

TEFILAT YAMIM

PARSHAT VAYIKRA

3 Nisan 5786 - 21 March 2026



Dear Community Family,

This week we begin the Book of Vayikra. At first glance it seems like a difficult parsha. It speaks about korbanot, sacrifices in the Mishkan. But beneath

the details lies one of the most powerful messages in the Torah.

The Torah opens with the words:

“Adam ki yakriv mikem korban laHashem” –

“When a person brings an offering to G-d.”
(Vayikra 1:2)

Our sages explain that the word korban does not simply mean sacrifice. It comes from

the Hebrew root karov, which means to come close. The purpose of the korban was to bring a person closer to Hashem.

In other words, the Torah is teaching us something profound. True strength and transformation come when a person is willing to give something of himself to a higher purpose.

The Ramban explains that when a person brought a korban, he was meant to imagine that what was happening to the animal should really have happened to him. The experience awakened humility, responsibility, and a deeper connection to G-d.

Vayikra begins right after the Mishkan was completed and the Divine Presence filled it. The korbanot were the way the Jewish people maintained that closeness with Hashem.

And this message could not be more relevant to our moment in history.

Today we are living through a time of challenge and war. In Israel we are standing on the front lines.

Soldiers, pilots, intelligence officers, and civilians are sacrificing comfort, safety, and sleep for the sake of the Jewish people.

But Vayikra reminds us that sacrifice is what creates closeness to

Hashem and greatness in history.

The Jewish people have never become stronger through comfort. We became stronger through courage. Through unity. Through faith.

Every generation has its moment when history calls it forward.

The word "Vayikra" itself means "And He called." Hashem called to Moshe with love and purpose.

And in every generation, that call continues.

Today the call is to stand proud as Jews. To strengthen our faith. To support Israel. To increase mitzvot,

Torah, and acts of kindness.

Because when the Jewish people draw closer to Hashem, Hashem draws closer to us.

We are witnessing something extraordinary. The courage of Israel's defenders, the unity of our people, and the resilience of a nation that refuses to disappear.

We are not only surviving history.

We are shaping it.

This is the message of Vayikra.

When a Jew brings something of himself closer to Hashem, something incredible happens. The distance between heaven and earth shrinks.

And when an entire people stands with faith and courage, miracles unfold.

May Hashem protect the soldiers of Israel.

May He bring safety and victory to our people. May He comfort those who are suffering and strengthen those who defend us.

And may we soon see the ultimate closeness, when the third Beit Hamikdash is rebuilt and the Jewish people live in peace in our land, may it be now indeed,

Rav Mendel Wuensch

Shabbat Schedule

Friday

5:30 PM Candle Lighting

5:40 PM Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat Day

8:00 AM Shacharit Minyan #1

9:30 AM Shacharit Minyan #2

4:40 PM Rabbi David Rue Shiur

5:25 PM Mincha Followed By Seudat Shlishit "Raava D'Ravin"

6:25 PM Arvit

6:29 PM Shabbat Ends

Weekday Minyan Schedule

7:30 AM Shachrit @ Beit Chabad Ir Yamim

5:45 PM Mincha/Maariv @ Entrance A On Piano

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