

Ushpizin Info Sheets

Day 5: Aharon

Aharon's story:

Aharon was the older brother of Moshe and Miriam and helped Moshe when he spoke to Pharaoh. He played an important role in the Ten Plagues and in bringing about the Exodus from Egypt. Aharon became the first high priest, the *Kohen Gadol*, and became the leader of the rest of the *kohanim* and the *Levi'im*, leading the sacrifices and services in the *Mishkan* throughout the 40 years in the desert. Aharon's sons were taught to follow in his footsteps, though two of his sons, Nadav and Avihu, were tragically killed on the eighth day of the *Mishkan's* inauguration, after improperly bringing an incense sacrifice. Aharon was praised for his continued faith in God following this incident and served as a role model for many of the people of Israel. He was known as a peacemaker, helping resolve strife and increase unity among others. He died while the Israelites were still in the desert, and was mourned by the entire nation.

Aharon's character traits:

Aharon is known for his peacemaking qualities, his support of his siblings, and for his legacy of leadership.