



Parshat VAYEIRA

GM One of the nail-biting p'sukim in the parsha of the Akeida (even if you already know how it ends) is B'reishit 22:9 in Parshat Vayeira -

וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אָמַר-לּוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים וַיָּבֶן שָׁם אֲבִרָהָם אֶת-הַמִּזְבֵּיחַ וַיַּעֲרֶךְ
אֶת-הָעֵצִים וַיַּעֲקֹר אֶת-יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּשֶׂם אֹתוֹ עַל-הַמִּזְבֵּיחַ מִמַּעַל לָעֵצִים:

When they finally came to the place designated by God, Avraham built the altar there, and arranged the wood. He then bound his son Yitzchak, and placed him on the altar on top of the wood.

Don't try that at home - as the expression goes. It was a one-time episode in the lives of Avraham and Yitzchak - never to be repeated. The pasuk does have an interesting GM at 5359 - which relates to korbanot that we are commanded to bring, over and over again - Vayikra 2:13 -

וְכָל-קָרְבַּן מִנְחֹתֶיךָ בַּמִּלּוֹחַ תִּמְלֹחַ וְלֹא תִשָּׁבֵית מִלּוֹחַ בְּרִית אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִעַל מִנְחֹתֶיךָ
עַל כָּל-קָרְבָּנְךָ תִּקְרִיב מִלּוֹחַ:

Moreover, you must salt every meal offering.

Do not leave out the salt of your God's covenant from your meal offerings.

You must [also] offer salt with your animal sacrifices.

'Normal' korbanot. The Akeida is understood to be the supreme test of Avraham's faith - not a precedent.