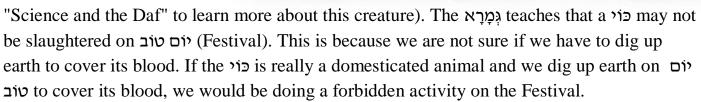


There is a מְצְוָה (commandment) us to cover with earth the blood of a slaughtered wild animal or fowl. We are not required to cover the blood of a domesticated animal, such as cattle.

What if we aren't sure if an animal is a wild animal or a domesticated animal? Would we still have to cover its blood as we do for a wild animal?

A כוֹי is an animal whom we are not sure is a wild animal or domesticated animal (see



the son of רָמִי gives a different reason for covering the blood of a יוֹם slaughtered on the son of יוֹם טוֹב. There are certain animal fats that one may eat if they come from a wild animal, but may not eat if they are from a domesticated animal. Since we are not sure if a יוֹם is a wild animal or a domesticated one, we may not eat these fats from a כּוֹי.

If we would cover the blood of a בְּמִי, says בְמִי, we would be showing that it is a wild animal whose fats are allowed to be eaten! This may lead onlookers to eat the fats of a which is not allowed.



Did You Know...

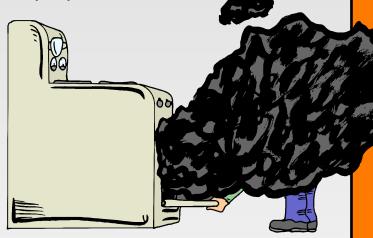
Even though the Torah does not allow one to wear clothing made of a wool-linen mixture, one is allowed to wear צִיצִית made of this mixture. This is because the positive commandment of צִיצִית overrides the negative commandment against wearing wool and linen together.

-Ashes

The Torah commands us to cover with earth the blood of a slaughtered wild animal or fowl. Is one allowed to use ashes to cover the blood? The גְּמָרָא and the commentaries say that ashes may be used as well.

On אום טוב, this isn't so simple. We have learned about the problem of "נוֹלָד" ("born") on יוֹם טוֹב, that anything that didn't exist before the Festival, but was "born" on that day, may not be used on the Festival. This is because one did not have in mind to use the object when the Festival began. This makes the object "מֵקְצֶה", or "set aside" from being used on a holy day.

Therefore, בר יהידה teaches in the name of בר that ashes may be used only if they existed before the



began. If the ashes did not exist before the Festival, but were created from wood on יוֹם טוֹב, they may not be used because they are נוֹלָד.

A מדות Moment

Cantor P. R. Tension sniffed around the synagogue. Completely unacceptable, he thought to himself. Someone would certainly hear about this.

"Does the synagogue meet your standards, Cantor," asked the synagogue president.

"Hardly," Cantor Tension huffed.
"There's no seat in the front for me
and the ceiling is not high enough for
my cantoral hat! I just hope the
acoustics do justice to my majestic
voice."

"Well, Cantor Tension," the president began, "The אָמֶרֶא says, 'ashes of the oven are ready.' This can mean, 'you are only ready,' to serve Hashem, 'when you are like ashes of the oven,' when you are very humble. I don't think this synagogue will be very comfortable

having a servant of Hashem represent this congregation who can't make himself humble like ashes."

(מרגליות השייס)

On today's daf we learn about a כּוֹי – an animal whom we are not sure is a wild or domestic animal. What is a יפּוֹי?
Some say it is a buffalo (גר"א יו"ד כח,ז). Others say it is a crossbreed between a deer and a goat (ערוך).

Games

Review Questions – 'בּיצָה דַּף ח

1. What is a ทั่ว?

2. In addition to earth, what may be used to cover the blood of a slaughtered wild animal or fowl?

3. When is one allowed to wear wool and linen together?

How many eggs can you find?

