

Rav Yehuda Copperman's Conception of *Peshuto shel mikra* and its Effect on  
his Reading of R. Ovadiah Seforno

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The interpretive concept of *peshuto shel mikra* – the ‘plain sense’ of biblical verses – that R. Yehuda Copperman developed deeply informed his approach to R. Ovadiah Seforno's Torah commentary. He was perhaps the first to distinguish its underlying ideological principles. This paper presents R. Copperman's conception that the series of events and their concomitant mitzvot can be