



March 25th 2023
3 rd of Nisan 5783

Parshas Vayikra

פרשת ויקרא
ג' ניסן תשפ"ג



Shabbos Schedule

Friday

Candle Lighting	7:15 PM
Mincha	7:23 PM
Shabbos	
Shacharis	7:15 AM
	9:00 AM
Latest Shema	10:22 AM
Rabbi's Class	6:35 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Seudah Shlishis	7:15 PM
Maariv & Havdalah	8:16 PM

Dvar Torah Parshas Vayikra Rabbi Yaacov Marmor

In this week's parsha the Torah discusses the various sacrifices that are offered in the Mishkan. Today, the entire concept of offering animal sacrifices seems very foreign to us, but in the past this was actually the central focus of Avodas Hashem. Our entire religion was based around animal sacrifices!

What is the concept of a sacrifice? Why did Hashem ask us to slaughter animals and burn them on an altar? Furthermore, the Torah uses a very strange term when describing the "pleasure" Hashem gets from our sacrifices. The pasuk says that our sacrifices create a "*reiach nichoach la'Hashem*", a pleasant aroma for God. What is the meaning of this anthropomorphism?

The Maharal explains that the offering of a sacrifice is the revelation that everything in this world is rooted in, and sustained by, Hashem. The physical bodies of the living creatures we encounter are only a shell for a divine life force that animates the flesh and bones we see before us.

One of the most sobering moments I ever experienced was doing my first Taharah. I remember looking at the lifeless body on the table in front of me and clearly perceiving what it means to have a soul. The body was still fully intact, but it lacked the warmth, glow, and life that it previously possessed. It was the exact same body that had family members gathered around its bed just hours earlier, except now it lacked a soul.

The same realization can occur when witnessing the death of an animal. However, in our modern society we are very far removed from recognizing that the food we eat once had a soul. We think chicken is something that comes in a package at the supermarket, and hot dogs are just processed delicacies that you find in the freezer section.

But in the olden days when a person wanted to have chicken soup for Shabbos he literally had to kill a chicken. He watched as the soul of that chicken left its body and perceived that the food he was going to eat had a soul. This can serve as a very impactful experience if viewed through the correct cognitive lens.

Sacrificing an animal generated a recognition that all physical objects in this world have a divine spark which animates them. Internalizing this realization, and then returning that spark to Hashem, was the purpose of a sacrifice.

This recognition was the "*riach nichoach la'Hashem*", the pleasant aroma to God. The Torah used the metaphor of smell because a smell is an abstract emanation that is somewhat removed from the object itself. Unlike tasting or touching, smell is not an experience of the object itself, but rather an experience of a byproduct of the object.

So too, it is not the sacrifice itself that gives Hashem pleasure, so to speak, but rather it is a Jew's recognition of the Divine that Hashem desires. Although we no longer have the ability to bring sacrifices, we still have the capacity to perceive Hashem's presence in this world. This is the pleasant aroma that Hashem still desires, and this is the gift that we can still give to Him.

May we be zoche to perceive the divine life force that sustains this world and may this perception be counted as a sacrifice to Hashem.

Have an amazing Shabbos!

Weekday Schedule Shachris

Mon/Thurs	*6:30 AM
	8:00 AM
Tues/Wed/Fri	*6:45 AM
	8:00 AM
Sunday	*6:45 AM
	8:00 AM
	9:00 AM

*Rosh Chodesh 6:15

Mincha/Maariv

Mincha for the week: 7:25 PM

Followed by short Drasha and Maariv

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HOSPITALITY

If you need hospitality (meals) for Shabbat, or if you can invite someone or a family for meals, please contact Ron Fisher of the YIGM Hospitality Committee.

Email: fisher@fiu.edu

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SECURITY

The security of our Shul is of utmost importance. Please follow all instructions of our security personnel. To join the security team, contact Adam Aronson. Cell: 305-213-1693

HOUSEKEEPING

Please enhance the overall decorum of the Shul by making sure that you clean up after yourself. Please put away any siddurim, chumashim, sepharim, taleisim, etc. after you use them.

