



The Jewish Community Center of Paramus

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Office Hours

Sunday	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday - Thursday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Shabbat	Closed

Daily Religious Services

Monday, Thursday	6:45 am, 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday	7:00 am, 8:00 pm
Friday	7:00 am, 8:30 pm
Shabbat Morning	9:00 am
Junior Congregation	10:00 am
Tot Shabbat	10:45 am
Shabbat Mincha	Sunset
Sunday	9:00 am, 8:00 pm
YCC Family Service	7:30 pm
(1 st Friday of each month)	

~ Please do not carry this pamphlet from the building on Shabbat ~

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Welcomes You and Wishes You
~ Shabbat Shalom ~

Saturday ~ March 24, 2007 ~ 5 Nisan 5767

This Week's Torah Portion: "VaYikra" VaYikra (Leviticus) 1:1 – 5:26

This week we begin the book of VaYikra (Leviticus), the third and surely the most misunderstood book of the Torah; even the name is confusing. The word Leviticus, derived from the Greek, would seem to describe the laws that pertain to the Levites. The Rabbis, however, called this book Torat HaCohanim (literally, the laws of the Cohanim), because of the content of its first half. The first half describes the special rules and observances that the Priests had to discharge to maintain the kedusha (holiness) of the Community and its sacred institutions. Although Leviticus is a type of priestly manual, most of its laws are addressed to *all* Israel. This is most fitting for a people that was declared to be a "kingdom of priests." (Exodus 19:5-6)

It is easy to get lost in details in VaYikra without realizing the amazing theology that is contained within it. VaYikra teaches that G-d is beyond the reach of all the forces of the world except one ... humanity. Only humans have the power to expel G-d from the sanctuary by defiling it morally or ritually. Understanding this helps explain the emphasis placed on the role of the priests in the initial chapters of VaYikra. They are constantly engaged in either purging the sanctuary of its impurities or getting the people to atone for their wrongs. VaYikra states that the Jewish people have the power through the morality of our behavior to draw G-d near, or to drive him from our midst.

VaYikra begins with G-d instructing Moses regarding five types of sacrifices:

- The burnt offering (olah)
- The meal offering (minchah)
- The sacrifice of well-being (zevach shelamim)
- The sin offering (chatat)
- The guilt offering (asham)

It then goes on to describe the procedures for the people and the priests to follow for each of these sacrifices.

~ Mincha at 6:55 pm ~ Shabbat ends at 8:02 pm ~

~ Announcements ~

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~ FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG SPONSOR ~

Shari and Marc Brodsky in honor of their daughter Dana's Bat Mitzvah

~ SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSH SPONSOR ~

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Call the office about sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush for your own special occasion.

~ COMING UP AT THE JCCP ~

JCCP TRIVIA NIGHT - Sat, Mar 24th, at 8:30 pm. This is the weekend! If you haven't made a reservation, just show up on Saturday night and we'll be glad to team you up with other people. It's a good way to meet new friends. We also have a silent auction with many great prizes. **SPECIAL OFFER:** Bring a bag of groceries or a ShopRite Gift Certificate to "The Big Quiz Thing" and receive a free drink. (There's a limit of 1 free drink per family.) More information at www.jccparamus.org

JCCP SINGERS - Mon night Mar 26th, and Thu nights Apr 5th, and Apr 12th, at 8:30 pm. Please join us as we rehearse for our Yom Hashoah program.

HOOP JAMBOREE - Sun, Mar 25th, from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm. We will be hosting our first annual hoop jamboree tournament for our 11th and 12th grade teams. There is no admission fee and everybody is welcome to stop by the gym throughout the day and watch some exciting basketball games. The Youth Committee and parent volunteers will be selling food, drinks, and snacks. Questions? Call Marc Sapin.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DEDICATION - Tue, Apr 10th, during the Yizkor Service. Please join us for the dedication of our Synagogue's new Holocaust Memorial sculpture, donated by Selma and Stanley Mitchel.

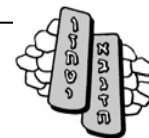
FASHION SHOW - Sun, May 20th, USY will sponsor their "Trash to Treasure" SA/TO Fashion Show. Paramus USY will be hosting the other Bergen County chapters. For congregants would like to support this event, there will be a box in the JCCP lobby for donations of clothing for Goodwill. This event will be supporting Goodwill as well as SA/TO.

AD-JOURNAL DINNER DANCE - Sun, June 10th. This year we are honoring Sandy and Rich Alpern and Susan and Steven Lichtenstein. It will be here before you know it, so it's time to be selling ads and thinking about joining this wonderful celebration.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items and put them in the large food collection box in our lobby. While we discourage carrying packages in on Shabbat or Holidays, your gifts of food are nevertheless welcome and needed all year round.

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EVERY DAY IS MITZVAH DAY – Take a look at our beautiful Mitzvah Tree Display in the lobby. Almost 600 mitzvot reported already. Any volunteer or community service counts! Forms are available at the JCCP office, or you may report by email or telephone to Sandy Alpern. Reports for past mitzvot are still welcome.

MARCH MADNESS FOOD DRIVE - Please bring any canned or packaged foods (no glass please), Shop Rite Gift Certificates, or health and beauty aids to the JCCP lobby during the month of March. All food will be donated to the Center for Food Action Mahwah. Bring a bag of groceries or a Shop Rite gift certificate to "The Big Quiz Thing" Trivia Night and you will receive a free drink! (There is a limit of one free drink per family.) This drive replaces our annual Spring Turkey Drive. Our goal is 100 bags of food, and with your help we may even surpass it.

MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY - It's almost time for the 9th Annual JCCP Membership Lottery. Watch your mail and the next monthly JCCP Bulletin for entry forms. This could be the year you win Free Membership or, even better, a guaranteed parking space on the High Holidays!

TOT SHABBAT - Every Shabbat @ 10:45, for approximately 45 minutes. An inspiring celebration of Shabbat for children ages 3 to 5. Children learn about lighting Shabbat candles, setting the Shabbat table, the role of challah, and Kiddush. They sing Shabbat songs and listen to Shabbat stories, and even meet special Shabbat puppets! Remain with your children or leave them while you attend services.

GIFT SHOP - Open Sundays from 10:00 am to Noon, or call Joy Sapin at 201-965-5994, for an appointment. Come and see our beautiful Seder plates, Kiddush cups, and "Bags of Plagues" for Passover.

JCCP WEBSITE - Visit us anytime at www.jccparamus.org for links to our activities, organizations, upcoming events, and forms you might need. Right now you can find:

- Our Passover holiday schedule
- Rabbi Weiner's Passover letter for excused absences
- Sale of Chamatz form which must be received in the synagogue office by Apr 1st
- Shabbat Across America - Dinner reservation form
- Dinner Dance ad blanks

NEW TO THE WEBSITE - This brochure, the *Shabbat Weekly Announcements*, including Rabbi Weiner's comments on the current Torah Parshah, will now be online every week

