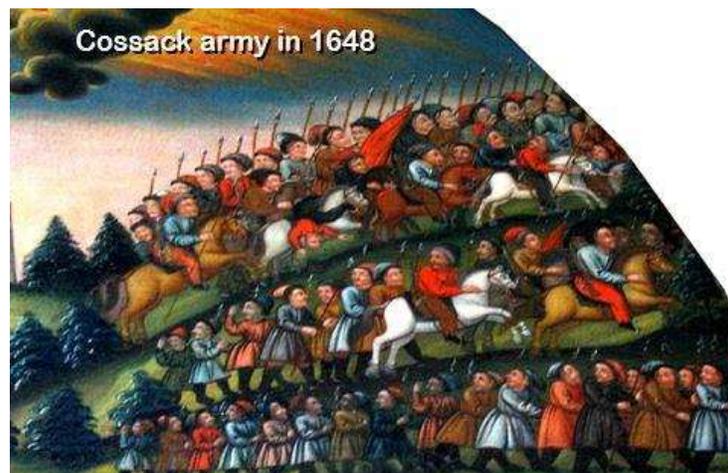




The **Khmelnysky Uprising** was a Cossack rebellion in Ukraine between the years 1648–1657 which turned into a Ukrainian war of liberation from Poland. Under the command of **Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky**, the Cossacks [warrior caste] allied with the Crimean Tatars, and the local peasantry, fought several battles against forces of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The result was an eradication of the control of the Polish and their Jewish intermediaries.



Between 1648 and 1656, tens of thousands of Jews—given the lack of reliable data, it is impossible to establish more accurate figures—were killed by the rebels, and to this day **the Khmelnytsky uprising is considered by Jews to be one of the most traumatic events in their history.**

The losses inflicted on the Jews of Poland during the fatal decade 1648-1658 were appalling. In the reports of the chroniclers, the number of Jewish victims varies between one hundred thousand and five hundred thousand...even exceeding the catastrophes of the Crusades and the Black Death in Western Europe. Some seven hundred Jewish communities in Poland had suffered massacre and pillage. **In the Ukrainian cities situated on the left banks of the Dnieper, the region populated by Cossacks... the Jewish communities had disappeared almost completely.** In

the localities on the **right shore of the Dneiper** or in the Polish part of the Ukraine as well as those of Volhynia and Podolia, wherever Cossacks had made their appearance, **only about one tenth of the Jewish population survived.**

<http://www.holocaust-history.org/questions/ukrainians.shtml>

Our research shows that a significant portion of the Ukrainian population voluntarily cooperated with the invaders of their country and voluntarily assisted in the Holocaust.



[Say, Khmelnytsky

He's still a hero. It's like having a ship called the Hitler, or the Pol Pot, or the Stalin.

Big thrust now for Aliyah with Ukrainians in power. Or HaOlam supports MJAA.

On the other hand, the Ukrainians have suffered. Crimean vote to join Russia?

ני depopulation by Stalin. George Will article KC Star Thursday Mar. 20, 2014

Crimean middle class Kulak/farmers, Tatars starved. Russians brought in.

Conclusion: G-d is merciful. Working history to promote His kingdom: salvations, Aliyah, Ezk 38-39.]

Vayikra וַיִּקְרָא

(Leviticus) 10.1-3

(from) Sh'mini (Eighth) שְׁמִינִי

Vayikra (Leviticus) 10.1a

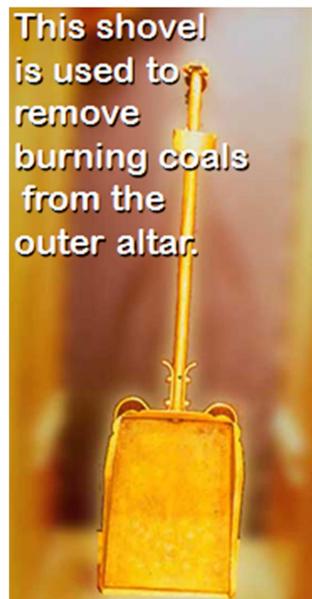
וַיִּקְחוּ בְנֵי־ אַהֲרֹן נָדָב 10:1
Nadab Aaron, the sons of And took

וְאֲבִיהוּא אִישׁ מִחֶהְתּוֹ
his censer, of them either and Abihu,

וַיִּתְּנוּ בָּהֶן אֵשׁ
fire therein, and put



[At least, the Second Temple version. Actually for coals, not incense itself. Coals for the incense. Not sure it was as intricate in the Mishkan, Tabernacle. Then again, Betsalel was very skilled. Modern Israeli art school named after him.]



[The priest then carries the coals on this shovel into the sanctuary, where the coals are used on the golden incense altar.]