YOUTH

We encourage attendance in our youth groups, for boys and girls ages 6 months and up. Please contact Chava Pomerantz for more information.

Cell: 516-754-2033

REFRESHMENTS

Please enjoy coffee and tea available in the lobby. Milk is available in the refrigerator below. Please assist us by keeping this area clean.

SHABBOS SHIURIM

- Rabbi Marmor's drasha before Mussaf
- Parsha Chaburah following Mussaf
- Rabbi's class in Tanya before Mincha
- Drasha during Seudah Shlishis



News & Announcements

- **Mazal Tov to Yosef Chaim (YoYo) Yachnes on his engagement to Kayla Rosenbaum of St. Louis. Mazal Tov to the Yachnes and Rosenbaum families.**
- **Seudah Shlishis is sponsored by Dovid Engel commemorating the Yartzheit of Leah bas Mark**
- **Parsha Chaburah will meet this Shabbos. Please contact Chaim Bursztyn for more information 305-904-1142.**
- **Sunday Semichas Chaver and Sunday Morning Kids Club will meet this week after the 9 am minyan.**
- **Shimshon Mindick's Chumash and Halacha class will meet this Sunday.**
- **Rabbi Marmor's Tuesday night class in "Reincarnation, Life After Life" has concluded. New Shiur will begin after Pesach.**
- **Kinyan Hamasechta will meet this week, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information please contact Binyomin Berkson at 347-777-2639.**
- **Shiur in Nefesh Hachaim by Rav Chaim Volozhiner at 8:45 am on Fridays will meet this week.**

Pre Pesach announcements

- **Rabbi Marmor will be available for you to sell your chametz at the following times: Motzai Shabbos after Maariv, Sunday morning after Semichas Chaver (about 11 am) and after Maariv, Monday through Thursday after 8:00 am minyan and after Maariv, Friday after the 8:00 am minyan. In addition if you would like to sell your chametz online please go to: <https://bit.ly/2023chametz>**
- **Maos Chitim To donate by credit card go to https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3D9FSEV55MFZN or you can donate by Zelle:youngisraelnmb@gmail.com**
- **It's time to clean out your Shtenders. Friday March 31st is the deadline to clean them out.**

WEEKLY SHIURIM

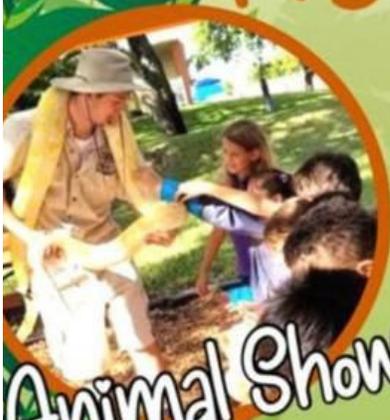
- Semichas Chaver program Sunday morning
- Shimshon Mindick's Sunday morning Shiur
- Rabbi Marmor's weekly shiur (Tuesday night)
- Yosef Polinsky's Friday morning shiur

DAILY SHIURIM

- Rabbi Marmor's 5 minute morning halacha
- Rabbi Marmor's Mishna Berurah Yomi
- Rabbi Marmor's evening halacha
- Kinyan Mesechta (M,W,Th)




Young Israel of Greater Miami
 Invites you to their
Pre Pesach Event
Sunday, April 2nd
1pm-3pm



Animal Show



Water Slide

Boys & Girls 3-5
 (Must be toilet trained)
 1:00pm Animal Show
 2:00pm Water Slide

Girls 6-12
 1:00pm Animal Show
 2:00pm Water Slide

-Boys 6-12
 1:00pm Water Slide
 2:00pm Animal Show

Please send a towel and change of clothes labeled with your child's name

***Members free *Non Members \$15/child up to \$60**

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 - Aharon Dovid ben Chaya
 - Yehoshua Fox
 - Zev Moshe ben Leah Tzivia
 - Miriam Devorah bas Yael
 - Leah bas Sarah
 - Aharon Yosef ben Chana Miriam

שבת היא מלזעוק

There are 9 1/2
cleaning days until
Pesach

Get your rest
today

Shabbat Shalom