

## Inside the Daf

There is a מצוה (commandment) for every adult male to give half a שקל coin to the בית המקדש every year. These coins were used to buy community קרבנות (sacrifices) such as the daily תמיד offerings.

The גמרא brings a case where an entire town sent its half שקל coins with a courier to the בית המקדש but they were stolen or lost on the way. Do the townspeople have to give another half שקל? Is the courier responsible to pay?

If half שקל coins from other Jews had already come into the Temple had already been sorted into baskets in the treasury, the stolen or lost coins are considered to be part of the coins that were already in the Temple. This means, the courier would swear to the Temple treasurers that he didn't handle the coins irresponsibly, and he wouldn't have to pay for them.

But if the Temple officials had not yet sorted into baskets the other half שקל coins, the stolen or lost coins are considered to still belong to the townspeople who gave them, not the Temple. The courier therefore swears to the townspeople that he didn't handle the coins irresponsibly, and he wouldn't have to pay for them. Each townsman, however, would still owe another half שקל to the Temple as part of their מצוה.

## A מדות Moment

"Did you hear?" asked Mrs. Lifschitz, "Mrs. Gottleib is in the hospital!"

"Oy, poor woman!" said Mrs. Koenig. "And with a family as big as hers, it must be so difficult now to feed them regular meals."

"I would love to cook to help her out," sympathized Mrs. Lifschitz, "but I couldn't possibly afford to cook a meal for 15 people!"

"If I may say something, Mrs. Lifschitz," said Mrs. Koenig, "Don't think that you can't perform this מצוה (commandment) because you are not rich enough. Hashem wants everyone to have a part in His מצוות (commandments) no matter how poor or rich they may be. That's why every man, no matter how rich or poor, had to participate in the מצוה of giving a half שקל. The half שקל went

to buy community sacrifices and it is important that every Jew have a share in that."

"I suppose you're right," said Mrs. Lifschitz. "I may not be able to cook an entire meal for such a large family, but at least I can make a soup or something."

"And I can call some other people to prepare other foods for the Gottleib family," said Mrs. Koenig. "That way, their meals will be taken care of, but no one person will have to spend more than they can afford preparing food for them."

"That's a great idea," said Mrs. Lifschitz. "It's good to know that whatever the מצוה, you can always participate!"

(based on ספר החינוך מצוה קה)

# The Missing Goat

Have you ever lost anything really important? Did you end up finding it afterwards?

Imagine if the "לִשָּׁם" goat (which was slaughtered as an offering) got lost. Then another goat was taken in its place and slaughtered as the "לִשָּׁם" offering. Then guess what happened? The lost "לִשָּׁם" goat was found! The question is: what do we do with this goat?

רבי יהודה says, the first goat should be left to die. This is because the first goat was meant to be a קָרְבָּן חַטָּאת (sin offering) and if an owner of a sin offering loses that animal and uses another animal as his קָרְבָּן חַטָּאת, the rule is that the first sin offering is left to die.

רבי אֶלְעָזָר and רבי שְׁמַעוֹן say the "found" goat should be sent to graze in a field until it develops a blemish. Once an animal develops a blemish, it is not allowed to be used as a קָרְבָּן (sacrifice). The goat should then be sold by the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple) officials, and the money they get should be used to buy other קָרְבָּנוֹת.



WORD OF THE DAY:  
**אָטוּ**  
 "BECAUSE OF (OR: IS IT SO?)"

## Did You Know...

If someone sets aside his yearly half שֶׁקֶל to give to the Temple and it gets stolen or lost, then gives another half שֶׁקֶל to the Temple, then finds the first half שֶׁקֶל and gives it to the Temple, according to תַּנָּא קַמָּא he must still give another half שֶׁקֶל the following year. According to רבי יְהוּדָה, he wouldn't have to give another half שֶׁקֶל the next year.

## Games



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### Review Questions – יומא דף ס"ה

1. What does רבי יְהוּדָה say we do with the lost "לִשָּׁם" goat once it is found?  
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2. How much money does each man have to give to the Temple every year?  
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3. According to רבי יְהוּדָה, what happens if you lose your half שֶׁקֶל and then find it?  
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