

April 6, 2013 – Shemini

This week we looked at the deaths of Aaron's two elder sons, Nadab and Abihu, whom God destroyed for bringing "alien fire" into the Tent of Meeting. We explored both rabbinic commentary and our own interpretations for this incident, asking what it is supposed to teach us, in addition to what it was supposed to teach the Israelites. We asked what it meant to be entrusted with the responsibility to stand in front of God, trusted to represent the community, trusted to follow the commands that God gives. Then we discussed how modern Reform Judaism might look at this lesson.