents. A wealthy



With profound sadness, Yeshivas Torah Ore joins together with our dear talmid,

Simcha Miller, in mourning the passing of his father

יעקב לוי בן אשר מאיר ז"ל

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ירושלים" ...

individual may offer a large and expensive bull as a korban – quite a grandiose offering, indeed. But it is not the offering of his soul, as he is a man of great resources. However, a poor person, who offers some flour and oil, as meager as it may seem, has given up a part of himself. That is an offering of the soul.

Shlomo HaMelech writes in Mishlei, 'Kabed es Hashem me'honcha' – Honor Hashem from your wealth. There is a known statement from Chazal, the source unknown, 'Al tikrei me'honcha, ella me'groncha' – do not read, as it is written, your wealth, but rather 'me'groncha', from your throat. Some understand this to mean to honor Hashem with song and prayer. R' Akiva Eiger, zt"l, explained it differently – honor Hashem by removing food from your very



Heartfelt Mazel Tov wishes to:

Rabbi & Mrs. Tzvi Banash on their granddaughter's birth.

Zecharya Fagen on his upcoming marriage.

Mr. & Mrs. Yisrael Kugler on their daughter's upcoming marriage.

own throat and offering it to Him. Someone who gives to Hashem at the expense of his personal needs has truly honored Hashem.

R' Yisroel Salanter, zt"l, once spent a Shabbos in the company of his talmidim and admirers. He was told two stories. The first involved a well-known Chassidic leader, who was generously donated 10,000 rubles towards the building of a new bais midrash. The second was about two wondering Jews, a father and a son, who arrived in town on Taanis Esther. The son asked his father to give him some of the money they had managed to collect, so he can buy something nourishing and tasty with which they can satisfy themselves after the fast. The father answered, 'To be yotzeh the post-fast repast, we can do with anything. It is much more important to keep our money so that we can properly fulfill the mitzvah of giving machazis hashekel before the megilla reading.' When R' Yisroel zt"l heard these two stories, he

wisely taught – ‘the second story is so much greater than the first!’

This lesson applies to all of us. Sometimes, finances are tight and we feel we cannot make a significant contribution to tzedaka. We may say, ‘If I had the wealth that so-and-so has, then I would contribute.’ But, we fail to realize that on the contrary, the more difficult it is for us, the greater it is in the eyes of Hashem. This same concept applies to all areas of Torah and Avodas Hashem. The greater the sacrifice it involves, the more significant the mitzvah actually is. It is the offering of our very own soul!

PRE-PURIM RAMBLE

Greetings, fellow revelers and celebrators! As we gear up for Purim, we remember the The Vilna Gaon’s explanation of how “Purim” shares the same letters as “Yom HaKippurim” – the name found in the Torah, for Yom Kippur. That which we accomplish on Yom Kippur with spiritual pursuits, we accomplish on Purim with physical pursuits. As such, it’s time to dust off our groggers, don our finest costumes, and brace ourselves for the pandemonium that is Purim!

Deciding what to write in the Purim edition of newsletter has not been an easy task. Over this past year, we’ve written a lot of material. While going through the archives, we were reminded about many aspects of our Yeshiva. Yet, when all is said and done, we’ve hardly taken a drop out of the ocean of potential topics.

So, b’kitzur, l’maaseh, tachlis (after all, a Yeshiva should sometimes write Yeshivish), we were in a conundrum. What would be suitable fodder for this festive



Celebrating at the Glasser Siyum.

edition? We could write about Purim, but whose Purim actually goes according to plan? Therefore, after much consideration, deliberation, consultation, and thought, our entire writing staff unanimously reached a decision – this article would be about nothing.

That’s right, NOTHING! N-o-t-h-i-n-g. You are probably (and rightfully) thinking that nothing is a bit of a boring subject to broach. Who would be interested in reading something boring? Which leads us to the following question . . . how on earth did you continue reading this far?!?

While winding up this ever so

informative article, we just wanted to remind everyone to review the halachos of grogger etiquette and ready your costumes. For those DIY-ers out there who are still scratching their heads for ideas, fear not – a bedsheet with some eye holes can transform you into a 2024 DIY hester panim outfit. Whether you’re donning a crown or a cardboard box, may your Purim be filled with laughter, joy, and enough ‘beverages’ to keep you spiritually irrigated and flush with simcha.

Until then, happy Purim prepping, and may your groggers be ever in tune!

Wishing everyone Freilichen Purim!