

DAF YOMI4 KIDS

Inside The Daf



Did You Know...

There are opinions in the גמרא who hold that if the lottery for the two goats wasn't done, the גדול could himself choose which goat will be offered "לשם" (to Hashem) and which one will be "לעזאזל" (for לעזאזל)!

We learned that it is a good sign if the גדול selects the lottery that says "לשם" (for Hashem) with his right hand and not his left.

If the גדול picked up the lottery "לשם" in his left hand the goat on the left would be offered as קרבן חטאת (sin offering).

רבני's students asked him if the גדול would be allowed to switch the lottery to his right hand, along with the goat on the left.

רבני answered, "No. Don't give the צדוקים (Sadducees) a way to be overbearing."

WORD OF THE DAY:

מהו

"WHAT IS (THE LAW)?"



רבני explains that רבני meant to say, if we allow the גדול to change the lottery process, the צדוקים will say we allow changes to be made in the Torah when the rules don't work out the way we like. They will say we do as we please without really listening to the Torah. To prevent this claim, רבני insisted the lottery stay in whichever hand it was chosen.

Who were the צדוקים (or צדוקים) (Sadducees)?

The צדוקים were students of צדוק, and rejected תורה שבעל פה (Oral Torah). In the time of the Second בית המקדש they tried to change many practices in the Temple.

Atonement



Atonement:
The process through which we become forgiven by Hashem for our sins. ("The goat atoned for our sins")

We have learned that of the two goats in the lottery, the one chosen "לשם" would be slaughtered for a קרבן חטאת (sin offering.) What about the one chosen "לעזאזל"?

The Torah tells us that the goat "לעזאזל" had a special purpose: it would **atone** for the sins of the Jewish people.

רבי יהודה says that the **atonement** happens when the blood of the לשם goat is sprinkled, after it is slaughtered as a sin offering.

רבי שמעון says the **atonement** happens when the כהן גדול says וידוי (confession of sins) on the goat לעזאזל.

A Moment

Ronny Sussman had a problem. His math teacher suspected him of cheating on his last test. Ronny hadn't, but when he went to sharpen his pencil, Mrs. Hayworth thought he took a peek at his friend's test.

Today there was going to be another math test and Ronny had a plan.

Before the test, instead of sitting beside his classmates, Ronny sat two desks away from everyone else.

"Hey, Ronny," said his friend, Yitzchak. "Why're you sitting so far from the rest of us? Do we smell bad or something?"

Ronny giggled. "No. I'm sitting here so our teacher can't think I looked at anyone else's test and copied their answers."

"But so what if she thinks that?" said Yitzchak. "She would be wrong!"

"I know," said Ronny. "But today we learned about רבי עקיבא and how he never wanted to give the צדוקים a reason to think he was changing the Torah. Even if he would be acting completely according to the Torah, רבי עקיבא wouldn't do things that made it look like he was changing something."

"Oh, I see your point," said Yitzchak. "You've moved away from us so you won't look like you're doing anything wrong. Just like רבי עקיבא didn't want it to look like he was doing wrong."

"Exactly," said Ronny. "It's not enough to do the right thing. You also have to *appear* to be doing the right thing!"

Games

לעזאזל or לשם?

Do these sentences describe the goat offered לעזאזל or לשם?

I'm offered as a קרבן חטאת (sin offering)

רבי שמעון says, I atone when וידוי is said over me

We hope my name comes up in the כהן גדול's right hand

I atone for the sins of the Jewish people

רבי יהודה says when my blood is sprinkled, the other goat atones

We hope my name comes up in the כהן גדול's left hand

Review Questions – יומא דף מ

1. Is it better for the lottery "לשם" to be picked up in the left hand or right hand?

2. What did the צדוקים reject?

3. What would the goat לעזאזל atone for?