

Inside The Daf

The Torah teaches that after sprinkling the mixture of goat and bull blood on the פְּרוֹכֶת (curtain), the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would "go out" ("וַיֵּצֵא") to the מִזְבֵּחַ הַזָּהָב (Golden Altar) where he had offered the קֶטֶרֶת (incense). There, the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would daub the blood on the four corners of the Altar.

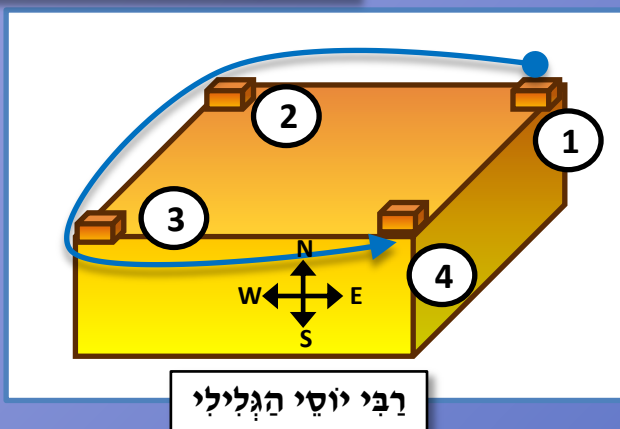
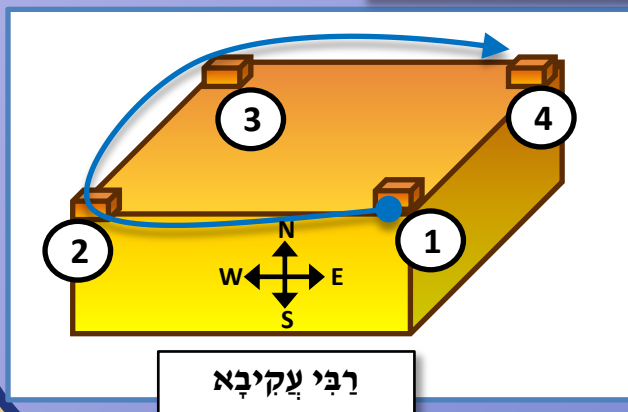
The מִשְׁנָה quotes a disagreement between תַּנְיָא קַמָּא (the first Tanna) and רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר about where the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would stand.

תַּנְיָא קַמָּא says the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל walked around the מִזְבֵּחַ as he daubed the blood.

רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר holds the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would stand in one place and *reach over* the Altar to daub the blood on each corner. Rashi explains that he was able to do this because the מִזְבֵּחַ was only one square אַמָּה (about 21 inches or 54 cm).

The גְּמָרָא quotes two opinions about the direction of the daubing. According to רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא, the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל would go in a *clockwise* direction around the Altar. According to רַבִּי יוֹסִי הַגָּלִילִי, the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל daubed in a *counter clockwise* direction.

The Direction of the Daubing



Did You Know...

The גְּמָרָא asks if the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל had to hold the bowl with the bull and goat blood *directly* in his hand while sprinkling it, or if he could put an empty bowl underneath it. The answer is that the sprinkling would be valid.

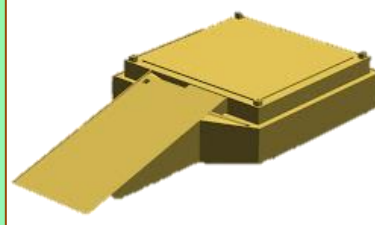
Flowing Blood

Our משנה teaches that after the כהן גדול finished the blood service on the מזבח הזהב (Golden Altar), he took the blood that was leftover in the container and spilled it on the western base of the מזבח החיצון (Outer Altar) (see sidebar).

The משנה describes how the blood would flow from the western base of the Outer Altar onto the floor of the עזרה (Courtyard) and into a canal that ran through the Courtyard into the Kidron Valley.

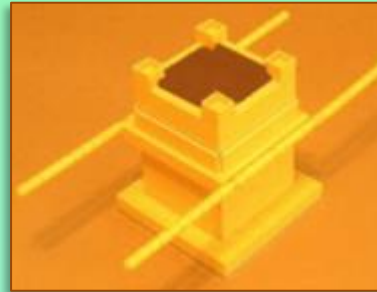
This blood would be used as fertilizer by gardeners in the valley. The gardeners must pay to use this "fertilizer" or they would be using holy property without permission (the prohibition of מעילה)!

מזבח החיצון (Outer Altar)



The מזבח החיצון (Outer Altar) was the large Altar that was inside the Temple עזרה (Courtyard) but outside of the היכל (Sanctuary).

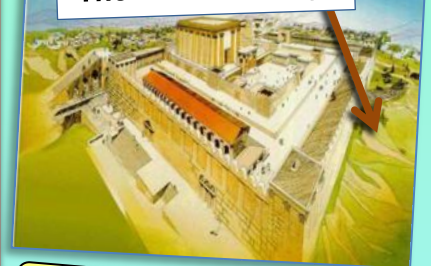
מזבח הזהב (Golden Altar)



The מזבח הזהב (Golden Altar) was the smaller Altar inside the עזרה used for burning incense.

The Kidron Valley was a valley to the east of הר הבית (Temple Mount).

The Kidron Valley



WORD OF THE DAY:

רִישָׁא

"THE FIRST PART"

(טללי אורות פרי אחרי מות)

A מדות Moment

The boy entered the shul/looking confused. It was clear he hadn't been to a synagogue in a long time and was not familiar with the service. He sat alone in the back, embarrassed, trying not to draw attention.

"Yechiel, why don't you sit with that boy and show him the right page," Yechiel's father asked.

"But I don't want to be seen with him," said Yechiel. "He doesn't know what he's doing, he probably isn't even observant."

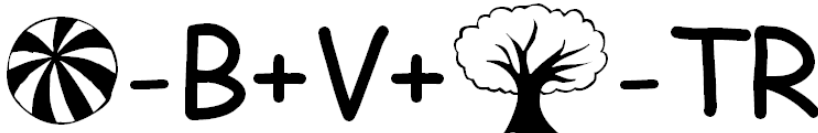
"That's not the right attitude, Yechiel," his father chastised. "In today's daf yomi we learn how we pour from the container full of blood to the empty container. The very creator of daf yomi, Rabbi Meir Shapiro, explained that the Torah is teaching us that someone who knows more must mix with someone who is 'empty' and doesn't know as much."

Yechiel looked toward the boy in the back and knew what he had to do. He walked over, sat next to him, smiled and showed him the right page.

Games

REBUS FUN!

Sound out the pictures to find the words



יומא דף נ"ח - Review Questions

- On which Altar would the כהן גדול daub the blood?
- Would the sprinkling be valid if the כהן גדול held an empty bowl underneath the bowl of blood?
- Which valley did the כהן גדול pour the leftover blood into?