Vayikra (Leviticus) 10.1a

בִּיהֲנוּ בָהֶן אֵשׁ וַיִּשִׂמוּ עָלֶיהָ
 thereon, and put fire therein, and put

Vayikra (Leviticus) 10.1b

קִטְרֶת וַיִּקְרְבוּ לִפְנֵי אֵשׁ יְיָ
 fire ADONI, before and offered incense

זָרָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא צִוָּה אֹתָם:
 them he commanded not. which strange



Incense chalice

[This is not in the scripture, but in the Temple Institute's depiction of the incense procedure. Lots of details of worship unknown without Oral Law/Talmud.]



Incense altar



[It was a pretty intricate procedure, putting coals with the shovel into the censer, then the incense from the chalice onto the altar, then the coals onto the incense. Some major malfunction here. Procedural?]



[Incense altar]

Vayikra (Leviticus) 10.2

וַיֵּצֵא אֵשׁ מִלִּפְנֵי אֲדֹנָי ²
 ADONI, from fire And there went out
 וַתֹּאכַל אוֹתָם וַיָּמָתוּ לִפְנֵי
 before and they died them, and devoured
 אֲדֹנָי.
 ADONI.

Vayikra (Leviticus) 10.3a

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-אַהֲרֹן הֲוֵא ³
 This Aaron, unto Moses Then said
 לֵאמֹר אֲשֶׁר-דְּבַר אֲקֹדֵשׁ
 saying, spake, that is it
 בְּקֹרְבִי אֲקֹדֵשׁ
 I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me,

[When did Adoni say that?]

Shmot/Ex 19.22 Even the cohanim, who are allowed to approach ADONI, must keep themselves holy; otherwise, ADONI may break out against them.”

Vayikra (Leviticus) 10.3b

וְעַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָעָם
and before all the people

אָכַבֵּד נִיָּם אַהֲרֹן
I will be glorified. And held his peace. Aaron

[Aharon was silent. Can you imagine a father's pain. His sons assuming the work, now gone, in shame.

Let's explore]

What was their sin, the strange / foreign fire, *eish zara*, אֵשׁ זָרָה ?

1. They brought fire NOT supernatural [previous chapter]

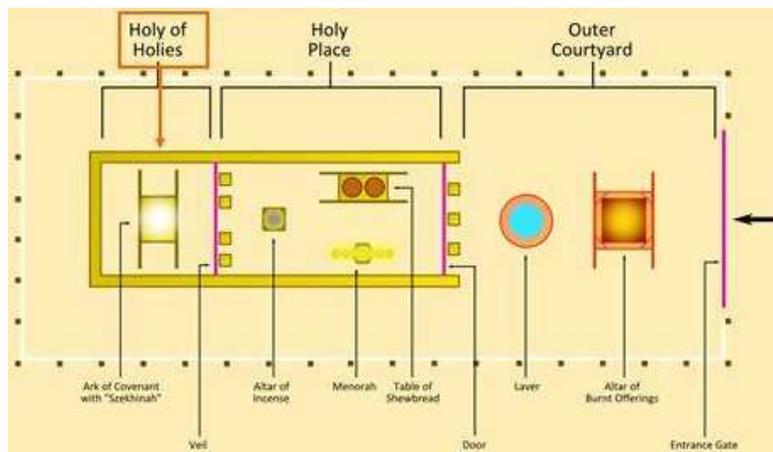
Lev 9.23-24 Moshe and Aharon entered the tent of meeting, came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of ADONI appeared to all the people! **Fire came forth from the presence of ADONI**, consuming the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces. “

[Maybe they brought their own fire.]

2. The NEXT verses in the same chapter warn, “ADONI said to Aharon, “**Don't drink any wine or other intoxicating liquor, neither you nor your sons with you, when you enter the tent of meeting**, so that you will not die. *[Were they tipsy?]* This is to be a permanent regulation through all your generations, so that you will distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean; “
3. They acted before getting the go ahead and advice from Moshe and Aharon, disrespectfully presuming authority.

4. They took the incense into the Holy of Holies, not just the Incense Altar.

[When will these old guys die, Alte Menschen, and we'll be in charge. Seems unlikely they'd go that far into Holy of Holies.]



[I need to play the devil's advocate for a few minutes.]

Was all this really that important?

- Personal fire forbidden?
- A little wine?
- “Jumping the gun” on leadership?
- Went into the wrong room?

[Possible to trivialize all the reasons for Divine displeasure.]

Meaning of Incense offering Smoke or fragrance

- Ps. 141:2 Let my prayer be like incense set before you, my uplifted hands like an evening sacrifice. [Incense is a metaphor for prayer]
- Rev. 5:8 When he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down in front of the Lamb. Each one held a harp and **gold bowls filled with pieces of incense, which are the prayers of God's people** [Incense = prayer]
- Rev 8.3-5 Another angel came and stood at the altar with a gold incense-bowl, and he was given a large quantity of incense to add to the prayers of all God's people on the gold altar in front of the throne. The **smoke of the incense went up with the prayers** of God's people from the hand of the angel before God. Then the angel took the incense-bowl, filled it with fire from the altar and threw it down onto the earth; and there followed peals of thunder, voices, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Incense has two effects: fragrance and smoke.

