



YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

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Shabbos Times

Candle Lighting	7:03 pm
Mincha & Maariv	7:05 pm
Sunset	7:21 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Rabbi's Navi Shiur	6:20 pm
Mincha	6:50 pm
Maariv	8:04 pm
Shabbos Ends	8:13 pm

This week's portion – Shemini – has much about it to discuss. The consecration of the Mishkan, The ordaining of the first Kohanim, and the tragedy of the eldest sons of Aharon. I would like to focus on a different topic – One that may not be so obvious. That topic is the importance not only of each individual Jew but upon the entire nation of Jews as one.

We first see that Aharon is commanded to bring a sacrifice to atone for his sins but also must bring one to atone for the sins of the nation. At the end of the service, we see Aharon and the nation are distraught because the Shechinah has not come down onto the Mishkan. As I heard this morning on the Portion Podcast, (Thank you Rabbi B. and Aaron) Aharon thought it was his fault for his sin of the Golden Calf and the nation thought it was because of their sins. We never really find out whether it was Aharon or the nation but Moshe and Aharon enter the Mishkan and pray for atonement both for Aharon and the nation and the Shechinah descends. The forgiveness came for the entire nation not just individuals.

The second incident is somewhat more confusing. We are told the story of Nadav and Avihu, the eldest sons of Aharon. They were killed by Hashem after performing an improper service in the Mishkan. Rashi tells us that they were not rebelling but feeling close to Hashem and wanted to get closer. So, what was their sin? As a nation we are given rules to follow that are very specific. It is not up to the individual to

decide what they want to do or when they want to do it.

Next, we are told the Moshe is to tell the cousins of Aharon to remove their bodies. Why not his two younger sons Elazar and Itamar. We learn in Emor that a regular Kohen can become Tameh for immediate family. So even though Aharon could not do it since a Kohen Gadol can never become Tameh, his sons could have done it. Rashi tells us that the needs of the nation overrode personal needs, Elazar and Itamar needed to remain pure so they could complete the service in the Mishkan. That need was greater than attending to the bodies of their brothers.

Finally, the Torah tells us that Moshe told Aharon not to grieve because everything is determined by Hashem even if we do not understand the reasoning. We are then told however that the entire nation grieved. Why? Maybe be upset but why grief? In Young Israel we hear every Shabbos in announcements Praise to our God in Heaven who created the Jewish people. (Thank you, Duke,) The praise is for creating the nation not each individual!

Best Wishes for a Good Shabbos!

Mazal Tov! Shalom Zachor for the Levy family Friday night at 9:30 at 427 Saratoga Drive
Bris is scheduled for Sunday morning at 9:30 AM following an 8:45 Shacharis at SOI

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Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon- Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	7:10 pm
Mincha & Maariv (Fri)	7:10 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	8:05 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Tues)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos— Men (Mon)	8:30 pm

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