

Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah
Posted by Kedusha - 04 Aug 2009 04:23

At the Levayah of HaGaon Rav Zelig Epstein, ZT"L, on Monday afternoon (which I watched on live webcast), one of the Maspidim quoted the well-known Chazal that Misas Tzadikim is Mechapeir. However, he noted that, just as Yom Kippur only atones if we do Teshuva, the same is true regarding the death of Tzaddikim.

So, in case we thought it was necessary to wait until Yom Kippur to atone for our Aveiros, that is not the case. Doing Teshuva now, in the wake of Rav Epstein's Petirah, will serve as an immediate Kaparah.

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Re: Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah
Posted by MaalinBKodesh - 04 Aug 2009 14:56

I think Rashi brings this by the death of Miriam, explaining it's proximity to the Parah Adumah. Just as the Parah Adumah provides kaparah for klal Yisrael, so too the death of tzaddikim.

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Re: Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah
Posted by kutan - 04 Aug 2009 15:21

well, then, the teshuva will be like going to have the efer para sprinkled on you. Having it sit in a jar won't do it....

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Re: Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah
Posted by bardichev - 12 Aug 2009 21:29

THIS VORT IS DEDICATED TO THE GADOL REB ZELIG EPSTIEN OB"M ZT'L

THIS IS A POWERFUL VORT!!!

BIMAKOM SH-BAALEI TESHUVA OMDIN AFILU TZADDIKIM GIMURRIM AINON OMDIN

THE BAAL TESHUVA STANDS ON A GREATER PLACE THAN THE TZADDIK

WHY? (famous question)

SAYS THE LATE GRODNA ROSH YESHIVA REB ZELIG ZATZA'L

BECAUSE THE BAAL TESHUVA IS COMING WITH THE "HEAT "OF HIS AVEIRA

AND CHANNELING IT TO HIS TESHUVAH!!!

TALK ABOUT POSITIVE RE-INFORCEMENT!!!

WOW!

CHAVAL AL DI-AVDIN!!

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Re: Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah

Posted by Kedusha - 13 Aug 2009 14:02

Dear Bardichev,

Thank you for that great vort from HaGaon Rav Zelig Epstein, ZT"L. Can I ask where you came across it?

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Re: Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah
Posted by bardichev - 13 Aug 2009 14:12

I SENT YOU A PM

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Re: Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah
Posted by kutan - 13 Aug 2009 16:18

OK, another vort from R' Zelig ztl,

The anivus of R Zecharya ben avtilas was machriv the BHMKDSH.

Why is it anivus? maybe lack of foresight... but why anivus

He quoted a vort from the gra, That R ZbA sat on the side of the sanhedrin, even though he was the Gadol. So he paskened first, and once he paskened no one could or would dispute his psak, so his anivus did not allow for the correct decision to be made.

He said that this is not poshut pshat. Ikur chaser from the Gemara. then said his own:

Of course, the right thing to do under normal circumstances was to bring the korbon or kill Bar Kamtza. It was pikuach nefesh, major way.

But R' ZbA decided that the BHMKDSH was anyway going to be destroyed. The yiddin were in shambles. Going down the toilet as Bardichev says, with Sheefa Tashin. The writing was already on the wall. The disaster was going to happen anyway.

So it was NOT pikuach nefesh. It would make no difference. So, he paskened the way he did.

But he underestimated the Koach of a yid. It is never hopeless. We can always pull out.

that was his mistake and it stemmed from misplaced anivus.

MIR TUR NISHT THROWING IN THE TOWEL VEN ES KIMT TZI RUCHNIYUS (a direct quote from the niftar, btw)

he was a GREAT man.

kutan

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Re: Death of Tzaddikim Serving as a Kaparah
Posted by bardichev - 13 Aug 2009 16:28

MIR TUR NISHT THROWING IN THE TOWEL VEN ES KIMT TZI RUCHNIYUS

gevaldddddddddddigggggg

mi yitten timuroso!!!!

we need to hold on to the alte dor !!!

they where so wise

and so simple

and so deep and so understanding

their minds wern't corrupted by the american GASS

chaval al di-avdin!!! :(:(:(

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