

DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

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Inside The Daf

A מְדוּת Moment

The three boys were having fun swimming on that hot summer day, seeing how far down they could swim and racing each other.

Soon things got out of hand. Shmuly and Eitan started splashing each other, roughly. They began yelling and making so much of a ruckus that people were staring at them.

This is so embarrassing, Dovie thought to himself. Everyone is noticing our bad behaviour and know we are religious Jews!

Dovie motioned to his friends to come out of the pool for a second. He put on his *kippah* and began to speak.

"Hey, remember how we learned that the *בֵּהָן*'s chamber was called the *לְשֶׁכֶת פְּרָהֲדְרִין* during the time of the Second Temple?"

"What about it?" asked Eitan.

"Well," continued Dovie, "why wasn't it called by its more respected name, the *לְשֶׁכֶת בְּלוֹרְטִי*, the name it had during the First Temple?"

Dovie's friends shrugged.

"I'll tell you why," Dovie explained. "When the *גְּדוּל* *בֵּהָן* would separate himself in the *לְשֶׁכֶת פְּרָהֲדְרִין* before *יוֹם כְּפוּר*, he would have to distance himself from improper behaviour. If we called the room by its more respected name, we would think we have to separate ourselves from improper behaviour only in a respected place but in a regular place we could behave poorly."

Dovie's friends nodded.

"I think I understand," Eitan said. "Even if we're in a swimming pool, or a restaurant or another regular place, we still have to watch how we behave and be careful not to be too silly."

"Exactly," Dovie said. "Now who wants to race me to the bottom of the pool?"

(based on יששכר בני)



We know that we must never erase the name of Hashem. But what happens if you have to erase Hashem's name to do a

מְצוּהָ? Or what happens if you have Hashem's name written on your skin? Does that mean you could never wash it off?

The *תַּנָּא קַמָּא* (First Tanna) says that if a person had a Name of Hashem written on his skin, he should not wash or anoint that area, because he will come to erase the Name, which is prohibited by the Torah. He should also not stand in a filthy area like a bathroom, where it is disrespectful to even mention Hashem's Name.

What if the person needs to go to a *מְקוֹה* to become *טָהוֹר* (pure)? Is he allowed to wash in the *מְקוֹה*?

Yes, he may go into the *מְקוֹה* but he first has to tie a blade of reed-grass over the Name of Hashem. Covering the Name will prevent the strong waters of the *מְקוֹה* from erasing the Name.

The לשכת פֶּרְהֶדְרִין (Chamber)

We learned in the משנה (2a) that we removed the כהן גדול from his house to the לשכת פֶּרְהֶדְרִין (Chamber.) The word "פֶּרְהֶדְרִין" means "low level officers of the king."

The גמרא questions why it was referred to as the פֶּרְהֶדְרִין Chamber if we know it was called the בְּלוּטֵי, the Chamber of Noblemen.

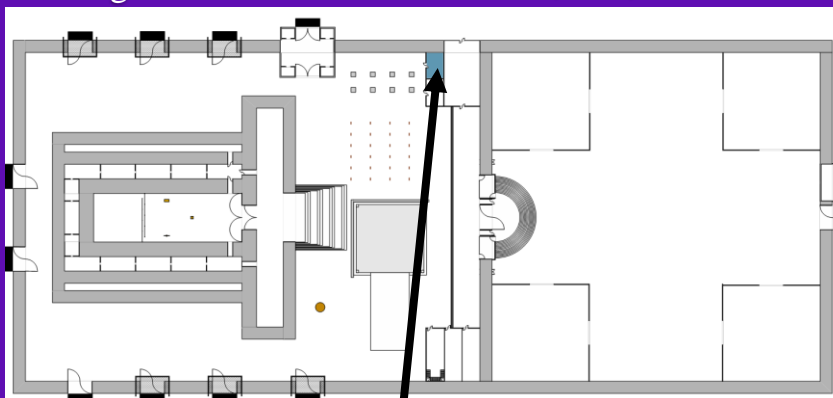
The גמרא answers that during the First Temple Era and in the beginning of the Second Temple Era (until the death of שמעון הצדיק) it was called the Chamber of בְּלוּטֵי. During that period of time the כהנים גדולים were distinguished people.

Later, כהנים גדולים were not chosen because of their virtues, but because of payments they made to the king. These כהנים גדולים would not live out the year, so

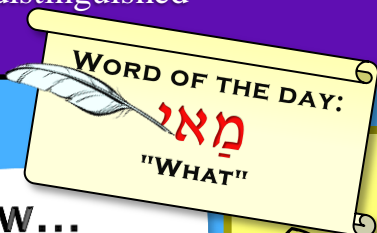
every year a new כהן גדול had to be chosen.

Every new כהן גדול would tear down the existing לשכת פֶּרְהֶדְרִין and

build a more beautiful chamber than the last one. Since the לשכת פֶּרְהֶדְרִין would change every twelve months, it was like the "פֶּרְהֶדְרִין," the helpers of the king who are replaced every twelve months.



לשכת פֶּרְהֶדְרִין
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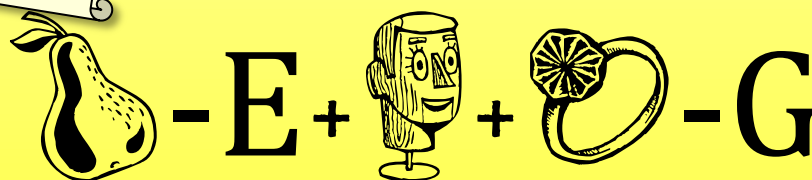


Did You Know...

Rashi says that the separation of the כהן גדול before יום כפור also served to remind him to be humble as well as keeping him away from anything that could lead to קלות ראש ("silliness").

Games

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Review Questions – יומא דף ח'

1. Can someone with Hashem's name written on his skin go into a מקוה?
2. What was another name for the לשכת פֶּרְהֶדְרִין?
3. Name something you cannot do if Hashem's name is written on your skin.

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