

מסכת יוֹמָא דף מט

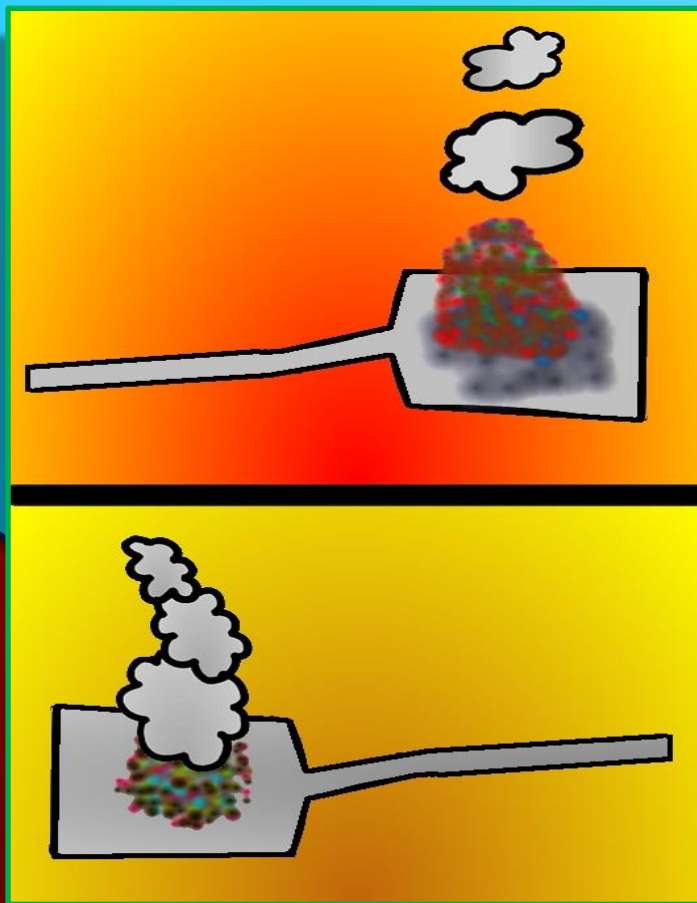
DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside The Daf

One of the highlights of the **יום כפור** Service in the **בית המקדש** (Holy Temple) was the burning of **קטרת** (incense) that took place inside the **קדש הקדשים** (Holy of Holies).

We have learned that the **כהן גדול** performed **חפינה** (scooping up the **קטרת** with two hands). This was one of the trickiest things the **כהן גדול** had to do. Here's how it was done:

The **כהן גדול** would enter the **קדש הקדשים** and put the shovelful of coals on the ground. He would then hold the cup of the incense ladle in his two open palms with his fingertips curling around its outer edge. He would use his thumbs to slide the handle of the ladle toward his body until the handle was between his elbows. Using his elbows and fingers, the **כהן גדול** would guide the ladle toward his body and above his hands until the **קטרת** would pour out into his two hands. This was how the **חפינה** was performed!



The **גמרא** says the **כהן גדול** would then place the incense in a heaping pile on the coals in the shovel on the ground. The incense is put in a heaping pile so that the smoke doesn't emerge too quickly and make the **כהן גדול** choke. Some say the **קטרת** should be spread out in a thin layer on the coals so that the smoke rises quickly.



Did You Know...

A non-**כהן**, an **אונן** (someone whose close relative just died), a drunkard and a blemished person may not receive, carry or splash blood on the **מזבח** (Altar).

שחליים
Cress

רבי חנינא - The Doctor

Did you know that some of the great rabbis of the גמרא were also great doctors? רבי חנינא was one of them.

Once, the scholar רבי יהושע בן לוי was ill on the Sabbath and in danger of dying. He didn't know if cress (a type of plant) could cure his illness or not so he asked רבי חנינא who was an expert in medical matters. רבי חנינא permitted him to grind up the cress and use it as a medicine. רבי יהושע בן לוי was saved by this advice.

רבי חנינא was consulted about all sorts of medical cases. For example, he used to be asked if someone could be cured if he was injured by a red mule with white feet! רבי חנינא said such a wound never fully heals.

WORD OF THE DAY:

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"THIS"

Games

Which one doesn't belong? Why?

1. Receiving blood, drinking blood, carrying blood, splashing blood
2. Drunkard, non-כהן, child, blemished person
3. Thumbs, shoulders, elbows, hands
4. רב פפא, רבי יהושע בן לוי, רבי חנינא
5. Shovel, ladle, קדש הקדשים, pitchfork

A Moment

Alex was so scared he was shaking. No, he wasn't walking a tightrope 100 feet from the ground or surrounded by rattlesnakes; he was practicing his bar mitzvah speech.

For as long as he could remember. Alex Rappaport was scared stiff of speaking in public. He would do almost anything to get out of a public presentation – fake being sick, "forget" to bring his speech – but those tricks weren't going to work for his bar mitzvah. His older brother Raphael saw his pain.

"Nervous about the speech, huh?" he asked.

"I can hardly stand up straight without trembling," Alex said.

"Want some advice?" Raphael asked. "Practice, practice, practice."

"That's it?" asked Alex.

"Hey, if it worked for the כהן גדול, why can't it work for you? On יום כפור, the כהן גדול had to perform scooping, which was one of the hardest things to do. For days before he would practice until he would get it just right. On יום כפור everyone expected him to perform this task perfectly without spilling a drop."

"I bet he was pretty nervous," sympathized Alex.

"But he did it anyway," said Raphael, "because the Jewish nation depended on him. All his practice would help him."

"I get it," said Alex. "I'll just practice my speech over and over again until I can say it in my sleep!"

"Right," said his brother. "Just don't forget anything – the כהן גדול can't spill a single drop!"

Review Questions – יומא דף מט

1. What are the two opinions about how the incense should be placed in the shovel?
2. Name two people who may not receive, splash or carry blood to the מזבח?
3. Which Rabbi of the Talmud was also a great doctor?