



# Kids Parsha packet

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## Parshat Vayikra

Last Week in Parshat Vayakel-Pekudei :

Moshe and Bnei Yisrael finish building the Mishkan and we finished reading the book of Shemot.

### How can we thank Hashem?

At the beginning of the book of Vayikra we read about bringing korbanot (sacrifices) in the Mishkan. What are sacrifices? Have you ever wanted to thank your parents, a friend, or a sibling for something nice that they did for you? How do you thank them? You probably say thank you, give them a hug,

or buy them a present. Have you ever wanted to thank Hashem for the good things that happen to you and your family? You can't give Hashem a hug or buy him a present, can you? Hashem explains to Moshe that Bnei Yisrael can bring a voluntary sacrifice called korban nedava. This type of sacrifice expresses a person's inner desire to become closer to Hashem and to thank him for what he does for us. People can decide to bring a korban nedava to the Mishkan whenever they want to, and they can bring any animal that they choose (of the permitted ones - cattle, sheep, or birds). Another options is to bring a korban mincha, a different type of voluntary sacrifice made out of flour.

"יקריב אתו

לרצנו

לפני ה'

(א', ג')

"He shall  
bring it...  
in accordance  
with his  
will  
before  
Hashem."  
(1,3)



### Activity

"Just say thanks" – Sit together and think about the different things that each person wants to say thank you for. The participants take turns saying one thing that they are thankful for, and each time a participant finishes speaking, everyone yells "Thank you!" together.



## Can everyone say thank you?

Can every person thank Hashem? Of course they can! But what happens if a person does not have a lot of money, but still wants to thank Hashem for good things that happen? What can they do? A cow or a sheep are expensive animals that not everyone can afford to raise or buy. How does a poor person thank Hashem? They do not have enough money to thank Hashem in the way that Hashem said that he could be thanked! But don't worry, Hashem considers everyone. Hashem gives Moshe a list of different types of sacrifices that can be brought at the Mishkan, and the list is appropriate for both the rich and the poor. Everyone can thank Hashem, no matter much money they have. A poor person can bring a dove or turtledove, which are considered less expensive. They can even bring sacrifices of flour, semolina and oil instead of animals.

"וּאִם בֶּן הָעוֹף

עָלָה קָרְבָּנוֹ לַה' "

(א', י"ד)

"If one's offering to Hashem is an olah- offering from the fowl."

(1, 14)



If you had, money what would you buy?

### Activity

"Say thank you no matter what!" - Say thank you for the things that are hardest for you.



## Everyone makes mistakes

Have you ever made a mistake or done something wrong, but you know that you did it accidentally, not on purpose? This happens to everyone all the time. We try to do our best, but mistakes happen... The Torah calls this

“unintentional sin”.

What do we usually do after we accidentally make a mistake? We probably think about what we did and ask for forgiveness, right? Hashem gave Bnei Yisrael many mitzvot on Har Sinai - remember? Sometimes we get confused or forget and do not keep the mitzvot properly. Can we ask Hashem for forgiveness for our mistakes? Hashem tells Moshe that when Bnei Yisrael sin unintentionally, they can ask for forgiveness and fix their mistake by bringing a mandatory sacrifice (korban chova) to the Mishkan. Hashem gives Moshe a list of examples of unintentional sins that Bnei Yisrael are likely to do, for which they need to bring a sacrifice for atonement.

"נפש כי

תחטא בשגגה

בכל מצוות ה'

אשר לא תעשינה"

(ד', ב')

"When a person will sin unintentionally from among all the commandments of Hashem that may not be done."

(4,2)



Is it hard or easy to ask for forgiveness?

**Activity**

"Apology tag" - The person who is "it" has to apologize each time he catches somebody and explain that it was unintentional. Then the person who was caught becomes "it".

