

מסכת
יומא
 דף מד

DAF YOMI⁴ Kids

Inside The Daf

We learned yesterday that the קטרֶת (incense) shovel the גְּדוֹל בְּהֵן used on יום כַּפּוּר was different from the one he used the rest of the year. The גַּמְרָא explains the reasons for the differences.

During the year, the shovel was made of silver and not gold because the Torah has pity for the money of the Jewish people. Gold would wear out quicker than silver if it was used every day to hold scalding coals!

On יום כַּפּוּר, the גְּדוֹל בְּהֵן would not pour the ashes from one shovel into another. This is because he was so busy on יום כַּפּוּר, we don't want to give him extra work. Also, in order to make things easier for the בְּהֵן גְּדוֹל, the יום כַּפּוּר shovel had a long handle so that he could support it under his armpit.

According to בְּן הַסֵּגוֹן, there was another difference with the יום כַּפּוּר shovel: It had a ring attached to it that would ring when the גְּדוֹל בְּהֵן would enter the הֵיכָל (Sanctuary). This would fulfill the Torah's requirement for bells to be heard when the גְּדוֹל בְּהֵן enters the holy place (see שמות כח:לה, Exodus 28:35).

Did You Know...

רַב הֶסְדָּא says there are seven kinds of gold: regular gold; good gold; gold from אוּפִיר; shiny gold; spun gold; excellent quality gold; gold red like the blood of bulls.



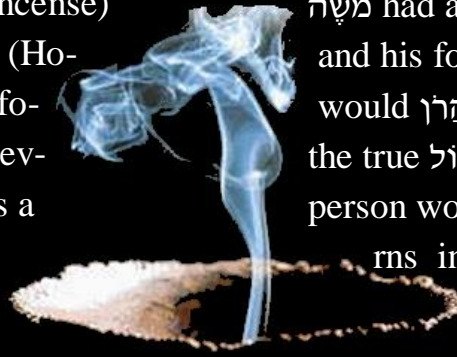
WORD OF THE DAY:

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"AND ALSO"

Power of Incense

The **קטרת** teaches that the **קטרת** (incense) that was offered in the **בית המקדש** (Holy Temple) would atone, or bring forgiveness for, the sin of **לשון הרע** (evil speech). This is because **קטרת** is a quiet activity performed in a private place (the **היכל**) with no one else around, and evil speech is usually spoken in private. It is fitting for something performed in private to atone for something done in private.



משה had a plan: The following morning, **קרח** and his followers would burn **קטרת** and so would **אֶהָרֶן**. Whoever Hashem wanted to be the true **כהן גדול** would survive and the other person would die. The next day after he burns incense, the earth swallows up **קרח**.

The Israelites then accuse **משה** and **אֶהָרֶן** of being responsible for **קרח**'s death! By doing this they were guilty of speaking **לשון הרע** and Hashem sends a plague to destroy them. When **משה** hears of this, he orders **אֶהָרֶן** to burn **קטרת**. When **אֶהָרֶן** burns the incense, the Torah tells us "וַיִּכַּפֵּר עַל הָעָם," "and it atoned for the nation [of Israel]" (במדבר יז:יב, Numbers 17:12).

We see from this story the ability of **קטרת** to get forgiveness for the Jewish people.

We see in the Torah that **קטרת** can bring forgiveness for **לשון הרע**. When the Israelites were in the desert, **משה** and **אֶהָרֶן**'s cousin, **קרח** began to spread rumors about his righteous cousins. His goal was to become the **כהן גדול** of the Jewish people instead of **אֶהָרֶן**.

A Moment

Mrs. Sabourin was so busy organizing her son's bar mitzvah. There was still so much to do before the weekend: Drop off the clothes at the dry cleaner, pick up the flowers, seating arrangements... enough to make someone's head spin!

It didn't help that her son, Isaac kept asking her for things. "Mom, don't forget to get the chewy candies. Mom, could we have pizza for dinner? Mom, do I *have* to go to school on Thursday? What about Friday? Mom..."

Mrs. Sabourin had had just about enough. Just before she was going to lose her cool, Isaac's dad intervened and asked to see his son in the other room.

"Isaac, what did we learn in *daf yomi* about the **כהן גדול**'s shovel on **יום כפור**?" his father asked when they were alone.

"That it was different," Isaac replied.

"Right," said his father. "One of the differences was that he wouldn't pour the incense from one shovel to another

because we don't want to make too much work for him on **יום כפור** when he's already so busy. Why don't you give your mother a little break? She's been so busy preparing for your bar mitzvah, don't ask her to do things that would make her more busy."

"I never thought of that," said Isaac. "Thanks, Dad for reminding me. If we can go easy on the **כהן גדול** for **יום כפור** for **יום כפור**, I can certainly go easy on my own mother for my bar mitzvah!"

Games

יומא דף מ"ד - Review Questions

1. Why was the shovel's handle was longer on **יום כפור**?

2. What are two kinds of gold?

3. What would the **קטרת** bring forgiveness for?

The **כהן גדול** was given the wrong shovel for **יום כפור**! Color it in and fix it so he has the right one!

