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Themes of this parasha



Holiness of the Kohanim (priests)



El Kohen Gadol (Sumo Sacerdote)



Offerings without defect



The sacred festivities



MEANING:

"SPEAK" VAIKRA/LEVITICUS 21:1-24:23

Mitzvot



39 Negative and 24 Positive

Yahweh said to Moshe, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and tell them: 'No one shall defile himself for any dead person of his kin, except for his closest relatives: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother; or for a virgin sister close to him who is unmarried, for by her he may defile himself. They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they present the offering made by fire to Yahweh, the food of their God, so they shall be holy. They shall not marry a woman defiled by prostitution, nor shall they marry one who has divorced her husband. For they are holy to their God, and you shall treat them as holy, since they offer the food of your God; they shall be holy to you, for I, Yahweh, who sanctifies you, am holy. If a priest's daughter defiles herself by prostitution, she defiles her father; They will throw her into the fire. He may marry only a virgin. He may not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman degraded by prostitution. He may only take a virgin from his own family as a wife, so that he does not profane his offspring among his family, for I, Yahweh, have sanctified him.





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Yahweh also spoke to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and tell him: 'No man of your lineage throughout your generations who has a defect may qualify to offer the food of his God. Absolutely no one with a defect may qualify: no one who is blind, or lame, or has a limb too short or too long; no one who has a broken leg or arm; or who is hunchbacked, or a dwarf, or has a defect in one eye, or has a scar from a blister, or scurvy, or is castrated. No man in the lineage of Aaron the priest who has a defect may qualify to present the offering made by fire to Yahweh; because he has a defect, he is not qualified to offer the food of his God. He may eat of the food of his God, from the Most Holy Place as well as from the Holy Place; but he must not go behind the curtain or approach the altar, because he has a defect.'" You must not profane these holy places to me, for I, Yahweh, have sanctified them. Thus Moses spoke to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites.





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The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Instruct Aaron and his sons to be careful with the sacred offerings the Israelites dedicate to me, so that they do not profane my holy name. I am the Lord. Tell them: 'For all generations to come, if any of his descendants, while in a state of uncleanness, partakes of any sacred offering the Israelites dedicate to the Lord, that person shall be cut off from my presence. I am the Lord. He may not eat anything that has died or been torn by animals, thus becoming unclean. I am the Lord. You must obey my commands, so that you do not incur guilt and die for it, for having committed profanation. I, the Lord, consecrate you.'" The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites, and tell them: 'When any Israelite or foreigner residing in Israel presents a burnt offering as their offering for any of the votive offerings or freewill offerings they present to the Lord, it must be a male without blemish from the herd, the flock, or the goats, to be acceptable to the Lord. You must not offer anything with a defect, because it will not be accepted on your behalf.'"





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Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, "When a calf, a sheep, or a goat is born, it must remain with its mother for seven days, and on the eighth day it will be acceptable as a burnt offering to Yahweh. However, no animal from the herd or flock may be slaughtered with its young on the same day. When you sacrifice a thank offering to Yahweh, sacrifice it in a way that is acceptable to him. It must be eaten on the same day; you must not leave any of it until morning: I am Yahweh. You must faithfully observe my rules: I am Yahweh. You must not profane my holy name, so that I may be sanctified in the midst of the people of Israel—I Yahweh, who sanctifies you, I who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God, I Yahweh."

Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the Israelites and tell them: These are my appointed times, the appointed times of Yahweh, which you must proclaim as holy convocations. Six days you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You must not do any work; it is a Sabbath of complete rest to Yahweh in all your dwellings."





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These are the appointed times of the Lord, the holy convocations that you must observe, each at its appointed time: In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, there will be a Passover offering to the Lord, and on the fifteenth day of that month the Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. On the first day you shall observe a holy convocation; you shall not do any of your work. For seven days you shall present offerings made by fire to the Lord. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any of your work.



Happy Passover!



Yahweh spoke to Moshe, saying, "Speak to the Israelites and tell them: When you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its produce, you must bring the first sheaf of your harvest to the priest. He will lift up the sheaf before Yahweh so that it may be accepted on your behalf; the priest will lift it up on the day after the Sabbath.



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From the day you bring the sheaf of the wave offering—the day after the Sabbath—you shall count off seven weeks. You must complete them: you must count off fifty days to the day after the seventh week. Then you shall bring a new grain offering to the Lord. On that same day you shall hold a solemn assembly; it shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall not do any of your work. This is a perpetual statute throughout all your settlements, throughout your generations. And when you reap the produce of your land, you shall not reap it to the very edges of your field, nor gather the fallen gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and the foreigner: I am the Lord your God."





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Yahweh spoke to Moshe, saying, "Speak thus to the people of Israel: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a complete rest, a holy convocation commemorated with loud blasts of the trumpet. You shall not do any of your occupations; and you shall bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh."



Yahweh spoke to Moshe, saying, "See, the tenth day of this seventh month is Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). It shall be a holy convocation for you: you shall deny yourselves and bring an offering by fire to Yahweh; you shall not do any work on that day. For it is a Day of Atonement, on which atonement is made for you before Yahweh your Elohim. Indeed, whoever does not deny himself on that day shall be cut off from his kindred; and whoever does any work on that day, I will cause that person to perish from among his people. You shall not do any work of any kind; it is a perpetual statute throughout all generations in your settlements. It shall be a Sabbath of complete rest for you, and you shall deny yourselves; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall observe this your rest."





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Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, "Tell the Israelites: On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Feast of Sukkot (Booths) to Yahweh, for seven days. The first day is a sacred convocation; you shall not do any of your work. For seven days you shall bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh. On the eighth day you shall observe a sacred convocation and bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh; it is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any of your work. These are the appointed times of Yahweh that you shall observe as sacred convocations, bringing offerings made by fire to Yahweh—burnt offerings, grain offerings, sacrifices, and drink offerings, on each day what is proper for that day—besides the Sabbaths of Yahweh, and besides your gifts and all your votive offerings and all your freewill offerings that you give to Yahweh. See, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered the harvest of your land, you shall observe the festival of the Lord for seven days: a complete rest on the first day and a complete rest on the eighth day. On the first day you shall take the fruit of beautiful trees, palm branches, hooks of leafy trees, and willows from the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. You shall observe it as a festival of the Lord for seven days in the year; you shall observe it in the seventh month as a perpetual statute throughout all generations. You shall live in booths for seven days; all the citizens of Israel shall live in booths, so that future generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I, the Lord your God." Thus Moses declared to the Israelites the appointed times of the Lord.





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In this activity we will carry out our educational sukkah,

- Thin balsa wood sticks
- Ice cream sticks
- A piece of cloth
- Small artificial plants





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DECORATE THE MATZA WITH TEMPERA

