

מסכת  
תענית  
דף כז

# DAF YOMI<sup>4</sup> KIDS

## Inside the Daf



We have learned that a delegation of Jews was present for the קרבן תמיד (daily offering) sacrifice. These delegations were called "מַעֲמָדוֹת" or "stations" (see pg. 13). Their presence at sacrifices shows how important Temple sacrifices are.

אָמַר רַבִּי יַעֲקֹב בַּר אֲחָא says that the sacrifices are so important that were it not for them, heaven and earth would not exist.

The גִּמְרָא recalls a conversation אַבְרָהָם (Abraham) had with Hashem.

"Master of the Universe!" said אַבְרָהָם, "Maybe the Jewish people will sin before You and You will do to them as You did to the generation of the Flood! Let me know how the Jewish people can make up for their sins so You do not destroy them."

At that point, Hashem answered אַבְרָהָם with a פְּסוּק (verse) from the Torah (בראשית טו, Gen. 15,9):

"Bring me three calves and three goats," said Hashem as He explained that through sacrifices the Jewish people will make up for their sins.

We see from here that without the sacrifices the Jewish people would not exist. Without the Jewish people, the world would also no longer exist since it exists in the merit of Israel.

But what about nowadays when we do not offer sacrifices? How can the Jewish people make up for their sins? אַבְרָהָם asked this question to Hashem.

"Whenever the Jewish people read the Torah portions about sacrifices," said Hashem, "I will consider it as if they had offered the sacrifices before Me and I will forgive them for all their sins."

WORDS OF THE DAY:

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"EVEN"

# מעמדות The Fasts of the

We have learned (pg. 13) that there were delegations ("מעמדות") of Jews that would go up to Jerusalem to witness the daily sacrifice. But not the entire delegation would witness the sacrifice. Many would stay in their cities, assemble in the synagogue and keep four fasts from Monday to Thursday. This is what they would pray for on each of the fast days:

## MONDAY



Prayed for sea travellers. On the second day of the world's Creation, Hashem separated the waters. It makes sense that the prayers of the second day of the week would be about water!

## TUESDAY



Prayed for the safety of Desert Travellers. Hashem made land appear on the third day of Creation. They pray for this land to be fit for travelling.

## WEDNESDAY



Choking Disease. In the Talmudic times the "אֶסְכָּרָא" illness caused the throat to be constricted and children were harmed by the disease. The prayers for this day are for the children not to be stricken with this illness.

## THURSDAY



Pregnant and Nursing Women. Prayers are for pregnant women to keep their babies and for nursing women to have enough milk to feed their children.

## A מדות Moment

It was time for the synagogue community to take a vote. Would they spend their fundraising money on a new elevator for the synagogue to help the elderly and mobility-challenged, or would they build an extension to the social hall?

The synagogue leaders sat down and the president spoke.

"We learn in *daf yomi* that the people in the מעמדות, who were the representatives of the entire Jewish community, would pray for the well-being of the vulnerable: pregnant women, children and people on dangerous journeys. This shows that the most important thing for representatives of the community to do is to look after the vulnerable ones in the community. I therefore vote for the elevator!"



## Did You Know...

רש"י explains that we are given an extra soul on the eve if the Sabbath and it is taken away after the Sabbath ends.

## Games

### HIDDEN PICTURES

Color in the letters of קרבן to reveal the hidden picture



## תענית דף כ"ז Review Questions –

1. What was אברהם worried about?

2. Name one reason why the people of the מעמדות would fast.

3. What are we given on the eve of the Sabbath?