

SCHEDULE

שבת קודש

Mincha Erev Shabbos → 6:55 PM

Friday Night Learning—@ Home

BYOC—Bring Your Own Chulent

Daf Yomi 7:30 AM

Shacharis—Followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM

—Sof Zman K'S— גר"א 10:15 < 9:35

Mincha—Early 2:15 PM

Mincha - (No צדקתך) 6:50 PM

Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv - 8:05 PM

(not a typo)

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Special Pre Pesach Shiur by R' Teichman

Part II of II, Sunday 3/17 @ 8:30pm

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Sunday

Shacharis I 6:50 AM

Daf Yomi— By R' Teichman 7:30 AM

Shacharis II 8:30 AM

Mincha / Maariv 7:05 PM

Monday - Friday

Daf Yomi— By R' Teichman 5:45 AM

Shacharis

Monday, Thursday 6:40 AM

Tuesday, Wed., Friday 6:45 AM

Mincha (Mon –Thur) 1:45 PM

MINCHA/MAARIV 7:05 PM

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The Bull, the Lamb and the Goat

The first offering that is discussed at the onset of our portion is the עולה, the elevated offering.

Rav S.R. Hirsch elaborates on the notion of a “striving to rise higher”; to defy the laws of “gravity” in a pursuit towards developing “perfection”; endeavoring a “life of goodness and spirituality” in progressive steps “upwards”.

He expounds on how the animals that the Torah allows to be offered represent the character of human beings.

The בקר, the powerful bull, who ploughs the field mightily, symbolizes “a personality active and working in the service of a higher personality”.

The כשב, the simple devoted sheep, whose instinctive indebtedness to its shepherd, who cares, tends and protects him, represents our resolve to devote with enthusiasm to the commands of G-d, our רועה, the ultimate Shepherd. (רש"י ויקרא א ג)

The עז, the goat, “who is only tame and tractable towards its master but which obstinately shows its horn to any stranger”, typifies the “purest characterization of resistance...., deaf to all external enticements, remains immovable, and faithfully follows the command of its master”. (רש"י בראשית ה ט-כא)

In one's animal of choice lies a deeper expression of one of these three aspects of commitment to G-d; a sense of mission and purpose, a manifestation of utter devotion and indebtedness and finally a stubborn declaration of independence from the forces that seek to deter us from this pure consciousness.

The Midrash (ויק"ר כו ט) corresponds:

the בקר, the bull, to Avraham who with great zeal “ran to” the cattle” to prepare generous food for his angelic guests;

the כשב, the sheep, to Yitzchok whose allegiance to the “Shepherd” by gladly offering his total essence at the Akeidah, was eternalized in the ram, a male sheep, that appeared in the thicket and was brought in his stead;

the עז, the goat, to Yaakov who gallantly defied Esav in taking the two goats in order to provide delicacies for his father, so that he may bless him.

Remarkably, tradition maintains that each of these three episodes took place on either the eve of, or on, Pesach, the fifteenth of Nissan! (בר"י מה יב, שמ"ר טו יא, פרד"א לב)

The Holy Zohar states that if we perform the mitzvah of matzah correctly on Pesach we can ward off the need for judgment on Rosh Hashana. (זוה"ק תצוה ד קפג:)

The Tzemach Tzadik reveals that this is hinted in the ritual of

מגביהין את הקערה, to elevate the Seder plate in the course of the evening. If one “lifts up” each letter of the word “קערה”, then the letters שופר, the Shofar, will appear. ק follows פ, subsequent to ע, comes after ר, and finally ה precedes the letter ו!

The Shofar asserts three basic tenets of our belief:

מלכות, Kingship; מצאות ד', G-d created the world with a constant purpose.

זכרון, Remembrance; שכר ועונש, there is accountability for every choice we make.

שופרות, Shofar Blasts; תורה מן השמים, G-d revealed his directive for this world, the Torah, and we must adhere to its every detail.

In the Hagaddah immediately prior to our beginning the actual account of the exodus, we recite three seemingly disparate paragraphs.

The first; מתחילה עובדי עבודה זרה היו אבותינו... the paragraph that gives a very brief history that begins with Avraham's undertaking his “mission” to bring awareness of G-d to the world.

The second; ברוך שומר הבטחתי לישראל... an “accounting” for the misdeeds acted against His people and the great “reward” that awaited us upon leaving Egypt.

The third; ... והיא שעמדה לאבותינו, the assertion that “היא”, and “It”, the Shechina, the “Torah”, its message of truth, (היא being numerically to the word אמת, “truth”), that we abide by unflinchingly even against the greatest threats of our enemies, is what preserves us through the generations.

Avraham began the mission with the vigor of a “bull”, Yitzchok taught us of the allegiance of a “lamb” to its shepherd without question, and Yaakov who like the “goat” resists fiercely those who seek to deter him from his path.

On the night of Pesach we initiate our program of celebrating the exodus, by reiterating the greatness of the Avos whom we seek to emulate, as we progress towards the final redemption. May we instill within ourselves and our children, not only the inspiration of the story of the exodus, but more importantly an enthusiastic sense of mission, commitment and the stubborn refusal to submit to the weakness of temptation.

If we succeed, we will yet hear following the night of Pesach, the blast of the Shofar of Moshiach!

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Part II of II, Sunday 3/17 @ 8:30pm

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