

Inside The Daf

Throughout his seven days of separation before יום כפור, the כהן גדול sprinkled the blood (זריקה), brought the קטורת (incense) (הקטרה), prepared the מנורה (הטבת הנרות) and brought the head and the leg (of the קרבן תמיד) on the altar (קרבת הקרבת).



זריקת הדם

Throwing the blood

The blood from of every קרבן (offering) was collected in a bowl and then dashed onto the sides of the מזבח (altar), or poured into its side posts.



הקטרה

Burning the incense

קטורת is the incense offered on the golden altar in the היכל (Sanctuary) of the בית המקדש (Holy Temple). It was offered twice each day; in the morning, and before evening.



הטבת הנרות

Preparing the candles

In the morning, a כהן would clean out the charred wicks and leftover oil from the מנורה's lamps, and would replace them with fresh wicks and oil.



הקרבת קרבן תמיד

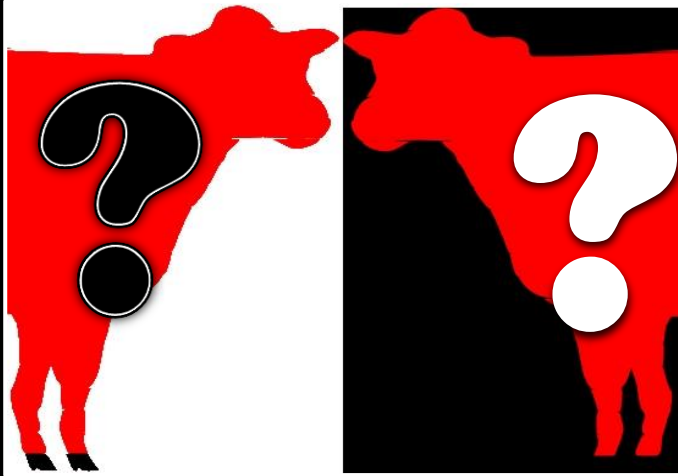
Offering the head and leg

Twice a day, the קרבן (daily offering) was sacrificed in the Temple. The כהן גדול would burn its head and right hind leg on the seven days before יום כפור.

WORD OF THE DAY:

אֵלָא
"RATHER"

The Mystery of the Red Heifer



One of the most famous mysteries of the Torah is the פֶּרֶה אֲדוּמָה (Red Heifer).

The ashes of the red heifer and spring water (מֵי חֲטָאת) are sprinkled on a טָמֵא (impure) person to make him טָהוֹר (pure).

This purifying mixture also has a great mystery: It also has the power to make טָמֵא things טָהוֹר!

רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא says that if the מֵי חֲטָאת mixture is *sprinkled* on a טָהוֹר person, he becomes טָמֵא.

The חֲכָמִים say that if a טָהוֹר person *touches* the מֵי חֲטָאת mixture, he becomes טָמֵא.

רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא and the חֲכָמִים agree that one who even *carries* the מֵי חֲטָאת mixture becomes טָמֵא and his clothes also become טָמֵא.

A מְדוּת Moment

"What did you think of Rabbi Simbach's lesson today about how we should all change ourselves for the better?" Daniel Zdanowitz asked his friend Ehud.

"I don't need to change anything," Ehud said dismissively, I'm okay as I am.

"I wouldn't say that if I were you, Ehud."

"Why not, Daniel?"

"Because of a lesson we learn from the פֶּרֶה אֲדוּמָה. In today's גִּמְרָא, we learn how the פֶּרֶה אֲדוּמָה, the Red Heifer, would make impure people pure, but would also make pure people impure. The lesson we learn is that someone who is טָהוֹר (pure) in his own mind, is definitely טָמֵא in reality."

"I see, said Ehud. I guess it also means someone who thinks of himself as lowly and humble and impure and needing to change, is definitely טָהוֹר."

"Exactly, Ehud!"

"Wow, thanks Daniel," said Ehud. "I really should stop thinking I'm so great and start trying to change for the better! Now what should I work on first..."

(נועם אלימלך)

Did You Know...

Even the wise שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ (King Solomon), the wisest of men, did not understand why the פֶּרֶה אֲדוּמָה (Red Heifer), which makes טָמֵא (impure) people טָהוֹר (pure), also makes טָמֵא people טָהוֹר!

Games

Who am I?

I can make טָמֵא people טָהוֹר

I am sprinkled on a טָמֵא person

I say touching מֵי חֲטָאת makes you טָמֵא

I say being sprinkled by מֵי חֲטָאת makes you טָמֵא

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Review Questions – יומא דף י"ד

1. Which four tasks did the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל do for seven days before פֶּסַח?

2. According to רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא, what happens to a טָהוֹר person who is sprinkled with מֵי חֲטָאת?

3. Which famous king did not fully understand the פֶּרֶה אֲדוּמָה (red heifer)?