

מסכת
יוֹמָא
 דף מא

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside The Daf

After the lots were chosen for the two goats, the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would tie a strip of red wool on the head of the goat "לַעֲזָאוֹל." The goat was then taken to the gate from which it would later be taken out.



The goat "לְשָׂם" that was to be slaughtered, also had strip of red wool

tied to its head so it wouldn't become confused with other goats.

Remember the פָּר (bull) that the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל had confessed on? At this point, the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would go back to this bull, lean his hands on it again and say a second וִידוּי (confession). Just like with the first confession, the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would confess sins done on purpose, rebelliously and by accident.

In the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל's first confession he asked for forgiveness for him and his family. In the second confession, he also asks forgiveness for *all* בְּהֵמָיִם.

The people who were gathered around would then say, " בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלַכּוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם לְעוֹלָם," ("Blessed is the Name of the glory of His kingdom for ever and ever.")



Did You Know...

רַבִּי יוֹחֵן says in the name of יוֹחֵן, that of the three strips of red wool (for the אֲדוּמָה, the goat לַעֲזָאוֹל and the מִצוּרַע), one weighed *ten* זָוִי, one weighed *eight* זָוִים and one weighed *two* זָוִים, but he wasn't sure which was which.

WORD OF THE DAY:

וְהֵאמַר

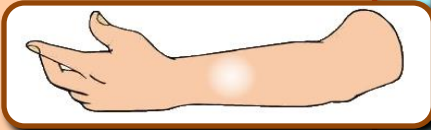
"BUT DID HE NOT SAY?"

The Three Strings

Did you know the goat "לַעֲזָאזֵל" wasn't the only time a red strip of wool was used? There were two other times a red strip of wool was used: with a מְצוֹרֵעַ (someone who had the disease of צָרַעַת) and with a פְּרֵה אֲדוּמָה (red heifer).

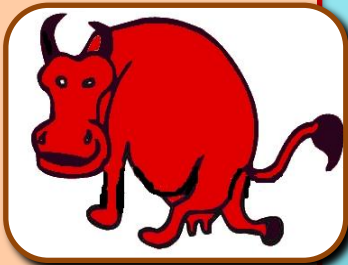


It used to be that if one developed a white patch on his skin, a כֹּהֵן would decide if it was a disease called צָרַעַת. If it was, then the person would become טָמֵא, (impure) and would be called a "מְצוֹרֵעַ."



When the צָרַעַת disease would pass, some red wool (and other objects) were dipped into spring water and sprinkled on him.

Anyone who comes into contact with a dead body becomes טָמֵא. To become טָהוֹר (pure) again, a פְּרֵה אֲדוּמָה (red heifer) must be slaughtered, its body burned and combed red wool (along with other items) must be thrown into the fire. The ashes would be added to spring water and sprinkled on the טָמֵא person.



A מְדוּת Moment

Elisha Wolf was always the oddball out. To make matters worse, the "cool" kids used to make fun of him. They made fun of the way he stuttered, the way he dressed, what he ate for lunch...just about everything.

This year everything began to change. Elisha was becoming popular with the "cool" kids ever since he had gotten really good at basketball over the summer. Now, he was always picked first, and always invited out to play with his new "friends."

Since Elisha was now "in", his former tormentors had to find a new victim to bully. They chose Benjamin.

Today when he missed a shot in basketball one boy taunted, "Nice shot, Benjamin. Maybe you should play with the kindergartener." The other boys laughed. But not Elisha.

"C'mon, Elisha," one boy encouraged. "Don't you wanna say something to Benjamin, too?"

"Yeah," said another boy, "you gotta tease him too if you wanna be our friend."

Elisha sighed. "You know, even a small gift has the power to change someone's judgement. The goat לַעֲזָאזֵל changes Hashem's judgement of the Jewish people so He forgives them for their sins. All the more so if a human offers us small gifts it could change our judgement. You've offered me your gift of friendship, but will only give it to me if I go against my better judgement and taunt another person," explained Elisha. "So, no thank you."

Elisha walked away.

"Thanks for standing up for me against those bullies," said Benjamin. "Do you want to come over to my house after school?"

"Sure," Elisha said. Maybe he did have a new friend after all.

(אור רש"י, פרי שופטים)

Mix 'n' Match



How many words from this דף can you spell with these letters? (Letters can be used more than once and may be used in their סוּפִית form.) How many other words can you spell with the letters? Give yourself 1 point for each word.

Games

Review Questions – מ"א

1. What was tied to the head of the goat "לַעֲזָאזֵל"?
2. At what other times do we use red thread (2 things)?
3. Who did the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל ask forgiveness for in his second confession?