

ASHES OF THE RED HEIFER

שַׁבַּת פָּרָה

This Sabbath corresponds to Parashat Tzav. Shabbat Parah takes place on the Shabbat before Shabbat HaChodesh, in preparation for Passover. Numbers 19:1-22 describes the Parah Adumah (Red Heifer) in the Jewish Temple as part of the manner in which the Kohanim and the Jewish People purified themselves so that they would be Ready (Pure) to Sacrifice the Korban Pesach.

Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, This is the Statute of the Law that the LORD has commanded: Instruct the Israelites to bring you an Unblemished Red Heifer that has no Defect and has never been placed under a Yoke. Give it to Eleazar the Priest, and he will have it brought Outside the Camp and slaughtered in his Presence.

NUMBERS 19:1