

# CONGREGATION BROTHERS OF ISRAEL

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## Shabbat Parshat Vayikra 5784

### Sermon – Meaning in the Details, Bakar and Tzon

#### Adapted from Rabbi Braun's Sermon in 5783

For most people learning or listening to Sefer Vayikra is a non-starter. For those who try, our eyes gloss over as we read of slaughter of bulls, sheep, blood sprinklings. The details are mind numbing and we struggle to make sense out of any of it. We can't relate and simply think of it as an archaic method of worship. To try and combat that I would like to take one detail, a small one and try and demonstrate that every detail of the Korbanot is meaningful. In the second verse of the book of Vayikra we read:

(ב) וַיָּבֵר אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם אָדָם כִּי־יִקְרִיב מִכֶּם קֶרֶבֶן לִיקָוֶה מִן־הַבְּקָר וּמִן־הַצֹּאן וּמִן־הַתְּקִיבֹת אֶת־קֶרְבָנְכֶם

A person wants to bring a Korban, an animal, it can be brought from Bakar or Tzon, cattle or sheep.  
Is there any difference besides the cost of the animal?

Listen to this amazing idea from Rav Yonatan Grossman. He argues that there is a difference, and it is a fundamental one!

Regarding the Korban Olah Hashem tells us:

אִם־עֹלָה קֶרְבָנוּ מִן־הַבְּקָר זָכָר תָּמִים יִקְרִיבֵנוּ אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד יִקְרִיב אֹתוֹ לְרֹצֵנוּ לִפְנֵי יְקֹוֹק (ג)

If your offering is a burnt offering from the herd,(bull) you shall make your offering a male without blemish. You shall bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, for acceptance in your behalf before Hashem.

The sacrifice is brought before Hashem!

When describing the Olah from the sheep/goat we read:

וְאִם־מִן־הַצֹּאן קֶרְבָנוּ מִן־הַכְּשָׂבִים אוֹ מִן־הָעִזִּים לְעֹלָה זָכָר תָּמִים יִקְרִיבֵנוּ (ו)  
וְשָׁחַט אֹתוֹ עַל יֶרֶךְ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ צִפְנָה לִפְנֵי יְקֹוֹק וְזָרְקוּ בָנָי אֹהֶרֶן הַכֹּהֲנִים אֶת־דָּמֹו עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ סָבִיב (יא)

*If your offering for a burnt offering is from the flock, of sheep or of goats, you shall make your offering a male without blemish.*

*It shall be slaughtered before Hashem on the north side of the altar, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall dash its blood against all sides of the altar.*

## Shabbos

### Friday March 22

Candle Lighting

6:45 PM

Mincha

6:50 PM

### Saturday March 23

Shacharit

9:00 AM

Mincha Park Ave

1:45 PM

Micha Sternberger

2:00 PM

Shabbat Ends

8:02 PM

NO SEUDAH SHLISHEET AT EITHER LOCATION

## Weekday

### Sunday March 24 - Friday March 29

8:00 AM

Shacharit Mon- Fri

7:00 AM

Mincha:

7:00 PM

This Olah is also male and perfect, yet it is sacrificed on the north side of the altar.

There is a second difference as well. The sheep is slaughtered, and the blood thrown on the altar immediately, because it is slaughtered right next to the altar. Yet by the Olah from cattle, there is an intermediate step between slaughter and throwing.

(ה) וְשָׁחַט אֶת־בֶּן הַבָּקָר לִפְנֵי יְקֹוֹק וְהִקְרִיבוּ בְנֵי אֹהֶל הַכֹּהֲנִים אֶת־הַדָּם וְזָרְקוּ אֶת־הַדָּם עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ סָבִיב אֲשֶׁר־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד

*The bull shall be slaughtered before Hashem; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall offer the blood, dashing the blood against all sides of the altar which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.*

There is slaughter, bringing the blood closer and then throwing, almost as if the cow was slaughtered anywhere before hashem in the chatzer and then brought to the mizbeach.

Chazal assume that the bull and sheep were both shechted on the North side of the Mizbeach.

Why then is the description so different?

Rav Grossman explains that there are two fundamental elements in the Mishkan.

It is a place where we encounter Hashem, we stand before Hashem.

It is also a place of worship and sacrifice, on the mizbeach.

The bull is brought אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד יִקְרִיב אֹתוֹ לְרֹצְנֵוֹ לִפְנֵי יְקֹוֹק, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, where Moshe met Hashem, lifnei Hashem. The bull is brought when one wants to encounter Hashem.

The sheep is described as being offered עַל יָדָהּ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ צֹפְנָהּ לִפְנֵי יְקֹוֹק, also lifnei Hashem, but here the focus is on the Altar. When you bring a sheep Olah you come before Hashem as a worshipper, that belongs to the altar and not the Ohel Moed.

