

GEULAH THROUGH GOLUS

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SPIRITUAL SERVICE

All those who learn the Torah's laws about the sacrifices are considered to be as if they had actually offered the sacrifice [about which] they learned. The Rabbis said that when Torah scholars learn the laws of the Temple service, Scripture considers it as if the Temple had been rebuilt in their days. It is, therefore, fitting for a person to learn about the sacrifices and to discuss their laws. One should not say that there is no need to study these matters in our days (Maimonides, commentary on Mishna, Menachot 13:11)

When we study about the Temple and its service, we spiritually build the Temple and perform the service. This spiritual service has an advantage over the physical service that can only be performed in the Temple at the proper time, and only by a ritually pure kohen. Yet there is no limit to our study and our spiritual service. By learning about it, each of us can build the Temple and perform its service at any time and in any place.

Shulchan Aruch HaRav (Mehadura Basra), Aruch Chaim 1:8,9

