

Inside The Daf

Every day in the בית המקדש the ashes from the altar had to be removed and placed next to its ramp. This was called תרומת הדשן (Removing the Ashes).

If the heap of ashes was so large that there was no room to light the fire on the מזבח (Altar), a כהן would remove the ashes to outside the city. This was called הוצאת הדשן (Taking Out the Ashes).

רבי ישמעאל explains that just like a servant wears different clothes when he cooks his master's food and when he pours his master's wine, a כהן also must wear different clothes when he takes the ashes out of the city and when he offers קרבנות (sacrifices) to Hashem in the בית המקדש (Holy Temple).

When he would take the ashes out of the city, the כהן would change into worn-out and less shiny clothing. When he would return to the Temple, he would change back into his regular clothing because it would be disrespectful to serve Hashem in the Temple wearing dirty clothing!

WORD OF THE DAY:

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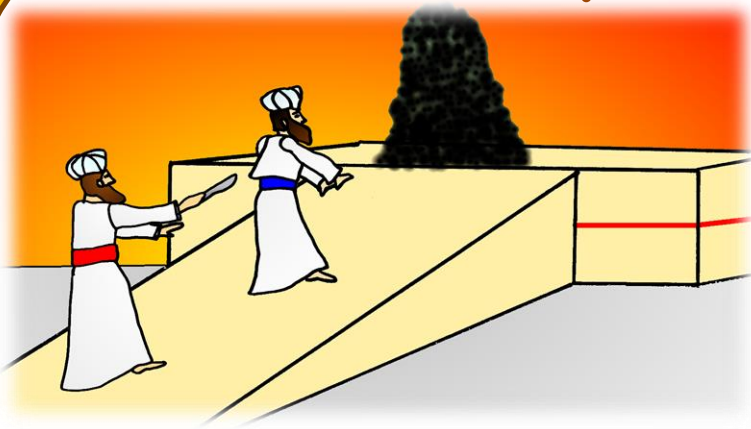
"FURTHER ON"



Did You Know...

The גמרא praises three kinds of people and compares them to the sun: 1) People who are insulted but do not insult others in revenge, 2) People who hear themselves disgraced without replying, 3) People who perform good work out of love of Hashem and rejoice in their sufferings.

Murder on the מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar)

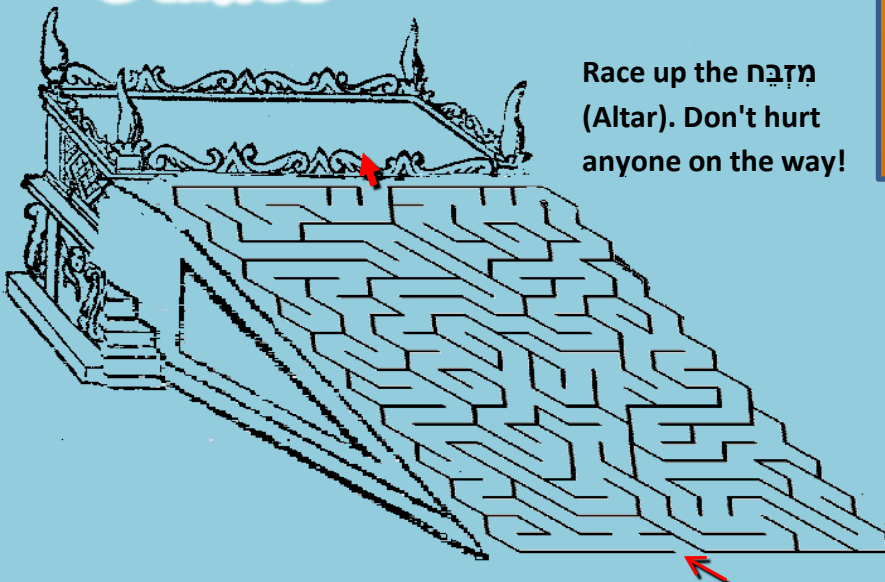


Have you ever lost a race? If you have, you were probably a bit upset about it. But not as upset as a certain כֹהֵן was in the time of the Second Temple.

כֹהֲנִים used to race up the מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar) to see who would perform the coveted task of cleaning the ashes.

Once, just as someone was about to win the race, his friend stabbed him through the heart. The גְמָרָא comments that this shows how little was thought of murder in the time of the Second Temple. אֱלֵלִים stood on the steps of the אֹהֶל (Hall) and brought the nation to tears by reminding them of the seriousness of murder.

Games



Race up the מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar). Don't hurt anyone on the way!

A מִדּוֹת Moment

Amit couldn't understand it. He always tried to be nice and lend his things to others. Whenever a classmate needed to borrow some tape or a special colour pencil, Amit would lend it out right away.

He couldn't understand why Rachel Shakin wasn't the same. Twice this week he asked to borrow something from her and twice she turned him down.

Amit was surprised when he saw Rachel approaching him.

"Amit," Rachel said sweetly, "may I please borrow a cerulean blue coloured pencil? I need it for the sky on my drawing."

Amit wasn't the type of kid to say no, even if Rachel had not let him borrow something twice that week. So he smiled right back.

"Sure Rachel," he said handing her the coloured pencil. "I'll let you borrow it even though you didn't let me borrow your scissors or your colour glue stick the other day."

Amit's teacher, Mrs. Blachman, shook her head when she heard this. She called Amit to her desk.

"Amit," she began, "it was really nice of you to share your coloured pencil with Rachel."

"Thanks, Mrs. Blachman!" Amit replied.

"But," the teacher continued, "do you remember what you learned today in *daf yomi*? If someone asks you to borrow something and you agree but remind the person that he didn't lend something to you in the past, that's a Torah prohibition of bearing a grudge."

Amit's stomach sunk. "Oh. Right. I remember now," he said.

"When we do a מִצְוָה, like lending someone something they need, we have to be careful that we aren't making them feel bad at the same time!"

Review Questions – יוּמָא דֵף כ"ג

1. When would the כֹהֵן change into worn out and less shiny clothes?

2. Who does the גְמָרָא compare to the sun?

3. What happened once during the race up the מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar)?