Prayer can be fragrant or smoky

[This week got news that one of my greatest heroes in the faith is under investigation for decades of sexual misconduct.

34 women told the website they had been sexually harassed; four women alleged molestation.

Could it happen?

How could it happen???

Yekhezkael/Ezek 18.23-24 Do I take any pleasure at all in having the wicked person die?” asks Adonai ELOHIM. “**Wouldn't I prefer that he turn from his ways and live?** “On the other hand, when the righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits wickedness by acting in accordance with all the disgusting practices that the wicked person does, will he live? None of the righteous deeds he has done will be remembered; for the trespasses and sins he has committed, he will die.”

[I heard Bob Mendelsohn say [about my age] “I want to end well.”]

Meaning of Incense offering Smoke or fragrance

Spiritual intimacy Smoke or fragrance

[I love prayer, and love our Teerosh time and participants. But, so did this brother that I'm lamenting, and MANY giants in the Kingdom.

How can we differentiate between smoky spirituality and fragrant spirituality.]

1. Shmot Ex 29.18 It is a **burnt offering** for ADONI, a **pleasing aroma**, an offering made to ADONI by fire.

When we are yielding our whole selves.

2. Lev 1.9 He is to wash the entrails and lower parts of the legs with water, and the cohen is to cause all of it to go up in smoke on the altar as a burnt offering; it is an offering made by fire, a fragrant aroma for ADONI.

[False fire:

- *emotional enthusiasm ±*
- *Sensual enthusiasm, typically men's eyes, women's covering*
- *Demonic enthusiasm]*

When we are examining ourselves, letting the Ruakh examine us: words, attitudes, actions, relations, innuendos, possessions, priorities, suffering, sacrifice [tithing].

[Servant heart of they presumed on elders.]

Ro. 8.26-27 Similarly, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for **we don't know how to pray** the way we should. But the Spirit himself pleads on our behalf with groanings too deep for words; and the one who **searches hearts** knows exactly what the Spirit is thinking, because his pleadings for God's people accord with God's will.

Mes Jews/Heb 4.12-16 See, the Word of God is alive! It is at work and is sharper than any double-edged sword - it cuts right through to where soul meets spirit and joints meet marrow, and it is quick to judge the inner reflections and attitudes of the heart. Before God, nothing created is hidden, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account. Therefore, since we have a great cohen gadol who has passed through to the highest heaven, Yeshua, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we acknowledge as true. For we do not have a cohen gadol unable to empathize with our weaknesses; since in every respect he was tempted just as we are, the only difference being that he did not sin. Therefore, let us confidently approach the throne from which God gives grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.

3. ² Cor. 2.14-16 But thanks be to God, who in the Messiah constantly leads us in a triumphal procession and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of what it means to know him! For to God we are the aroma of the Messiah, both among those being saved and among those being lost; to the latter, we are the smell of death leading only to more death; but to the former, we are the sweet smell of life leading to more life. Who is equal to such a task?

[Is our fragrance Yeshua like? Truth speaking in love, gentle, affirming, easily intreated.]

Mtt. 26.39-41 Going on a little farther, he fell on his face, praying, "My Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me! Yet -- not what I want, but what you want!" He returned to the talmidim and found them sleeping. He said to Kefa, "Were you so weak that you couldn't stay awake with me for even an hour? Stay awake, and pray that you will not be put to the test -- the spirit indeed is eager, but human nature is weak.

["even one hour" How many of us can pray for an hour. The man I'm referring to was a master of the one month private retreat in the north woods, "not my will, but thine be done."]

Based on **intention**

- Not eloquence
- Not “anoointed feeling”
- Not skill

The leader of the SBC [Fred Luter?] on radio compared prayer to intimacy

Love the way we start our Teerosh with personal revival, confession

[Hazardous to pray alone with a person of the opposite gender. Phone OK. Never alone. Prayer together is what makes our marriage work.

I don't want to discourage prayer, but ...we need to seek fragrance, not smoke.]

Tehillim/Ps 139.23-24 Examine me, God, and know my heart; test me, and know my thoughts. See if there is in me any hurtful way, and lead me along the eternal way.

¹Yn 5.16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin that does not lead to death, he will ask; and God will give him life for those whose sinning does not lead to death. There is sin that does lead to death; I am not saying he should pray about that.

[It is a most difficult point to know when a man has sinned it, the apostle expresses himself with great caution.]

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[Don't want to leave on note of defeat.

²Cor. 2.14-16 *But thanks be to God, who in the Messiah constantly leads us in a triumphal procession and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of what it means to know him!*

Jews won on Hanukkah, won on Purim. The G-dly will prevail. Am Yisrael Khi.]