

Definition of Animal Sacrifices

Ref: *Sefer Avodah, Hilchot Maaseh Hakorbanot, Chapter 1*

DEFINITIONS:

- *Ketanim* (small animals) 8 days – 1 year
- *Gedolim* (Large animals)
 - Cattle up to 3 years inclusive
 - Sheep and goats up to 2 years inclusive
- *Zaken*
 - Cattle greater than 3 years
 - Sheep and goats greater than 2 years
- *Keves* – Lamb in its first year of life
- *Ayil* – Ram in its second year of life (from the 31st day in that year onward)
- *Palgas* – neither lamb nor ram first 30 days of 2nd year
- *Egel* – Calf in its 1st year of life
- *Par* – Bull in its second year of life
- *Seir Izim*¹ – Kid goat in its 1st year of life
- *Seir*² – Goat in its 2nd year
- *Zevachim* – Sacrifices
- *Kodshei Kodashim* – Most Holy Offerings All *Olah* offerings
 - All *Chatat* offerings
 - All *Asham* offerings
 - 2 *Shelamim* offerings of *Shavuot*
- *Kodashim Kalim* – Less Holy Offerings
 - *Shelamim* of individual
 - *Bechor*
 - *Maaser*
 - *Pesach*
- *Emurin*³ – Sacrificial Parts i.e. limbs and organs that are burned on *Mizbeach*.

1 An alternate (and apparently more authentic) reading: In second year.

2 According to the alternate reading, this term is erased.

3 Lit. heightened (special).