



YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Shabbos Times

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| Mincha & Maariv | 7:55 pm |
| Candle Lighting | 8:11 pm |
| Sunset | 8:29 pm |
| Shacharis | 8:30 am |
| Jr Minyan R' Binyamin | 9:45 am |
| Shabbos Groups | 9:45 am |
| Navi Shiur | 7:30 pm |
| Mincha | 8:00 pm |
| Maariv | 9:12 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 9:21 pm |

Dvar Torah: Vivian Richmond

This week we learn about the *korbanos* (offerings) brought by the twelve princes on twelve consecutive days for the dedication of the altar in the *Mishkan*. It is often asked that if the Torah does not include any unnecessary words, why was each one of the twelve *korbanos* described in detail even though they were all identical? Why were all the offerings identical? And were the offerings really identical? The answers to these questions can give us insight into how we can serve *Hashem* properly.

The Abarbanel (in the "*Abarbanel on the Torah*" for *Parshas Nasso*) explains that the princes decided on their own that their offerings would be exactly the same, at least, physically, in order to avoid any jealousy or competition among them. We can learn from this that the Torah is testifying that while the princes were of varying levels of wealth, the offering of the least distinguished prince was as special to Hashem as the offering of the most distinguished prince, because Hashem accepted and loved them all equally.

The *Medrash Rabbah* explains that the *korbanos* were not identical from a spiritual standpoint; each prince brought his offering with his own *kavanah* (intentions) to reflect his true inner self. For example, Nachshon's *korban* embodied the idea of rulership, which represented the strength of the tribe of Yehudah; the leader of the tribe of Yissacher offered a *korban* that represented Torah; and the *korban* from the tribe of Zevulun represented commerce to fund Torah learning. Each prince's *kavanah* that accompanied his offering demonstrated his inner uniqueness, and each prince can serve as a role model for serving *Hashem* properly.

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The *Gemara in Niddah, 31-A*, explains that of the three partners involved in the creation of a newborn baby, the physical components come from the father and the mother (the father is the source of the bones, brain, sinews, and part of the eye; the mother is the source of the flesh, skin, hair, and pupil), while the spiritual component comes from *Hashem*. G-d gives each person a *neshama* (soul), in addition to the form of the face, the ability to see, hear, speak, and walk, as well as the power of understanding - our intelligence. Our G-d-given abilities enable us to realize our unique purpose in this world. A key step to this realization is self-reflection.

To begin our inner search, Rabbeinu Yonah of Gerondy in *The Gates of Service*, writes: a person has to know his worth; his qualities; and the qualities of his parents, their greatness, and their parents' value; and the love that Hashem has for them.... We can ask ourselves, what are our strong and weak points, our likes and dislikes. When we look inside ourselves to find our core essence, we can open the door to discover our purpose and gain a much clearer idea of how to serve *Hashem* with authenticity.

May we each be successful in our service to *Hashem*.

Congregational meeting on June 23

Women's swim continues at the Katz JCC and every Sunday thereafter from 6-7PM. Cost is \$10 and \$5 for JCC members. Feel free to email sarah.bienenfeld@gmail.com with any questions. This is not a shul program, just a community wide effort.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Kiddush: \$120
- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250
- Eitz Chaim: \$120
- Weekly Newsletter: \$50

Scrip - Purchase on YI's website or by contacting Joyce at JJoseph5@aol.com

Tribute Cards— Support YI & mark any occasion by purchasing on YI's website.

Dvar Torah - to participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project, please contact Isaac Mass — isaacbenmass@gmail.com

Membership

- \$1,525 Regular Family
- \$775 Single / Retired Family / Young Family (under 30 years)
- \$400 Young Single (under 30)
- \$500 First year at YI—Family
- \$250 First year at YI—Single
- \$500 Associate Membership

For more info, contact Shmuel at Samuel.Gluck@gmail.com

Next Week

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| Shacharis (Sun) | 8:30 am |
| Shacharis (Mon- Fri) | 6:45 am |
| Mincha & Maariv | 8:15 pm |
| Mincha (Fri) | 7:55 pm |
| Nightfall/Shma after | 9:22 pm |
| Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs) | 9:15 pm |
| Gemara Makos-men (Mon) | 8:30 pm |

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.

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