

Third Temple Closer Than Ever as Search Begins for Eligible Jewish Priests

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“And bring thou near unto thee Aharon thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that they may minister unto Me in the priest’s office, even Aharon, Nadav and Avihu, Elazar and Itamar, Aharon’s sons.” [Exodus 28:1 \(The Israel Bible™\)](#)

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Kohanim blowing silver trumpets in a reenactment of a Temple service. (Photo: The Temple Institute)

The Temple Institute has initiated the second stage towards building the Temple: compiling a list of Jewish priests who will be eligible to prepare the red heifer and serve in the Temple, [Rabbi Chaim Richman](#), the International Director of the Temple Institute, [announced](#) on Monday. The announcement coincides with the weekly Torah reading that describes the preparation of the red heifer.

The registry will include men who have a clear patriarchal heritage from the priestly class (descendants of Aaron), were born and raised in Israel, and have observed the laws of purity incumbent upon priests. This includes not coming into proximity with the dead, so priests, or kohanim, who were born in hospitals, have visited hospitals, or have entered cemeteries are not eligible.

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Once the Temple Institute has compiled a list of candidates with verified eligibility, it will begin to train them in the complex preparation of the ashes of the red heifer. The training will take place at the Nezer Hakodesh, an institute established three years ago to educate priests in the details of the [Temple service](#).

The project has implications not just for *kohanim*, but for anyone interested in taking part in the Temple service. Anyone going up to the Temple needs to be on a high level of ritual purity.

Most types of impurity can be removed through immersion in a *mikveh* (a ritual bath). For ritual impurity imparted through contact or proximity to a dead person, the purification process requires a priest to sprinkle water mixed with the ashes of a red heifer.

Today, after thousands of years without a Temple, all people are considered to be on this level of impurity, making the reinstating of the red heifer ashes an essential part of the return of the Temple service.

“This is a huge jump for the Temple Institute and a huge leap for the Jewish people. For the first time in 2,000 years, after miraculously returning to the Land of Israel, we are beginning the process of reinstating the Biblical purity of the Jewish priesthood,” Rabbi Richman told [JNJ](#).

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“This is another bold move for our Institute, having already painstakingly prepared more than 60 sacred vessels for the Third Temple. We proudly call upon all those who may fit the bill to contact the [Temple Institute](#) immediately.”

The Temple Institute is a non-profit organization, founded in 1987, which is dedicated to rebuilding the Jewish Temple on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. Much of its work has been in the areas of education and raising awareness, but it has also made remarkable practical achievements towards turning the Third Temple into a reality.

It has recreated over 70 utensils fit for the Temple service, including the gold menorah, the gem encrusted breastplate of the high priest, musical instruments used by the Levites, and priestly garments.

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Illustrative photo of red heifer in Israel. (Photo: Tazpit News Agency)

Perhaps its most amazing achievement to date has been the [red heifer](#). **After decades of research in how to practically restore the Temple, Temple Institute scholars realized that the first step in the seemingly impossible task was raising a red heifer.** Frozen embryos of red angus cattle were implanted in Israeli cattle, introducing the breed to Israel.

Biblical law requires that the red heifer be unblemished, and it is forbidden from being milked or impregnated, so must be raised in special supervised conditions.

Unlike most other aspects of the Temple service, burning of the red heifer and the use of its ashes to purify do not require ascending to the Temple Mount. This precludes any political

complications that may arise, since Jews are currently [prevented](#) from praying or performing any rituals at the holy site.

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Top Rabbi Joins Growing List of Pro-Temple Politicians

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" In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen and close up the breaches thereof and I will raise up his ruins and I will build it as in the days of old." [Amos 9:11 \(The Israel Bible™\)](#)

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Third Temple Envisioned Alongside The Dome of The Rock (Photo via Shutterstock)

Israel's Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi David Lau joined a growing list of Israeli politicians who are calling for the Third Temple to be built on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. He suggested the Messianic vision could be realized without touching Muslim structures at the site by simply building a new structure alongside the existing Muslim buildings that stand on the site of the previous two Jewish Temples.

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