The relationship you are seeking determines the animal!

That is abundantly clear from the psukim.

Why does the bull represent our connection to the Ohel Moed and the sheep to the altar?

Here we enter the realm of theory, but he offers a few suggestions for this as well and I will share one.

A bull is completely subservient to his owner. Is carries or plows, nullified before his owner. So too.

Sheep are corralled and cared for by a shepherd but allowed to roam on their own, they have a little bit of leeway and control.

When you stand before the Ohel Moed, stand before Hashem, we bring the bull, we are completely nullified before the Ribono Shel Olam.

When you come to the Mishkan as an Oved Hashem, and you approach the altar, you take a little bit of initiative, you bring the sheep, you acknowledge Hashem as shepherd but act as a Makriv..

Rav Yoni does this with every single detail and it is breathtaking. I know today was a bit technical, but hopefully this idea will give you a new appreciation for the korbanot and the meaning and depth contained in these parshiot.



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# *Purim Schedule*

**Purim 2024 - 5784**

**Taanis Esther**

**Thursday March 21st**

Fast begins: 5:35 am

Shacharis: 7:00 am

Mincha: 6:40 pm

Fast ends: 7:40 pm

**Purim**

**Shabbat March 23rd**

Shabbas ends: 8:02 pm

Maariv and Megillah Reading: 8:20 pm

**Post Reading Dessert Reception**

**Sunday March 24th**

Shacharit and Megillah Reading by Doni Engel : 8:00 am

Second Reading by Cantor Greenberg: 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash

Mincha: 7:00 pm

All Purim Services are at CBI Park Ave





# **Tuesday Nights with Rabbi Braun**

**Tuesday, March 26, 8 PM**

**Beyond the Scope of the Podcast:  
*Giving Charity so that my children will live***

**In Person and on Zoom**

**CBI Park Ave**

**ZOOM: Meeting ID: 840 815 0316**

**Passcode: 216355**

# CLOTHING FOR ISRAEL

As many of you consider spring cleaning this year, we ask that you please keep **Am Yisrael** in mind for all the items you no longer want or need. In lieu of our traditional rummage sale, we will be collecting both "higher end" and name brand items. This year we will be selling the items off site and on various websites.

Donations will be limited this year to the following items:

- **Women's clothing**
- **Men's clothing**
- **Fashion Accessories to include: handbags, belts, shoes, scarves, ties, costume jewelry**
- **Small decorative or useful household items**

Everything must be in clean and wearable or useable condition – nothing with stains or holes, cracks or chips, please.

We are unable to accept electronics, furniture or any large household items at this time.

Drop offs should be coordinated with the office, NOW through the 12th of April.



Thank you for your consideration and your always generous donations.







# MATANOT L'EVYONIM AND MAOT CHITTIM

**We are reaching out for your help as we approach Purim and Pesach. It is a longstanding custom, that reflects our charitable and giving nature, to provide for those in need so that they can celebrate Purim and Pesach with feelings of joy and freedom.**

**Matanot L'evyonim, giving gifts to the poor is one of the four Mitzvoth that must be performed on Purim.**

**It has been a custom for nearly 2000 years to ensure that every Jew can fully participate in the Mitzvoth of the Seder, the four cups of wine and Matza etc.**

**The contribution you make for Purim will be distributed on Purim.**


**The distributor is appointed as an agent of the individuals who have given and through this agent you can fulfill your Mitzvah of Matanot L'evyonim.**

**The contribution that you make for Passover, Maot Chittim, is distributed to people in need in our area.**

**A small portion of both is sent to the poor in Israel.**

**Please take a moment and make out your check out to Congregation Brothers of Israel (please put Purim/Passover in the memo line) and we will get these donations out to our local families in need.**

**Thank you for your support of this very important Mitzvah!  
Best wishes for a Freilichin Purim and Zissen Pesach**



SAVE THE DATE

CONGREGATION BROTHERS OF ISRAEL  
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

# *Gala Dinner*

GUESTS OF HONOR

*Aimee & Jerry Ostrov*



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

*Madeline Forman*



THURSDAY JUNE 20, 2024

7:00 PM

THE WAVE HOTEL

## **Yahrzeits March 24 - March 30, 2024**

- 16 Adar II Tim Levart for his father Cecil Levart, on Tuesday, March 26
- 17 Adar II Edward Joseph for his grandmother Anna Schwartz, on Wednesday, March 27
- 18 Adar II Jack Gould for his mother Deanna Lampel, on Thursday, March 28
- 18 Adar II Pamela Gould for her mother Deanna Lampel, on Thursday, March 28
- 18 Adar II Marvin Lipsky for his mother Ella Lipsky, on Thursday, March 28