



YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Dvar Torah: Shmuel Fils

Kiddish is sponsored by Duke McCarthy: All praise, glory, honor, and blessings to the Holy G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. May He bless and have mercy on all Israel and Jews throughout the world. And guide His Holy Chosen People, to continually shine His Beautiful Light throughout the world. Especially Young Israel of Cherry Hill. And their families. Please, Amen.

Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	7:35 pm
Candle Lighting	7:38 pm
Sunset	7:56 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Navi Shiur	6:55 pm
Mincha	7:25 pm
Maariv	8:39 pm
Shabbos Ends	8:48 pm

וימתו אל משה אחרי מות שני בני אהרן בקרבתם לפני ה' וימתו
Moshe after the death of Aharon's two sons, when they approached before Hashem and they died

Aharon's sons' Nadav and Avihu died because they "approached before Hashem".

"Approaching" or coming close to Hashem sounds like the most positive of things. So why were they punished?

The Kli Yakar states 11 opinions from Chazal as to what is the definition of "approached before Hashem"; At the time of the offering they were: not wearing clothes, not wearing their designated Kehuna garment, did not have children, etc, drunk – which is the prevailing view.

What do we know about Nadav and Avihu?

Nadav and Avihu were Tsadikim comparable to the level of Moshe and Aharon. They would have continued the leadership from Moshe instead of Yehoshua.

The Zohar states in our Parsha, that all who shed tears on the passing of Nadav and Avihu is guaranteed that his children will not die in his lifetime. The only two instances that we are instructed to mourn for past Tsadikim is Nadav and Avihu and the students of Rabbi Akiva. The reason being, that if they would not have died when they did, their influence would have been so great that every single person in Am Yisrael until today would be benefited from their positive effect.

So how can we understand that 2 such great Tsadikim brought an offering while drunk?

The Rabbi of Lubavitch explains this with the following story from the Gemara (Megila):

"The Purim meal was especially joyful for Raba and Rabbi Zera. During that time, Raba rose and slaughtered Rabbi Zera. Then brought him back to life. Next year too, the rabbi wanted a Purim class with his friend Rabbi Zera, but he did not agree. "Not every day miracles happen," he apologized to his good friend."

Raba who was such a Tsadik, that Torah would not cease from him that the Angel of Death could not claim him. Could it be that murdered his fellow Rabbi while drunk?

"נכנס יין ויצא סוד" Chazal teach us: "Wine goes in and secrets come out"

The Shlah brings down that as a result of their drinking at the Purim Seuda the deep secrets of Torah came out. Raba (which in Hebrew means large) revealed such holy secrets in Torah that Rabbi Zera's Neshama (Zera in Hebrew means small/seed) had נפשו and left his body.

The Or Hachaim clarifies that Nadav and Avihu drank wine to get spiritually closer to Hashem and through the secrets of Torah that they revealed up to the point that they reached נפש and their Neshamas left their bodies. Although they were punished b/c it was not the right time and "approach", their intention was in fact trying to obtain greater Spiritual Heights and become closer to Hashem.

May we merit a great yearning to get closer to Hashem and to channel it using the proper guidance!

Shabbat morning kiddush at SOI is sponsored by Chemmie and Yaeli Sokolic in celebration of Gavriel's Bar Mitzva. We're so proud of Gavriel and the effort and attention he's invested into preparing for this special occasion. We're honored to welcome the entire Cherry Hill community to join us in thanks to Hashem for this wonderful simcha.

Mazal tov to Jennifer and Simcha Reich on Gwen's engagement to Alex Kaplan. There will be a lechaim at the home of the Friedners, 417 Saratoga Drive, on Sunday May 5th between 2 and 4 pm.

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Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon- Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	7:45 pm
Mincha (Fri)	7:45 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	8:49 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos-men (Mon)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.