

PARSHAS VAYIKRA

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW

The parshah discusses the various voluntary offerings that may be brought by an individual, including the burnt-offering, the meal-offering, and the peace-offering. Other offerings, such as the sin offerings, guilt offerings, and more are taught as well.



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PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 111

Words - 1,673

Letters - 6,222

Mitzvos - 16



QUOTABLE QUOTE

*"The over-emphasis on 'I' and the loss of 'We' leaves us isolated and vulnerable. It is not good to be alone."
Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l*

QUICK VORT

The Parshah mentions the mitzvah of returning that which was stolen.

Rav Zilberstein shlit"l tells of a story of a non-religious Jew who stole a brand new beautiful Sefer Torah from a shul. The one who donated the Torah was devastated.

A few days later, the fellow who stole the Sefer Torah came to return the Torah. "I'm the ganav. And I'm here to fulfill the mitzvah of returning the stolen item." *What got into the man to return it?*

The Torah - which was stolen, and sitting in the house of the robber - made such an impact on the man that he decided to turn his life around and become more religious.

Just being in the presence of a Torah, and just being in the vicinity of greatness, makes an impact on a person!

Have a holy Shabbos!

GEMATRIA

The numerical value of וְהָשִׁיב אֶת הַגְּזוּלָה is 784, which so happens to be the exact same as שְׁבוּעוֹת, the holiday in which we receive the Torah. Through the power of the Torah, it can impact someone return themselves back to Hashem and be loyal to Him!



THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

Rebbe Yosef Chaim of Bagdad, in his Sefer Od Yosef Chai, says that if a person wants closeness with Hashem - אדם כי יקרוב - then מִכֶּם, it starts FROM YOU. According to the measure that YOU come close to Hashem, that is how close Hashem will come to you!



DID YOU KNOW

Research by social psychologist Dr. David McClelland of Harvard reveals that the people you associate with determine 95% of your success or failure in life.

If we associate ourselves with great and holy people, we will become like them!

