

This parshah believe it or not is my Bar Mitzvah parshah from many years ago. The focus of this weeks parshat is again focused on animal sacrifice. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which you shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.” (Leviticus 11:2)

The second half of this portion deals with the Jewish dietary laws. There are certain animals, fish, birds, and even insects which may be eaten. Most of the animal kingdom is off limits for food consumption.

Why does the Torah allow the eating of animals? After all, in the Garden of Eden we were vegetarians. As we read in synagogues on the last day of Passover, in the Messianic Age even animals will be vegetarian. The lion will lie down with the lamb (actually Isaiah says the wolf will lie down with the lamb – Isaiah 11:6). In the Torah, the eating of animal flesh is a divine compromise God makes after the Noah flood. And the Jewish dietary laws are a further limitation on the eating of meat. Maybe we humans should give up eating meat altogether?

Ideally God wanted us to be in harmony with nature but there is a concept of realism that humanity needs this so if this is necessary than we should work to make our eating of animals holy. From a Jewish perspective, many people quote the late Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook (1865 – 1935), the first Chief Rabbi of what would become the state of Israel and a vegetarian. Others argue that since God permits the eating of meat, it is arrogant to forbid what God has permitted. So, the debate regarding eating animals continues. I believe the Jewish dietary laws are a compromise worthy of ethical consideration.



Mary Flint 03/31/2022 Thursday

Sheldon Koven 03/31/2022 Thursday



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**Services 9:30 a.m.**

Parashat Shmini/ פְּרִשַׁת שְׁמִינִי

**Read on 26 March 2022 / 16 Adar II 5782.**

**1: 11:01 - 08 · P 449 - 450**

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**Maf: Numbers 19:1-22 · P 652– 655**

**Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17 \* P454**

***Mi Shebeirach, by Debbie Friedman***

***Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu  
May the source of strength  
Who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage  
To make our lives a blessing,  
And let us say, Amen***

***Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu  
Bless those in need of healing  
With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma  
The renewal of body,  
The renewal of spirit  
And let us say,  
Amen***

**The following Yahrzeits will be observed during this week.**

03/26/2022	Adar II 23	Ruth Esptein	Mother-in-law	Joy Epstein
03/26/2022	Adar II 23	Allison Hesch	Spouse	Morrie Hesch

**Prayer for healing**

We pray for a speedy recovery of body and spirit for the following loved ones and members of our community.

Evelyn Schultz, Richard Wasserman, James Clapp, Herb Leibowitz, Rhoda Lessner, Gloria Greenberg, Shlomo Ben Channah, Joan Karlin, Charlie Tarnor, Marty Hamer, Shelly Roberts, Sheldon Koven, Lorraine Silverman, Lorre Wyatt, Cheryl Bookman, Robert Summer, Bert and Lola Atlansky, Elaine Schwartz, Harry and Barbara Newman, Irving Schweizer, Maxine Popolow, Phillip Kanter, Edward Schwartz, Baruch Ben Chanah Rachel, Jamie Joseph, and Mindel Bayla bat Leah, Neil Johnson, Mark Friedman, Charile Grossman and Sally Hall.

**May their memory be a blessing.**

**יהי זכרם ברוך.**