



Carnegie Shul Chatter

March 20, 2024

Shabbat Shalom
Happy Purim!



Light candles 7:16pm Shabbat Services 9:20am

Shabbat Services

Carnegie Shul hybrid services begin at 9:20am. Join us in the synagogue, or attend virtually. If you haven't received our Zoom link for services, please contact our secretary, Rosalyn Hoffman at rjlynman@yahoo.com. The complete Torah reading, in Hebrew and English, can be found at https://www.chabad.org/parshah/torahreading_cdo/aid/2492708/jewish/Vayikra-Torah-Reading.htm

Learn the Lessons

This year the holiday of Purim begins on Saturday night, March 23.

Purim is, of course, the commemoration of the triumph of the Jewish people, led by Mordechai and Esther, over the villainous Haman, who sought to kill all of the Jews of Persia.

Haman. Hamas. Not much difference, is there?

Persia. Iran. Not much difference, is there?

Purim happened in the year 479 BCE. That was 2500 years ago. And not much has changed, has it?

Anti-Semitism continues, and our politicians are not helping the situation with remarks — insensitive, and worse — like President Biden telling Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu that the two of them were headed for a "come to Jesus" meeting over the issue of getting humanitarian aid into Gaza... or former President Trump saying that Jews who vote for Democrats hate Israel and their religion.

The world has not been kind to the Jewish people since we first went down into Egypt. How sad this is considering all of the many advances by Jews in science, technology, medicine,

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the arts and just about every other field of human endeavor.

And, of course, the very concept of monotheism started with us.

Why can't the world appreciate our incredible contributions to mankind rather than hating us?

But don't despair. We will always prevail. Just ask Pharaoh. Just ask Haman. Remember the lessons of Purim that we celebrate this week and of Passover which we will celebrate next month.



Please continue reciting the Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel daily and pray for the wellbeing of all of our Israeli brothers and sisters.

Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel

“Our Father Who art in Heaven, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless Thou the State of Israel which marks the dawn of our deliverance. Shield it beneath the wings of Thy love. Spread over it Thy canopy of peace; send Thy light and Thy truth to its leaders, officers, and counselors, and direct them with Thy good counsel.

“O God, strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

“Remember our brethren, the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily let them walk upright to Zion, the city, to Jerusalem Thy dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Thy servant Moses: ‘Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather and fetch you. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.’

“Unite our heart to love and revere Thy Name, and to observe all the precepts of Thy Torah. Shine forth in Thy glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Thy world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all.”

Amen.

Vayikra in a Nutshell

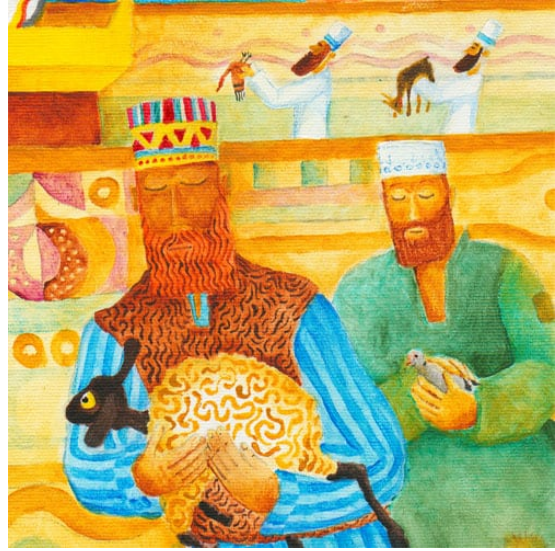
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Leviticus 1:1–5:26

The name of the Parshah, “Vayikra,” means “And [He] called” and it is found in Leviticus 1:1.

G-d calls to Moses from the Tent of Meeting, and communicates to him the laws of the korbanot, the animal and meal offerings brought in the Sanctuary. These include:

- The “ascending offering” (olah) that is wholly raised to G-d by the fire atop the altar;
- Five varieties of “meal offering” (minchah) prepared with fine flour, olive oil and frankincense;
- The “peace offering” (shelamim), whose meat was eaten by the one bringing the offering, after parts are burned on the altar and parts are given to the kohanim (priests);
- The different types of “sin offering” (chatat) brought to atone for transgressions committed erroneously by the high priest, the entire community, the king or the ordinary Jew;
- The “guilt offering” (asham) brought by one who has misappropriated property of the Sanctuary, who is in doubt as to whether he transgressed a divine prohibition, or who has committed a “betrayal against G-d” by swearing falsely to defraud a fellow man.



Haftorah in a Nutshell

Isaiah 43:21-44:23

This week’s haftorah starts with a rebuke to the Israelites for abandoning the Temple’s sacrificial service. Sacrifices are the dominant topic of the week’s Torah reading, too.

The prophet Isaiah rebukes the Israelites for turning away from G-d and refraining from offering sacrifices, turning to idolatry instead. G-d exhorts the people to return to Him, promising to forgive their transgressions, as is His wont.

The prophet then mentions the futility of serving empty idols which may be crafted by artisans but “neither see nor hear nor do they know...” The haftorah concludes with G-d’s enjoinder to always remember Him and to return to Him.

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Aliyah and Mi Sheberach



Jews on Broadway Pt. 1:

The Music of Rogers and Hammerstein

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:00 pm

Was there ever a greater combination of song writing talent than the tandem of composer Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II? Sit back and relax as we bring you film clips from such Rogers and Hammerstein classics as Oklahoma, Carousel, The King and I, South Pacific and more.



Mike Roteman is vice-president of Congregation Ahavath Achim in Carnegie, PA. While Mike worked full time as a senior executive in state government in Harrisburg, he was the TV voice of the Harrisburg Senators when they were the Pittsburgh Pirates Class AA farm club, and announced over 2000 baseball, football, and basketball games. He also wrote a series of 20 articles, Greatest Jewish Athletes of the Twentieth Century that appeared in newspapers in four cities. Since retiring, Mike has written three baseball novels. Over the past several years he, along with his wife Ellen, has presented a series of programs on Jews in Sports, Jews in Movies, Jews in Comedy, Jews in Music, and Jews on Broadway.



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