

מסכת
יוֹמָא
 דף מב

DAF YOMI⁴ Kids

Inside The Daf



In yesterday's דף we learned about the פרה אדומה (red heifer). The red heifer's ashes, along with some other items, were mixed in spring water and sprinkled on a person who had come into contact with a dead body. This was part of the process that would make the person טהור (pure) again.

The גמרא asks who, exactly, performed the פרה אדומה ceremony?

When the Israelites were in the desert, the Torah says the פרה אדומה was given to אֶלְעָזָר (כהן גדול) who was the כהן גדול (Deputy) at the time.

Does this mean that in every generation the פרה אדומה ceremony has to be done by the Deputy כהן גדול?

אבא says, since the Torah says "וַיִּתְּנֶם אֵל אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן" (Numbers 19:3) it sounds like only that פרה אדומה had to be given to אֶלְעָזָר, the Deputy כהן גדול, but in future generations, it doesn't have to be given to the Deputy כהן גדול.

There are those who take this to mean that in future generations any כהן may perform the פרה אדומה ceremony. There are others who say, no, in future generations, the כהן גדול himself must perform the פרה אדומה ceremony! This would be similar to the יום כפור service which the כהן גדול had to perform himself.

WORD OF THE DAY:
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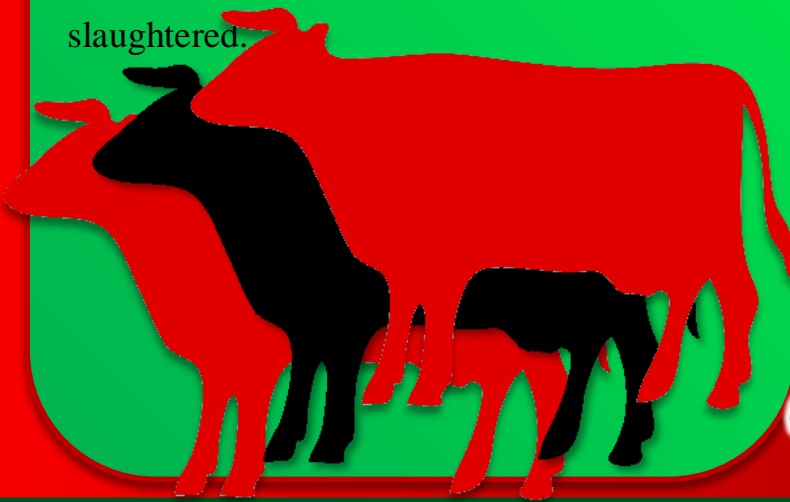
!? **Did You Know...**
 Although the פרה אדומה ceremony is usually done by a male כהן, if a woman gathers the פרה אדומה's ashes and mixes them with the spring water, it is valid.

Luring the פרה אדומה (Red Heifer)

Imagine you are about to lead the red heifer on its way to be slaughtered. You're all set to go and...the פרה אדומה refuses to move. You try pushing it and pulling it, but still, it won't budge. The גמרא asks, would you be able to lead it out by having the cow follow *another* cow?

רבי says, no, since the פסוק (verse) that talks about the red heifer says "וְהוֹצִיא אֹתָהּ", "and you will take **it** out," which sounds like **it alone** must go out to be slaughtered without the company of another animal.

According to רבי שמעון, you may not take a black cow along with the פרה אדומה so that onlookers won't think the black cow is supposed to be slaughtered for the פרה אדומה ceremony. You may not take out another red cow with the פרה אדומה so that onlookers won't think that *two* red heifers have to be slaughtered.



A מְדוּת Moment

Stanley Ben-Kalifa was thrilled to get back his Torah test. He got a B+, his best mark this year! He was so thrilled he just had to show it to his friend Ilan.

"Not bad, Stan," Ilan yawned, "but check this out." Ilan presented Stanley with his test. It had a big, red A+ at the top of the page.

This made Stanley feel so small. Ilan always got amazing marks and it seemed he didn't even have to try. Meanwhile Stanley had to study for hours and always score lower than his friend.

Later in גמרא class, Rabbi Fuerman quoted from that day's *daf yomi*:

"Both someone who does much and someone who does less are equally accepted before Hashem, as long as their hearts are directed toward Him."

Stanley perked up.

"This means," explained Rabbi Fuerman, "that one student could get excellent marks on his test. Another student may study hard, but not do as well. And Hashem is satisfied equally with both students, as long as they try their best and have good intention of serving Hashem."

After class Ilan came up to Stanley.

"I'm sorry, Stan," Ilan said. "I didn't mean to make you feel badly about getting a lower mark on your test. Hashem doesn't see it as a lower mark. You studied hard and tried your best for Hashem. I'm the one who should try harder."

"That's okay, Ilan," said Stanley. "Besides, soon you'll be able to make good on your wish to try harder."

"How?" asked Ilan.

"We have a גמרא test next week!"

Games

יומא דף מ"ב – Review Questions

1. Who performed the פרה אדומה ceremony when the Israelites were in the desert?

2. If a woman mixes the פרה אדומה's ashes in water, may the mixture be used?

3. According to רבי שמעון what may not be taken out with a פרה אדומה?

Can you find the real red heifer? How long did it take you?

