

מסכת תגינה דף טז

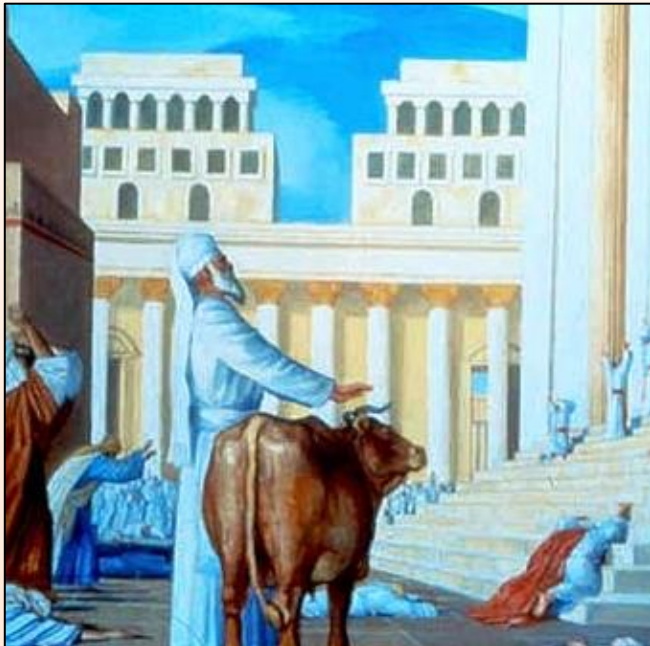
DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

Inside the Daf

When someone brings a private sacrifice in the בית המקדש (Holy Temple) he must lean upon the animal before it is sacrificed. This "leaning" is called, "סמיכה." The owner places his hands on the animal's head and leans down upon it with all his strength.

The משנה brings a disagreement whether or not סמיכה is performed on יום טוב (a Festival). יוסף בן יועזר says one does not perform סמיכה on יום טוב. On יום טוב, one may not ride on an animal. When one leans all his weight upon the animal it is like riding on an animal. יוסף בן יוחנן says one does perform סמיכה on יום טוב.

What is interesting about this disagreement is that it was the very first one the Sages of Israel ever had.



יוסף בן יועזר and יוסף בן יוחנן were the first generation of a group of rabbis known as the "זוגות" or "pairs" who lived early in the days of the Second בית המקדש. Each "pair" of rabbis headed the סנהדרין, or Rabbinical court, with one rabbi

serving as the נשיא, or leader, (lit. "prince") and the other serving as the אב בית דין, or head of the court.

In their generation, יוסף בן יועזר was the נשיא and יוסף בן יוחנן was the אב בית דין.

A מְדוּת Moment

Kevin thought it was wrong, but the fact was lots of kids were starting to do it. After school they would stop at the overpass and spit down at the cars passing underneath. What was worse was that they wore their *kippas* while they did this and anyone who saw them would know they were Jewish!

Today as he walked home from school, he decided to say something to some of the boys.

"You shouldn't spit off the bridge," admonished Kevin. "But if you do, remember that the גמרא says if a Jew is planning to sin, he should go to a place people don't know him. That way, no one will know he's Jewish when he acts improperly. If you're going to do something a Jew should not do, at least take off your *kippa*!"



Did You Know...

רבי יהודה בְּרַבִּי נְחֻמְנָי says staring at a rainbow, a prince or כְּהֵנִים while they're blessing the congregation causes one's eyes to "go dim."

Sinning in Private



We are taught that if someone does not care about the honor of the Creator, it would have been better if he hadn't been born. What does it mean to "not care about the honor of the Creator?"

רבי יוסף explains that someone who sins in secret, but not out in the open, is someone who does not really care about Hashem's honor. By sinning in private he shows that he cares about when *people* think of him...but not about what *Hashem* thinks of him.

רבי יהודה בְּרַבִּי נְחֻמְנִי says, someone may ask himself, who will see me if I sin in private? Who will testify to Hashem that I sinned? The answer is, the stones and beams of one's house where he sinned will testify against him, and this is the meaning of the verse that reads, "כִּי אָבֵן מִקִּיר תִּזְעַק וְכַפִּיס מֵעֵץ יַעֲנֶנָּה" "for a stone will cry out from a wall and a chip from a beam will testify about it" (חבקוק ב,יא) (Hab. 2,11).

WORD OF THE DAY:
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"WHAT"

Games

חגיגה דף ט"ז – Review Questions

1. What was the first dispute that the Sages of Israel ever had?

2. What does it mean to not care about the "honor of the Creator?"

3. What can cause one's eyes to "go dim?"



DRAW IT!

Can you draw someone performing סמיכה on this animal?

