



Animals at the top. from left to right: CALF was the first of the one-time special korbanot on opening day of the Mishkan (following the seven inauguration days). It seems obvious that it was meant as part of the atonement for the sin of the golden calf • RAM was also part of those EIGHTH DAY korbanot • As was the goat. All three animals are also referred to without being named (in Parshat R'ei they are named) as kosher animals • Negation circle over the wine represents the "rules of conduct" for kohanim upon entering the Mikdash, which included not drinking wine on the day of their performing Avoda • The fire is the fire that was used by Nadav and Avihu... It is a strange fire (EISH ZARA) because the flames are blue and green with a touch of orange • Three pairs of images that represent a kosher and a non-kosher example of three different classes of animals • First pair is for mammals. Both are football helmets of NFL teams. Chicago Bears represent the non-kosher mammals and the LA Rams represent the kosher ones. Go through all the teams and see how many animals are included - and how many kosher ones. It's a fun exercise for NFL, MLB, NBA, and NHL. Mammals, birds, fish • Representing the birds are some cartoon characters: Heckle and Jeckle are magpies and are probably in the crow-raven family that is on the list of non-kosher birds. Daffy Duck for the kosher birds • Fish are represented by two characters from Finding Nemo.

Nemo, himself, as well as his father, are clownfish. We don't know if anyone actually eats them, but they do have scales and fins and therefore, no halachic impediment. The other Nemo character is Bruce, a shark who is part of a 12-step group, whose motto is "Fish are friends - not food". Sharks are not kosher - even though they too have scales and fins. No problem with the fins, but the shark has placoid scales and they are of dermal origin. In order for scales to qualify a fish as kosher, they must be able to be easily scraped off without damage to the fish's skin. With the shark's scales being part of its skin, they do not qualify • The big hook, in Hebrew, VAV, is for the big VAV of GACHON • Havdala candle represents the repeated theme in the sedra that a major purpose of many of the mitzvot presented is to distinguish - between sacred and profane, between tahor and tamei, etc. • Car with Head & Shoulders logo is our TTriddles symbol for a non-kosher fish. Yes, there are fins, like the 1960 Plymouth Fury had. But there are no scales - KASKESET in Hebrew, which is also the word for dandruff. Head & Shoulders is supposed to get rid of dandruff - hence, no scales. Therefore, such a fish would not be kosher • The giraffe and okapi are most likely kosher animals, being true ruminants and having split hooves. B'TEI'AVON. Strange looking bird is a relative of the chicken but its kashrut status is to be determined. See also a blue marlin which is a kosher fish. The rest of the images in this week's ParshaPix are all related to a single word, one that more than typifies this week's sedra. Let's leave it at that and see how many of the six images you "solve" • Plenty of springboards for you and your family to use for discussing the sedra.