



SLIDING SCALE



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The fun way to go over the weekly sedra with your children, grandchildren, Shabbat guests

Vayakhel-P'kudei HaChodesh

<> Three new Unexplaineds

There is a bench with the number one on it. That's for Benching Rosh Chodesh (the first day of the new month).

Then there was a kid showing off his biceps - for CHAZAK, CHAZAK...

And there was the tops of the letters spelling the word CHODASHIM, for HaChodesh HaZeh Lachem Rosh Chodashim (the head of months).

VAYIKRa

Central to the sedra and to this ParshaPix is the Mizbei'ach and the Davka Judaica graphic of it. Many of the other element of the ParshaPix are related to the Mizbei'ach and/or Korbanot • Ferdinand the Bull represents the PAR • The cartoon sheep is for the korbanot of that animal-family • the Oakland Athletics are also known as the A's - EIZ is a goat • It is not a soap; it is a beauty bar - what? DOVE, for the bird korban • the Morton Salt girl representing the salt that was to be put on all Korbanot (She is actually called the Morton Salt Umbrella Girl and has been around

since 1911) • below the Morton Salt girl are two kidneys, two of the inner organs of the korbanot that are mentioned repeatedly in the sedra • Menachot - offerings from the plant world, are made with fine flour... • And olive oil • And the spice L'VONA - frankincense in English. That's frankincense below the flour • Menachot - meal offerings - were prepared in different ways. Some were baked in an oven • Some were fried in a frying pan... As we sing in the Shabbat day Z'mira, BARUCH KEIL ELYON... in which we poetically ask G-d to be pleased with our Shabbat observance like a MINCHA AL MACHAVAT, like the flour-oil offering on the frying pan... • The portion of a Mincha that was burned on the Mizbei'ach is a K'MITZA, a limited handful - photo of a K'MITZA • The crown represents one "type" of sinner and his korban Chatat - the king • Similarly, there is the Davka graphic of the Kohein Gadol who also has a unique Korban Chatat • the letter ALEF, which in the word VAYIKRa is written small in a Sefer Torah • here we are presenting a larger version of the ALEF. In addition, ALEF is spelled ALEF-LAMED-FEI, which has a numeric value of 111. This is the FULL GIMATRIYA of ALEF, which is based not on its letter value of one, but rather its spelled out gimatriya. Vayikra, with its little ALEF, has 111 p'sukim • the thief is discussed in the

ASHAM korban • the pie chart indicates a fifth part, CHOMESH. But that penalty mentioned in the sedra is actually a quarter (pictured to the left of the pie chart), which is a fifth of the principal plus the fourth • the bottles of water are for the water that was an ingredient in the Menachot, even though it isn't mentioned in the Written Torah • the cellphone with L 345, is for VAYIKRA EL MOSHE (gimatriya is 345) • Silan is D'VASH from dates and is forbidden to put onto any offering • the zodiac signs on the right side of the PP are Taurus (the Bull), Aries (the Ram), and Capricorn (the goat) - the three types of B'HEIMOT (domesticated kosher farm animals) that were used for korbanot • the constellation pictured next to the three zodiac signs is Columba, the Dove, a faint southern constellation. Here, it is for the bird sacrifices • three new Unexplaineds, the third of which is from the haftara (sort of) - this is a hint.