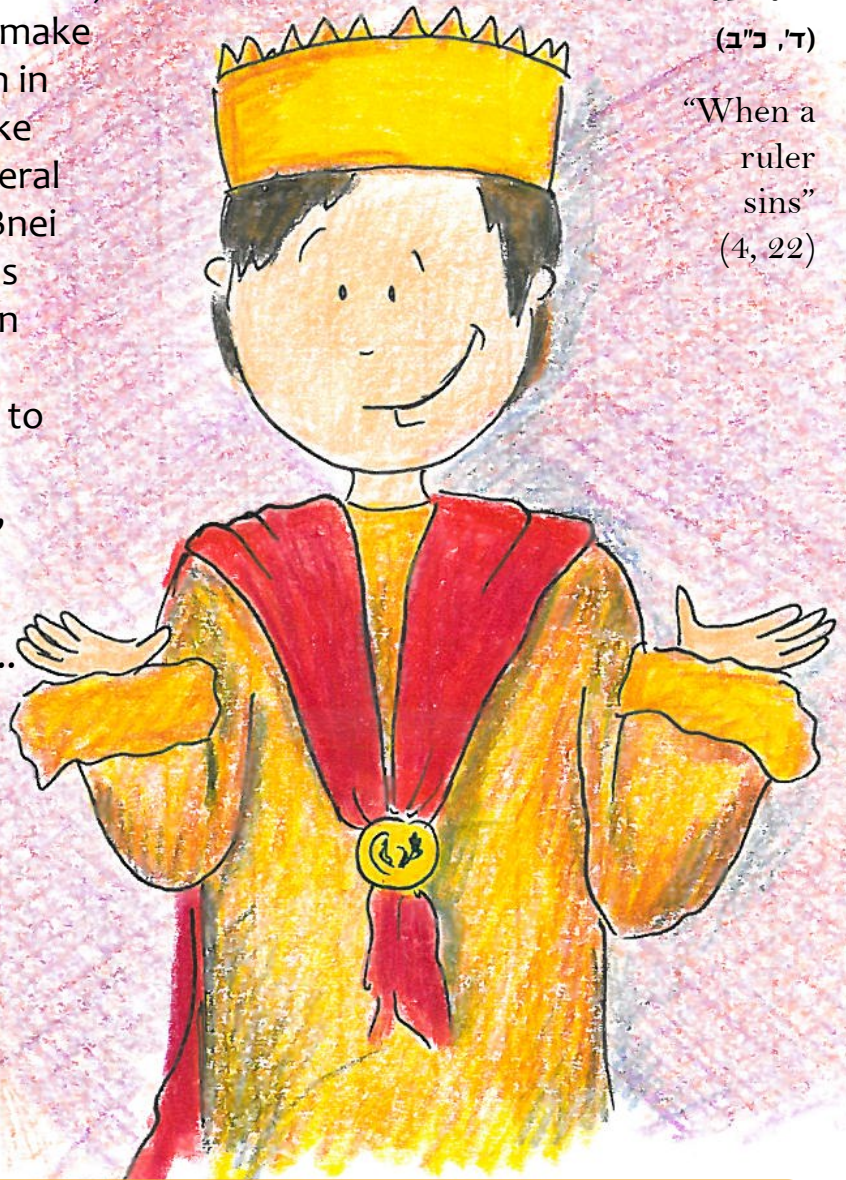


## Leaders can sin too

Think about the important people that you know, like the prime minister, president, mayor, or school principal. Do you think they ever make unintentional mistakes? They are important people, so they're probably never wrong! But the answer to this is- NO.

Everyone - men, women, children, and even important people make mistakes. There is no person in the world that does not make mistakes. Hashem gives several examples of mistakes that Bnei Yisrael may make to teach us that mistakes always happen and can happen to anyone.

The most important thing is to acknowledge our mistakes, take responsibility for them, and ask for forgiveness. No one likes to make mistakes, but it happens to everyone... Hashem explains to Moshe that when a leader, kohen, or king makes a mistake, they must bring a sacrifice to the Mishkan just like everyone else.



"אשר נשיא יחטא"

(ד', כ"ב)

"When a ruler sins"

(4, 22)



Would you want to be a leader? What type of leader?

## Next Week In Parshat Tzav...

We will learn about the roles of the Kohanim, the priests that bring sacrifices in the Mishkan...

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