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DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

Have you ever spilled something at the dinner table? Most of us have. That's why the **משנה** on yesterday's **דף** asks what happens if the **גדול** spills the blood he was sprinkling before he finishes sprinkling?

תנא קמא says the **גדול** would have to slaughter another animal, receive its blood, and do all the sprinklings over again (even the ones he's already done!)

רבי אלקעזר and **רבי שמעון** say the **גדול** can just pick up from where he left off before the blood spilled. The **גדול** does not have to start all over again.

Our **גמרא** brings a similar case about a **מצורע** (see sidebar). To become **טהור** (pure) again, a **כהן** takes a **לוג** (about 0.7 gallons, or 0.3 litres) of oil, sprinkles some toward the **קדש הקדשים** (Holy of Holies), places some on the **מצורע's** right ear, right thumb and big toe, and pours the rest on the **מצורע's** head.

What if the **כהן** spills the oil before he has finished? Does he have to start all over or can he just get more oil and pick up from where he left off?

The **גמרא** concludes that in the case of the **מצורע**, too, **תנא קמא**, **רבי אלקעזר** and **רבי שמעון** would have the same disagreement. **תנא קמא** would say the entire **מצורע's** entire sprinkling must be done over again. **רבי אלקעזר** and **רבי שמעון** would say the **כהן** could just get more oil and pick up at the sprinkling he left off.



The מצורע



A **מצורע** is someone who is **טמא** (impure) after developing a type of white patch on his skin. He was sent out of the community.

After the white patch disappears, the **מצורע** becomes **טהור** (pure) again after certain ceremonies are performed with him. One of these ceremonies has a **כהן** sprinkle a "לוג" measurement of oil seven times toward the **קדש הקדשים** (Holy of Holies). The **כהן** also puts oil on the **מצורע's** right ear, right thumb and big toe. The rest of the oil is poured on the **מצורע's** head.

WORD OF THE DAY:

מקרא

"A VERSE"



Did You Know...

Everyone agrees that it was not essential to pour the oil on the **מצורע's** head in order to make him **טהור** (pure).

A Moment

Yonasan was having a hard time respecting his parents. After he was sent to his room for the umpteenth time that week, his brother came to visit.

"Yoni," he said, "why are you so rude to *abba* and *imma*? You know what the Torah says about respecting your parents"

"Yes, I know, I know," said Yoni, "But it's so hard to improve! I know what I'm doing is wrong but then I go ahead and do it anyway! I feel really bad afterwards..."

"Yoni," his brother said, "you have to review those Torah sections that talk about honoring your parents *over and over again*."

"What makes you think that'll work?" asked Yoni.

"Because in *daf yomi* today I learned about the מצורע who became pure again after oil was poured on him again and again."

"What does that have to do with reviewing Torah over and over again?"

"Because Rav Hirsch says," Yoni's brother continued, "that the oil represents the light of Torah. It had to be placed many times on the מצורע because it takes many "doses" of Torah to heal someone's shortcomings."

"So," Yoni lit up, "the message is to keep taking our Torah 'medicine' and we can defeat bad behaviour!"

(רשי"ר הירש, פרי מצורע)

Animal Atonement

We have learned that the כהן גדול sacrifices different animals as part of the יום כפור service. A bull is slaughtered after the כהן גדול performs וידוי (confession) upon it, two goats are presented to the כהן גדול who selects, by lottery, one to sacrifice to Hashem and one to send off a cliff as the "scapegoat."

Each of these animals provides an important service for the Jewish people. They each atone (get forgiveness) for different sins.

Our גמרא explains which sins each animal atones for. This is the subject of a dispute between רבי יהודה and רבי שמעון.

Atones for...



Bull

רבי יהודה: כהנים who entered into holy places in the Temple while they were טמא (impure).

רבי שמעון: Slaughtering the bull atones for כהנים who entered into holy places in the Temple while they were טמא (impure). The וידוי (confession) atones for other עבירות (sins) of כהנים.



Goat

רבי שמעון & רבי יהודה: כהנים who entered into holy places in the Temple while they were טמא (impure).

רבי יהודה: Other עבירות (sins) of כהנים and non-כהנים

רבי שמעון: Other עבירות of non-כהנים



Scapegoat

Games

What's the word?

Find the word for "ATONEMENT" by crossing out the sounds that appear 4 or more times.

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Review Questions – יומא דף ס"א

1. Where on a מצורע's body is oil poured?

2. What sin did the goat to Hashem atone for?

3. On what part of the מצורע's body is it *not* essential to pour oil?
