

# DAF YOMI 4 Kids

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## Inside The Daf

Could you imagine fighting with your siblings for the privilege of setting the dinner table? Or for the honor of washing the dishes?

Well, in the time of the בית המקדש (Holy Temple) the כהנים used to argue with each other about who would perform some of the important duties of the day. (See "4 Lotteries," right).

Why would the כהנים gather **four** times each day to have these lotteries? Why wouldn't they gather just once and have all the lots at the same time?

רבי יוחנן says: the more times they gather, the more excitement there is! It brings honor to the King of Kings to have many people gather many times a day to perform His service! "We walk in the House of G-d *with excitement!*" (Psalms 55:15, תהילים נה, טו)

## 4 Lotteries



Four times a day lotteries were held to see who would perform the...



(1) Removing the ashes from the מזבח (Altar),



(2) Slaughtering the תמיד sacrifice, (and other activities relating to the sacrifice and to cleaning)



(3) Burning the קטרת (incense) and



(4) Carrying the limbs to the Altar



### Did You Know...

How much ash was removed from the Altar every day for the תרומת הדשן? A קומץ (fistful). But the person removing the ashes did not have to reach his hand into the burning fire, rather he would use a utensil!

WORD OF THE DAY:  
**יְלָפִינֹן**  
"WE LEARN"



## A Matter of מחלוקת

**When the lottery was performed (see previous page) what clothing did the כהנים wear?**

**רב נחמן:** The כהנים wore their regular clothes, not the clothes they would wear specially for the עבודה (Temple service).

**רב ששת:** They wore their בגדי קודש (holy clothes) during the lottery, even though they wore these clothes only when they performed the עבודה (Temple service).

**רב נחמן:** They wore their regular clothing for the lottery because if they wore their holy clothing they had to wear for the עבודה, tough כהנים might go ahead and perform the עבודה immediately (even though they did not win the lottery!)

**רב ששת:** כהנים wore their holy clothing for the lottery because if they would wear regular clothing, we are afraid that the כהנים who won the lottery would forget, in their excitement, that they are wearing their regular clothes and start doing the עבודה immediately without changing into their proper בגדי קודש!

## A Moment

If there was one thing Shemaria Kontorovich hated, it was Lunch Duty. To him, scrubbing lunch tables, mopping floors and throwing out other people's garbage was enough to ruin his day. Once, he let his feelings show to his friend, Ilan.

"It isn't fair," Shemaria muttered. "Who wants to clean up someone else's mess?"

"Well, in the time of the המקדש בית הכהנים used to fight over who would clean up the ashes from the Altar every morning," Ilan said.

"Really?" Shemaria asked.

"Sure," continued Ilan. "So many כהנים wanted to do it that they had a lottery to choose a winner. Even then, some of the losers pushed aside the winners and muscled their way in!"

"Why?" asked Shemaria.

"The כהנים really believed it is a privilege to do מצוות, Hashem's commandments. One of those commandments is the messy task of the תרומת הדשן, removing the ashes."

"I wonder what those כהנים would have to say about Lunch Duty..." said Shemaria.

"They probably would look forward to Lunch Duty. After all, it's full of מצוות like performing acts of kindness, creating a healthy environment and behaving selflessly like Hashem!"

## Games

### Review Questions – יומא דף כ"ד

- How many lotteries were held each day?  
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- According to רב ששת what kind of clothes were worn for the lottery?  
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- How much ash was removed daily from the Altar?  
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What's the word?

Find the משנה's word for "LOTTERY" by crossing out the sounds that appear 4 times.