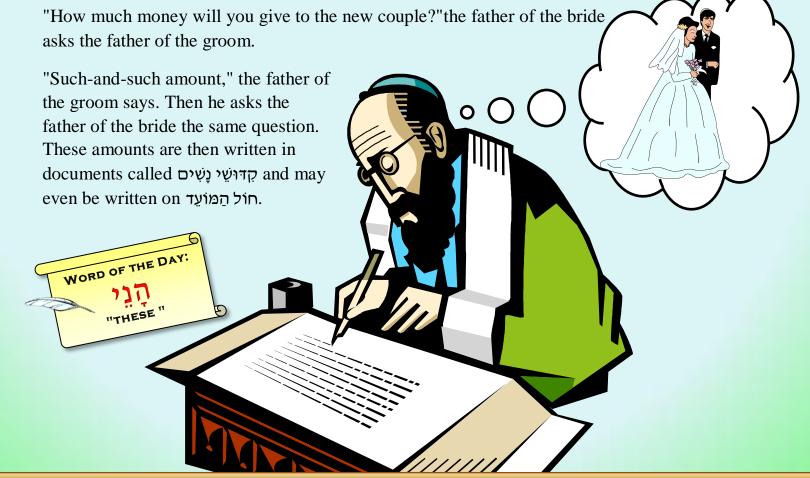


We have learned (pg. 43) that a מֵצְשֵׁה אוּמָן (professional job) is usually not allowed on חוֹל הַמּוֹעֵד. One type of מֵעֲשֵׂה אוּמָן is calligraphy. Many official documents use calligraphy in their creation. Sometimes, one may suffer a loss if these documents are not written on מִשְׁנָה The מִשְׁנָה teaches that in such a case, these documents may be written.

For example, one may write קדוֹשֵׁי נָשִׁים, or, marriage documents on קדוֹשֵׁי נָשִׁים are documents that say, "You are married to me." If a man gives such a document to a woman, the couple enter into the first stage of marriage.

מדושי (קדושי נְשִׁים may be written on חול הַמוֹעֵד because if they are not, the groom may suffer a loss. After all, if he is not quick to marry his bride, another man may come along and marry her first!

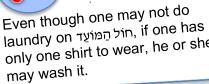
Some say that קדושׁי נְשִׁים are not actual marriage documents, but documents that record the amount of money the parents of the bride and groom promise their children after marriage.

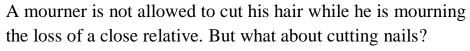


Cut It Out!

Did You Know...

laundry on חול הַמּוֹעֵד, if one has only one shirt to wear, he or she





רָב עַנַן, the son of תַּחֶלִיפַא says (in the name of שָׁמוּאֱל) that a mourner may cut his or her fingernails and toenails. רַב חִיָּיא בַּר adds (in the name of רב) that a mourner may not use

scissors for this task, but must use one's own nails or teeth.

Once, when a close relative of פָּנָחֶט, the brother of מַר שמואל, died, שמואל went to visit him and saw that his nails were not cut.

"Why have you not cut your nails?" שמואל asked.

"If you were mourning, would you have taken your mourning so lightly and cut your nails?" פַּנְחֵס replied.

Sure enough, a close relative of שמואל soon passed away.



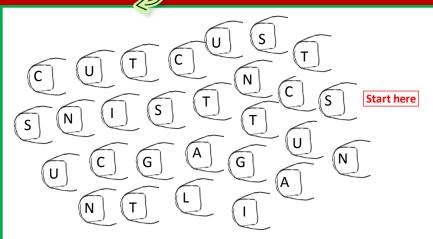
Marty was so upset. Everyone at school thought he was the one who stole \$20 from the צָדָקָה (charity) box, but he knew he was innocent! There was one other person who believed him, his best friend Jared.

"Don't worry about all of those people suspecting you, Marty," said Jared. "After all, רַבִּי יוֹסֵי says, 'Let my share be with someone who is falsely accused of a misdeed.' Suffering in this way is an atonement for your sins. When things go unfairly for you, keep this piece of information in mind."

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Review Questions – מוֹעֶד קָטַן דַּף י"ח

- 1. What type of calligraphy may be done on חול הַמּוֹעֶד?
- 2. May a mourner cut his or her nails?
- 3. When may one do laundry on חול הַמּוֹעֶד?



Follow the directions and write down the letters you land on. What do they have to do with today's daf?

- 1. 3 WEST
- 2. 2 SOUTH, 1 WEST
- 3. 2 WEST, 1 NORTH
- 4. 2 SOUTH, 2 EAST
- 5. 2 NORTH, 4 WEST

