



Parshas Vayikra

FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 20

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 7:21 PM
- » Sunset 7:39 PM

SHABBOS DAY, MARCH 21

- » **Shacharis 8 AM followed by Kiddush in shul.**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S”S at Rich Home 6:00 PM
- » **Parsha Deep-Dive** with Rabbi Yaakov Rich in shul 6:40 PM
- » Mincha 7:10 PM
- » Sunset 7:39 PM
- » Maariv 8:21 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 8:29 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 8:52 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: “OUR PRIME PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO HELP OTHERS. AND IF YOU CAN’T HELP THEM, AT LEAST DON’T HURT THEM.”

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Daniel Ze’ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Ester bas Sarah (Aunt of Yoseif Goldenberg)
- » Layah Leilech bas Shulamis (Friend of Shira Martin)
- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » Kiddush is sponsored by the members of the GKC.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Mar 22, 2026)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00-6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM
- » Beis HaLevi on Emunah 7:55 PM

- » Mishnayos Pesachim (Sun-Thur) 8:25 PM

PREPARE FOR PESACH: APPOINT RABBI YAAKOV RICH TO SELL YOUR CHOMETZ

As Pesach approaches, one of the important halachic responsibilities is ensuring that all chometz is properly disposed of or sold in accordance with halacha. To help facilitate this process for the community, Rabbi Yaakov Rich will be available beginning Sunday, March 22, for those who wish to appoint him as their agent for Mechiras Chometz (the sale of chometz).

Appointing a rabbi as your agent allows your chometz to be halachically sold to a non-Jew for the duration of Pesach, ensuring full compliance with Torah law while avoiding unnecessary loss.

What You Need to Do

- » Reach out to Rabbi Rich starting Sunday, March 22. Text or call (972) 835-6016 to confirm availability.
- » Complete a simple authorization form (shtar harsha’ah)
- » Clearly designate any chometz that will remain in your possession over Pesach

Why This Matters

Owning chometz on Pesach is a serious prohibition. Through the process of Mechiras Chometz, your chometz is legally and halachically transferred, giving you peace of mind as you prepare for Yom Tov.

Plan Ahead

Don’t wait until the last minute. Taking care of your chometz early helps ensure a smoother, more focused preparation for Pesach—allowing you to enter the Yom Tov with clarity and simcha.

For more information or to schedule a time, please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich directly. Text or call (972) 835-6016 to confirm availability.

Wishing you and your family a kosher and joyful Pesach!

TIDBITS

Parashas Vayikra • March 21st • 3 Nissan 5786

Chodesh Nissan began this past Thursday. For the duration of the month, Tachanun, as well as the Yehi Ratzons recited after Kerias Hatorah, are omitted from the weekday davening. On Shabbos, Av Hara-chamim (before Mussaf) and Tzidko’scha (after Minchah) are omitted as well. The Kel Malei recited by one who has a Jahrzeit is also not



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said. Fasting and hespeidim are generally prohibited as well.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is this Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Vayikra, March 21st. The final opportunity is the first Leil Haseder, April 2nd at 4:35 AM EDT.

Bircas Ilanos (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) should ideally be said during the month of Nissan.

Many have the minhag not to eat matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan (some have been forgoing matzah beginning from Shushan Purim).

One must donate money for Maos Chittin, money which will be used to provide the needy with food during Pesach. The donation may be given from maaser funds.

Shabbos HaGadol is next Shabbos Parashas Tzav, March 28th

Leil Bedikas Chametz is on Tuesday evening, March 31st

Pesach begins on the evening of Wednesday, April 1st.

VAYIKRA: Korban Olah from male cattle (bulls), flock (sheep or goats) and birds (doves) • Various kinds of Korban Minchah: unbaked flour, baked doughs (loaves and wafers), and fried doughs (shallow-pan and deep-pan) • The Korban Omer • No yeast or honey may go on the Mizbeiach • Salting korbanos • Korban Shelamim from male or female cattle, sheep and goats • Two Korbanos Chatas Penimi: the Kohen Gadol's, and if a wide community sins; two Korbanos Chatas Chitzon: the king's, and a private individual's • The Korban Chatas Oleh v'Yored for three sins: swearing falsely to not knowing testimony, exposure to Kodosh while tamei, and transgressing a vow; and its three levels of offerings: animal, bird, and minchah • A Korban Asham's three sins: inadvertently benefiting from kodosh, uncertainty if one sinned, and swearing falsely to not owing money • One who inadvertently benefited from hekdesch and one who swears falsely to not owing money must pay an additional fine of a chomesh (an additional 25%).

Haftarah: The parshah discusses the service of Hashem through korbanos. The haftarah relates the prophecy of Yeshaya (43:21-44:23), who rebukes those who turn away from this avodah and serve idols instead. The navi promises that Hashem will forgive and accept those who return to Him encouraging them to recognize the futility of these idols.

Parashas Vayikra • 111 Pesukim • 11 Obligations • 5 Prohibitions

1-2) Korban Olah and Korban Minchah. 3) Do not include honey or yeast with any korban. 4-5) Do not bring korbanos without salt; rath-

er, add salt. 6) A congregation's Korban Chatas. 7) An individual's Korban Chatas. 8) A witness is obliged to testify. 9) Korban Olah V'Yored. 10) Do not sever a bird's head during melikah. 11-12) Do not add oil or levonah to a Minchas Chotei. 13) Repay inadvertent use of hekdesch with an additional chomesh (25%). 14) Korban Asham Talui. 15) Return stolen items. 16) Korban Asham.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Korban Asham Talui is brought when one is unsure if he committed a kareis-level sin. The Sefer HaChinuch explains that the sacrifice is not brought for the sin itself, as, in fact, he may not have even transgressed the sin! Rather, the lack of diligence that caused the possibility of its commission is itself a sin and requires atonement. Therefore, if it becomes clear later on that the sin was indeed committed, a chatas must be brought.

A soul which sins inadvertently (Vayikra 4:2)

The Daas Zekeinim explains that the Torah refers to the sinner as a "Nefesh", as we find in the pasuk (Yechezkel 18:4) "Nefesh hachotei hi tamus", a soul that sins should die, for the soul, that is holy and recognizes its Creator, is mostly at fault for the sin. One may question why the pasuk in Yechezkel indicates that the sinner deserves death, while in our parashah the Torah advises the sinner to bring a korban for atonement?

The Sforno explains that Hashem redeemed Klal Yisrael from Mitzrayim after hearing "na'akasm", their outcries, as these outcries made Klal Yisrael deserving of redemption. Rav Yerucham Olshin shlit"za explains that the power of prayer isn't solely that Hashem grants a response. Rather the power of prayer is that the outcry internally changes the person, transforming him into a believer who recognizes his Creator. This change in the person makes him deserving of redemption and salvation. So, too, a sinner may truly be deserving of death, as Yechezkel said, yet his teshuvah and korban change him into a new person, one who is closer to Hashem and deserving of forgiveness, as said in the parashah. Our tefillos today take the place of korbanos and thus have the power to change us, making us deserving of the refuos and yeshuos we so desperately need.