

## Inside The Daf

The משנה teaches that on יום כפור, the כהן גדול had to immerse himself in a מקוה (ritual bath) five times and wash his hands with his feet ten times.

Since one is not allowed to enter the עזרה (Temple Courtyard) without first immersing in a מקוה, the first of the five מקוה immersions took place in the מקוה on top of the שער המים (The Water Gate) which is outside the Courtyard.

Anyone on the bottom level of the שער המים could see the כהן גדול as he went into the מקוה. To prevent the people from seeing the כהן גדול undressed, a linen sheet would be held up blocking the view from the bottom level.

The last four immersions of the כהן גדול took place in the מקוה on the roof of the בית הפרוה (Parvah Chamber). This was the chamber in the בית המקדש where the hides of עולה offerings were salted. These hides would be given to כהנים.

## First Immersion: שער המים (Water Gate)

בית הפרוה  
(Parvah Chamber)



שער המים  
(The Water Gate)



### Did You Know...

אסא says, you may not recite the holy words of the שמע while your hand is in a bathroom, or if you have feces on your body. This is because the פסוק (verse) in תהלים (Psalms 35:10) (לה, י) says, "כל עצמותי תאמנה ה' מי כמוך..." "all my bones say: 'G-d who is like You...'" All of our bones have to praise Hashem, not just some of them! (Rashi)

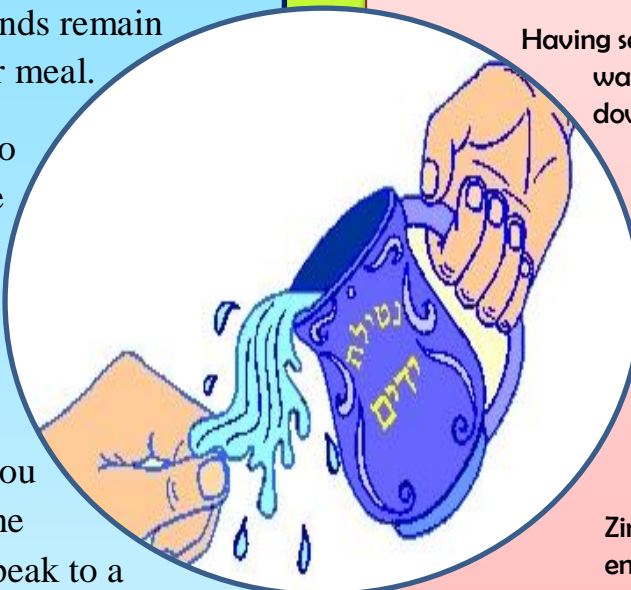
## Watch-Your-Hands!

It is a מצוה (Commandment) to wash your hands before eating bread.

The גמרא tells us how important it is to make sure those hands remain clean throughout your meal.

For example, if you go to the bathroom in the middle of the meal, you have to rewash your hands if they touched urine.

Not only that, but if you take a long break in the middle of a meal to speak to a friend you have to wash both your hands before returning to the meal. This is because you were probably not careful to keep your hands clean for that long a period of time.



## A מְדוּת Moment

Pizza day!

Definitely Dani Feldman's favorite school meal. After recess he ran to the cafeteria to snatch the first available piece.

Having secured his precious prize, Dani washed his hands rapidly and sat down to devour his lunch.

Rabbi Zimmerman gently approached the fifth-grader.

"Hi, Dani," the rabbi said. "I can see you are enjoying your lunch."

Dani looked up.

"You know," continued Rabbi Zimmerman, "you would probably enjoy it a lot more if your hands weren't so dirty from recess."

Rabbi Zimmerman pointed to the dirt marks on Dani's hand.

"Uh, I washed before I ate," Dani said meekly.

"I know," said the rabbi. "But it's important for your hands to be *clean*. In today's *daf yomi* we learn how people would make a point of having their hands clean before touching their food."

"Excuse me, Rabbi Zimmerman," Dani said.

"Yes, Dani?"

"I have to go get some soap!"

## Games



Can you find 10 differences between the pictures?



## Review Questions – יומא דף ל

1. Where did the first immersion take place?
2. What פסוק teaches us that we may not put our hand in the bathroom while saying נְטִילַת יָדַי?
3. If you are in the middle of a meal and your hands touch urine, what must you do?