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March 16 - March 22, 2019
9 Adar II - 15 Adar II 5779
Parshat Vayikra - Zachor

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Friday, March 15

Candle Lighting
6:41pm

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00pm

Earliest Shema Friday night
7:45pm

Latest Shema Shabbat morning
10:04 am



IN APPRECIATION
Dr. Bruce Mazer
for leading services

Bobby Shaul
for leining

MAZAL TOV
Miriam & Morris Grunzweig
on their 45th anniversary


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Devorah & Haim,
Ariella, Mikayla, Naomi and
Gabriella Abenheim
Tamar & Mitchell
and Jemma Rae Kurzencwyg
in honour of
the anniversary of
their parents
and grandparents
Elaine & Martin Labow
on Purim

Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 16 9 Adar II	March 17 10 Adar II	March 18 11 Adar II	March 19 12 Adar II	March 20 13 Adar II	March 21 14 Adar II	March 22 15 Adar II
6:13 am Earliest Talit	6:11 am Earliest Talit	6:09 am Earliest Talit	6:07 am Earliest Talit	6:05 am Earliest Talit	6:03 am Earliest Talit	6:01 am Earliest Talit
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary	8:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	5:41 am Fast Starts	5:45 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit
9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	6:05 am Shacharit	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi
10:00 am Youth Groups	8:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	7:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
10:00 am Women's Lounge				7:45 am Shacharit		
5:40 pm Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi				6:00 pm Purim activities for children		6:51 pm Candle Lighting
6:10 pm Mishneh Brurah - Laws of Shabbat Rabbi Michael Wolff	6:50 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:50 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:50 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:45 pm Mincha	6:50 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
6:40 pm Mincha Sendah Shlissbit	8:00 pm Parshat Hashavua Shiur Yehuda Kops	7:00 pm Duplicate Bridge		7:15 pm Special Children's Megillah Reading		
7:36 pm Maariv		7:30 pm Special Night Lech Lecha Class Ora Rubinstein		7:20 pm Ma'ariv		
7:46 pm Shabbat ends		8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat		7:35 pm Megillah Reading		
				7:36 pm Fast Ends		
				8:15 pm Purim Festivities		
						
				Last time for Kiddush Levana is before 6:00 am, Thursday, March 21st		

VAYIKRA – ZACHOR

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This week's Torah reading begins with the following statement: "And He (G-d) called to Moshe (Moses)." Rabbi Tzvi Black explains that the word "Vayikra" (and he called) indicates an indication of love that G-d had for Moses. Moses – so to speak – received a personal "calling" or invitation whenever G-d wished to speak with him. The letter "Alef" in the word "Vayikra" is written smaller than the other letters. This is because Moses, in his great humility wanted to minimize the implication of this word, "Vayikra." As the transcriber of the Torah, he could not change the word but he was able to mitigate to some degree the emphasis of that word by writing its first letter a bit smaller than the rest. This was Moses's conduct when it was his own honor at stake. In the verse "Ashrecha Yisroel Mi Kamocho" – "Fortunate are you Israel; who is like you?" (Deut. 33:29), the letter Alef of the word "Ashrecha" is written larger than usual (according to the opinion of the Minchas Shai). Here, an emphasis is placed on the praises of the Jewish nation.

We also read about the procedure for various sacrifices. One such sacrifice was the sin offering. A person was obligated to bring a sin offering if they unintentionally transgressed a commandment whose intentional violation would be punished by death. There was a sliding scale for this sacrifice. A rich person brought an ox; middle class, goat or sheep; poor, two pigeons; destitute, flour and oil. The Rambam, Rabbi Moshe Maimonides, writes that if a rich person was to bring an offering of flour and oil, his obligation would not have been met. It did, however, suffice for a poor person to bring an ox. The Alter Rebbe writes in his Letters of Repentance, that in this time, when we can no longer bring sin offerings, a person should increase their service to Hashem. If one learns one chapter daily, they should increase to two. If one gives one penny to charity, let them give two, etc. Even in Temple times, the sacrifice did not provide a magical formula for sin removal. There has never been a quick fix for repentance. The main emphasis was and is on the person increasing in their Avodas Hashem, service of the Creator. By sinning, a person puts a blemish or dent in their soul. This blemish has a direct effect on their connection to G-d. By doing teshuva, repenting, one fills in those dents and fissures and repairs the attachment.

Yeast and honey were not permitted in the offerings on the altar, but salt was. Rabbi Mordechai Gifter teaches that yeast makes the dough rise higher and honey makes things sweeter, but both are external additives. Salt, however, only brings out the food's existing flavor. When serving Hashem, Rabbi Zelig Pliskin explains, we should follow the model of salt – we should be ourselves, but make every effort to be all that we can be. (Dipping bread in salt should remind us not only of the sacrifices, but of our obligation to use our potential to the fullest.)

One of the most important warnings to the Jewish people is uttered in this parshah: "Remember what Amalek did to you... That he encountered you on the way..." (Deuteronomy 25:17-18) The Hebrew word *karcha*, "encountered you," also translates as "cooled you off." Thus the Midrash (Tanchuma) says: What is the incident (of Amalek) comparable to? To a boiling tub of water which no creature was able to enter. Along came one evil-doer and jumped into it. Although he was burned, he cooled it for the others. So, too, when Israel came out of Egypt, and G-d split the sea before them and drowned the Egyptians within it, the fear of them fell upon all the nations. But when Amalek came and challenged them, although he received his due from them, he cooled the awe of them for the nations of the world.

Prepared by Devorah Abenheim

Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 am
Community Purim Carnival
at Adath Israel

Free event!
PURIM AT BETH ZION
Beer
Twisting Balloon
Colouring
Children's Megillah Reading
Inflatables
Cotton Candy
Pizza
Hamantaschen

Schedule:
6:45pm - Mincha
7:20 pm - Maariv
7:35 pm - Megillah
8:15pm - Purim festivities

Special program for children
6:00 pm-7:15 pm
Enjoy a delicious dinner and have fun visiting the different booths.
7:15 pm – 7:30 pm
Children's Megillah Reading
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Purim Movie

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Please RSVP for the Children's Program!

<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/special-purim-program-for-children.html>

Sundays March 31, April 7 and April 14
8:00 am to 10:00 am

Rabbi Perton is available to sell Chametz