

# Shabbat Shalom

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A special Shabbat message for you from Rabbi Danny Horwitz



Are you looking for work? Maybe someone is looking for you. But what would they want?

Mark Zuckerberg, head of Facebook, once said: "I will only hire someone to work directly for me if I would work for that person." That sounds like good advice if you are an employer! You want people who share your values, who will take responsibility, who will work hard. You do NOT want people who see you as just a stepping stone to something better, or who are only out for themselves, or who will abuse other employees.

We read this Shabbat about the offerings which were to be brought in the **mishkan**, the sanctuary in the wilderness. Rabbi Marc Angel suggests that these offerings also tell us what to look for if we are looking for someone to work with us. The burnt offering was dedicated entirely to God; similarly, a person sometimes has to be willing to make a sacrifice without expecting a reward for ourselves. The peace offering was a way to say thank you; similarly, a person should be grateful for their blessings. The sin offering was an attempt to atone for unintentional mistakes; accordingly, everyone should accept responsibility for their own mistakes. If you accidentally caused a loss to the sanctuary, you brought an offering demonstrating your remorse; we too try to show proper respect to holy things and holy places. And if you had been cheated someone, you not only had to own up and reimburse them; you had to bring an offering apologizing to God. By the same token, we want those who work for us to be completely honest and trustworthy, and to remember that every human being is created in God's image.

From the ancient sacrifices, we derive a lesson for today about who we would hire, and, even more importantly, about who we should be. And that is what our Sages taught about the Torah: "Turn it and turn it, for everything is in it." (Pirkei Avot 5:24) Even from laws we no longer observe, we derive important life lessons. Whenever we find a new understanding from the Torah, we are reminded how fundamentally it shapes our character, our qualities, and our soul. May it be so from week to week, throughout the year.

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