



MESSAGE FROM THE RAV

Dear Chevra

We hope that you had a successful week and that the starting of פסח cleaning hasn't been too stressful. We wish you a relaxing and spiritual שבת to rejuvenate.

This week we start the third book of the Torah – ספר ויקרא – which deals predominantly with קרבנות. We would like to focus on one specific element of the קרבנות this week – the requirement that salt be included in every קרבן. The pasuk (2:13) says: וְכֹל קָרְבָן מִנְחָתְךָ בְּמֶלַח תִּמְלַח, עַל כֹּל קָרְבָנְךָ תִּקְרִיב וְלֹא תִשָּׁבֵית מֶלַח בְּרִית אֱלֹהֶיךָ מֵעַל מִנְחָתְךָ, מֶלַח. Two questions arise: Why salt? And – what is the covenant of salt that the פסוק is referring to? Various answers have been suggested to this question.

The ספר החינוך explains that salt completes the קרבן. He explains that the very reason (טעם) that we bring קרבנות is to awaken the person bringing the קרבן. Hence, he would need to offer something appealing to him. The same way as salt not only brings out and enhances the flavour in the meat, and meat can not be eaten without it; the animal sacrifice requires salt to complete it.

The רמב"ן brings a further reason that it is דרך מלכים (as apposed to מלחים) to eat salt with their food. Thus, when we offer a קרבן to the King of kings, it is only natural that it includes salt.

On a more Kabbalistic level, the ארי ז"ל explains that the burning of the גוף גשמי elevates the physical aspect of the קרבן, while the נפש בהמית ascends. Through the elevation of the spiritual element, the physical aspect attains its תיקון. Furthermore, all four levels of existence

are present at the bringing of a קרבן, and all are elevated in the process: at the דומם level is salt; at the צומח level are the meal and נסך offerings and the firewood; at the חי level is the animal; and at the מדבר level is the כהן who is offering the קרבן.

The תוספות mention that ר' מנחם was scrupulous to always have salt on his table, because the "ברית מלח" protects עם ישראל from the שטן who has the ability to מקטרג (accuse) when the Jews wash their hands and thus cannot do מצוות while having to be silent between washing and eating bread and thus not have the ability to speak words of תורה.

The מדרש mentions that after ה' separated the upper and lower waters on the second day of creation, ה' had to pacify the lower, salty waters by making a covenant that they too would have a share in the עבודה. Fresh water would be poured on the מזבח on סוכות, and salt would be offered with all the קרבנות. The רמב"ן remarks that salt has properties of preservative and destruction. As long as עם ישראל perform עבודת המזבח properly – they are preserved. But if the service is neglected, it brings about destruction and exile. Rav Hirsch points out that just as salt doesn't change, rot or degrade, so too ה's covenant is immutable.

(The author would like to remind all readers that eating too much salt is unhealthy – unless in biltong form. Furthermore, no animals were harmed in the preparing of this parsha page.)

May we merit performing the המקדש בית המקדש speedily in our days!

שבת שלום
רב שמואל וטליה

COMMUNITY MEETING

MOTZEI SHABBAT 14TH APRIL, 8:30PM

IT HAD BEEN ALMOST SIX MONTHS AND ACCORDING TO OUR DECISION FROM THE FIRST MEETING HERE COMES THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS FOR A CHAIRPERSON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAND FOR THE ROLE OF THE CHAIRPERSON (UNTIL THE NEXT AGM), PLEASE INFORM THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON: TAMMY WILSON 054-429-2365 CHAIR@LATEMINYAN.COM (OR TO THE RABBI). YOU WILL NEED TO BE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE MINYAN, AND SHOULD YOURSELF ALSO BE A MEMBER. NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BY MOTZEI SHABBAT 7TH APRIL.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR SUB-COMMITTEES ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO APPROACH THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON AS WELL.



Are you here for Shabbat Erev Pesach?

Shabbat before Pessach, the last thing you want to do is cook, all you want to do is sit with your friends and relax after all the cleaning, right?

If there is enough interest, we will organize a communal

Friday night catered meal on Parashat Tzav - March 30th and also

"Bring your own Chametz" meal at the park on Shabbat lunch.

If you are interested in either or both, and would like further details, please send an email to events@lateminyan.com

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SHABBAT SHALOM

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