

P'kudei, 5780: Evolving Community

The days have gotten long, the work has changed, and we are striving to create community in a digital world. The methods and pedagogy have changed, and the value of our BHC community stays strong. Over the past two weeks we have learned to adapt our community practices and will continue to grow. This has been a challenging time for many of us and a time to dream and reconfigure.

The book of Leviticus and Parasha Vayikra begins by naming the five types of sacrifices that were offered during the time of the Temple in Jerusalem. We no longer offer sacrifices in Judaism and our practice has evolved from this world of Priests to a world a Rabbis and mitzvot (Jewish law).

So, what can we learn from this previous transition and what value is there to learning about sacrifices today? I am often struck by the intentionality of the sacrifices and the details that everyone who brought these had to adhere to in their lives. At BHC we have worked to bring your content through quality and not quantity. Our community leaders are taking the time to reach out to all members of BHC to connect, care, and support our members.

As we move forward during uncertain times we will continue to evolve and as our new reality sets in our community will change. If we strive for intentionality in all that we do than our BHC congregation will thrive!

L'Shalom,

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