

## Shabbat Vayikra

## שבת ויקרא

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### Weekly Torah Reading – Vayikra

#### Pshat – The Story

1. This Parsha, along with much of the book, outlines for Priests the specifics of animal sacrifices to G-d.
2. For all animal offerings, the Kosher animal must be unblemished and offered at the Tabernacle Altar.
3. The Hebrew word “Korban – sacrifice” demonstrates that its function was to bring the worshiper closer to G-d.
4. Different people offered different types of sacrifices for different purposes, with the meat going to different parties.
5. Some sacrifices were offered by individuals on their own behalf; others were offered by leaders on behalf of the community.

#### Drash – A Closer Look

**“[The fowl] is an elevation offering, a fire-offering, of pleasing aroma to G-d” (Lv. 1:17).**

**Rashi: “The Torah uses the same expression ‘pleasing aroma’ to describe both the fowl and the cattle sacrifices to teach that it matters less to G-d whether the offering is large or small; the key is that it is offered with proper spiritual intent.”**

When we offer something to G-d, we shouldn’t concern ourselves with external appearances but with our internal spirituality. G-d seeks our hearts more than our wallets. G-d is equally accessible to all, whether they have much or little.

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**Yasher Koach**

Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner and Cantor Israel Singer for leading services Cantor Israel Singer for reading Torah and Cantor Singer for chanting the Haftarah.

Thank you to Michael Brenner for serving as our Parnas.

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