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# DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

Most of us know how important it is to give money for צְדָקָה (charity) but it may surprise you to learn that there is another type of giving that is even *greater* than charity: חֶסֶד (acts of kindness).

### צְדָקָה (charity)

vs.

### חֶסֶד (acts of kindness)



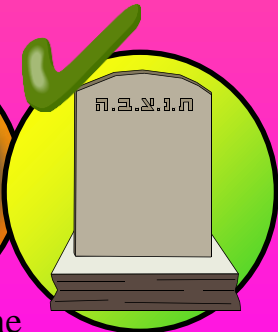
Acts of charity are performed with one's money but acts of חֶסֶד can be performed with one's body, too. For example, making a groom happy or visiting the sick are acts of kindness that do require only the presence of the practitioner. No money needs to be spent!



Charity money is given only to the poor, but money given as חֶסֶד can also be given to someone who is not poor. For example, lending money or lending property is an act of *kindness* that one may extend even to someone who is not poor.



Finally, kindness is greater than charity because it can also be performed for the dead, whereas charity is performed only for the living. Assuring a proper burial for the deceased is the ultimate form of חֶסֶד.



שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ (King Solomon) calls Torah that one studies to teach to others, "Torah of kindness" ("תּוֹרַת חֶסֶד", see משלי לא,כו, Pr. 31,26). Indeed, what greater kindness can there be than teaching Torah to other people?

WORDS OF THE DAY:

**מַאי דְּכָתִיב**

"WHAT DOES THE VERSE MEAN WHEN IT SAYS...?"

# Under the Altar

Yesterday we learned that the wine and water were poured into spouted bowls atop the Altar. The water and wine would flow through the spouts into a hole on the top of the Altar and down a deep cavity underneath called the "שִׁיתִין".

רבי יוחנן explains that the שִׁיתִין have existed since the beginning of time having been created during the six days of Creation.

רבי יוסי adds that they reached down to the depths of the earth.

רבי אלעזר בר צדוק says the שִׁיתִין did not reach down so deeply. In fact, once every seventy years young פְּהָיִים would go down into the שִׁיתִין to clean all the congealed wine that had gathered there over the years. The wine was so congealed by that time it looked like pressed figs. This wine was then burned in the Temple Courtyard.

## A מְדוּת Moment

"Hey guess what I did today? I saw someone drop an \$100 bill on the street and I picked it up and returned it to him!"

"That's wonderful Pinchas!" his mother said. "I'm so proud of you for doing the right thing."

Just then Pinchas' older brother came in. Pinchas quickly told him the same thing.

"Uh...Pinchas?" his mother asked, "how many people have you told this to already?"

"Not many. Just you and dad. And the boys in my class. And my teachers, of course. And some guy at the bus stop."

"Well, I'm very proud of you for doing the right thing, Pinchas," his mother said, "but the Torah tells us to walk privately with Hashem. Whenever we make public a מְצוּהָ we have performed there is a great danger of becoming arrogant and feeling self-important. That's why we walk privately with Hashem and do the right thing without bragging."

(שיחות מוסר, תשל"א, פרי משפטים)

### Did You Know...

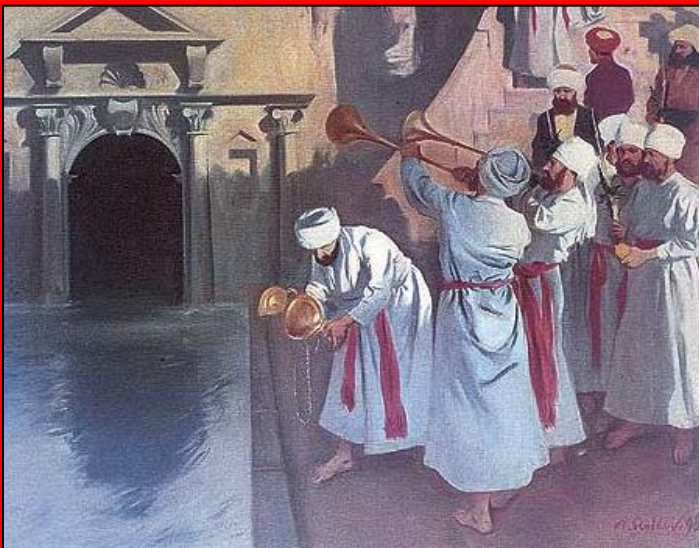


We are commanded to "walk privately with Hashem" (מיכה ו', ח, Micah 6,8) even for מְצוּת (commandments) done publicly such as burying the dead and escorting a bride to her canopy. All the more so we should act privately about commandments that are private in nature...such as giving charity!

## Games

### SHADOW MATCH

Match the shadows to the images in the picture.



### Review Questions – סוכה דף מט

1. What is the cavity under the Altar called?

2. Name a way kindness is better than charity.

3. How are we commanded to 'walk' with Hashem?