

**Parashat Vayikra**

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat Begins	6.11pm
Sedra	410	605	544	619		Shabbat ends	7.14pm
Haftarah	424	625	1165	1423			

**VAYIKRA, A RECIPE FOR SACRIFICE**

The one on my Mothers side was called Booba, and the one on My Father's side I called Grandma., and this didn't surprise me because Booba looked like a Booba, and Grandma looked like a Grandma.

What did worry me though, was that when Booba thought I might be constipated she would say "geb em an offering", (English/Yiddish dictionary says "a laxative"). She spoke fluent Yiddish, but to my young ears that sounded like give him an "offering" and offering as I interpreted it, was a form of sacrifice. A somewhat draconian cure for constipation, I thought.

In those days, as still is the case, I was quite fascinated by all talk of sacrifices. At Cheder we learned of the frequent exaltations to sacrifice a lamb without blemish, a Paschal, or Passover lamb, animals of the clean class. However other animals did appear, as they do in this weeks sidra, Vayikrah such as the bullock and the ox, the cow and the calf, male and female sheep and of course goats. We also see that fowls, turtle-doves and pigeons are in the list, but only as sin offerings.

Able and Cain were the first people to sacrifice, Cain a tiller, sacrificed fruit, and Abel a shepherd, brought the firstlings of his flock, then after the flood Noah built an altar and offered "of every clean beast and of every clean fowl". There does not appear to have been any formal instruction to any of these gentlemen to offer a sacrifice, but they did, and it clearly pleased The Almighty. And so it went on, Abraham, Jacob, and throughout Genesis sacrifices are offered in all manner of places. Whenever the opportunity for sacrifice was presented, there it was offered. No one fixed place was selected for this rite.

It is only in the time of Moses that the freedom to offer sacrifices anywhere disappears, and the proper place is designated "before the door of the tabernacle", and then of course later in Jerusalem in The Temple.

After the conquest of Cannan in the Tabernacle, and during the Judges and Samuel in the central sanctuary.

Other places figure, Shechem, Mizpeh, Hebron, Beersheba, and we read of private sacrifices in the homes of families...

Solomon had offered sacrifices 3 times a year, but to the very time of the destruction of the Temple Kings Priests and Prophets alas disregarded  
The ritual of the Penateuch and they not only worshiped idols, but they sacrificed to them.

And so, as in all Jewish Communities, there were those not shy in making their opposition. to sacrifice known. Hosea, Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Malachi and Micah were but a few and opposition even to the bloodless sacrifice, the meal offering of the poor, the ear of corn, and even the wine and the salt.

Important as the sacrificial laws were in their time, and the retention of this custom till well into the 13<sup>th</sup> century by the Samaritans, their gradual disappearance following the destruction of the Temple made way for a more acceptable substitute, that is, if prayer can ever be described as a substitute for anything.

Shabbat Shalom,  
BARRINGTON BLACK.

**Announcements**

**Kiddush Sponsor**

Lesley & Denis Aaronson invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service to thank Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld for all their support and for making the wedding ceremony of their daughter Sophie moving and spiritual.

**Breakfast Sponsor**

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Rev. & Mrs. Dubiner to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Rev. Dubiner's father Gavrielle ben Yehoshua z"l

**Birthdays— Mazal Tov:**

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|------------------|----------------|
| Nathanael Bengio | Laura Kaye     |
| Amanda Gold      | Toby Hanbury   |
| Suzanne Tarlow   | Alistair Jaque |
| Louise Sharpe    | Mark Becker    |
| Ian Goldberg     | Avril Jaque    |
| Dolores Rose     | Susan Harris   |
| Michael Harris   | Aviva Harris   |
| Lewis Harris     |                |

**Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov**

- Joanna & Daniel Swimer  
Agnes & Edward Lee  
Louise & Norman Naftalin

**Refuah Shlemah**

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Basil Appleby    | Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel |
|                  | Rivfam Bat Chav           |
| Seymour Freed    | Shmuel Zeev ben Sara      |
|                  | Rifka                     |
| Gala Colover     | Channa bat Yehudit        |
|                  | Asher Mordecai ben Shifra |
| Nat Winsor       | Noach ben Miriam          |
|                  | Chaya                     |
| Caroline Buchler | Miriam bat Sara           |
|                  | Shira bat Leah            |

**Next Shabbat Tzav**

3rd—4th April 2009

Commences 7.22pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat **6.15pm**

## Friday 27th March

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau  
6.00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah

## Shabbat 28th March

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil  
9.15 am Shacharit  
6.00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah  
7.14 pm Maariv & Havdalah

**Please remember to put your clocks forward one hour tonight as British Summertime starts.**

## Sunday 29th March

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah  
10.00 am Cheder **Aged 4—12 years**. Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email [cheder.marblearch@gmail.com](mailto:cheder.marblearch@gmail.com)

## Monday 30th March

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Michael Milston  
10.30 am Ladies Shiur with Rabbi Rosenfeld

## Tuesday 31st March

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

## Wednesday 1st April

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Ervin Landau

## Thursday 2nd April

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by Rosh Chodesh breakfast & D'var Torah by Bernard Silver

## Friday 3rd April

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau

**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week  
Sun 29th March -Thurs 2nd April 2009 6.00pm**

### Security Rota

Ben Kaye. Andrew Newton. Yaacov Schmidt

### Kiddush Rota

Avril Jaque. Linda Sharpe

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Parsha Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 30th March 10.30am with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

### New Committees

Please contact Linda Sharpe to join one of our new Committees for the 35—50 year olds or the 50—65 year olds. This exciting new venture has been initiated by Linda Sharpe, Ruth Rouach and Frances Goldberg. We are looking for people to help organise either of these committees, or if you have ideas for events. Please contact Linda on 0207 289 1825, if you are able to help us.

### Pesach Appeal 5769

It is our custom at Pesach to collect monies to assist those people who are less fortunate than ourselves to purchase food for Pesach and to subsidise certain members of our community and students who need to be invited to our communal Seder. **Please send your donation to the Synagogue Office as soon as possible. Credit Card Payments Accepted**

### Sunday 5th April at 12 noon

**THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR POTS AND PANS KASHERED FOR PESACH, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE SYNAGOGUE ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME**

### Wednesday 8th April—First Night Seder

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld will again be conducting a Communal Seder on the first Seder Night, Wednesday April 8th. Bookings can now be made through the Synagogue Office. Adults £57.50, children under 16 and accredited students £20. Credit card payments accepted.

### Sunday 26th April London Marathon—Kisharon

Yoni Forsyth, who attends Shabbat Services, is a student who is running the London Marathon to raise funds for Kisharon (a school and nursery looking after children with special needs). If you would like to sponsor him for his run, this would be a great Mitzvah. Kindly go to [www.justgiving.com/yoniforsyth](http://www.justgiving.com/yoniforsyth)  
If you wish to donate to this worthy cause.

### Sponsoring an Event

If you are celebrating a Simchah or commemorating a family Yahrzeit or if you are just feeling generous please consider contacting the office and sponsoring a Shabbat Morning Kiddush, the Morning Minyan breakfasts or the weekly Newsletter.

