

One of the great gifts Hashem gave the Israelites in the desert was the אָן (manna). An עוֹמָר measure (5.2 pints or 2.5 liters) of מָן would fall every day for each member of a household.

רָבִּי יוֹסֵי teaches that by observing where the אָן would fall, one would be able to judge cases.

For example, let's say two people (we'll call them שָׁמְעוֹן and שָׁמְעוֹן) were arguing over who owned a slave. רְאוּבֵן claims שָׁמְעוֹן stole his slave. רְאוּבֵן sold him the slave fair and square. We could just see the next morning where that slave's portion of falls! If it is found in שִׁמְעוֹן shouse, we know the slave truly belongs to שָׁמְעוֹן. If the j found in רָאוּבֵן is found in כָרָאוּבֵן shouse, then we see the slave belongs to כָרָאוּבַן.

The אָן would also reveal who was righteous, who was average and who was wicked. For the righteous, the אָן fell at the entrance of their homes. For average people, the אָן fell just outside the camp where they would go to collect it. For wicked people, the אָן would fall far away from the camp so they would have to roam out to collect their

portion.



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### Did You Know...

For the righteous, the מָן fell in the form of bread. For average people, it fell as unprocessed round cakes. For the wicked, the מָן fell as kernels which had to be grounded in a mill!

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# For the Birds

When the Israelites were in the desert they complained they had no meat even though they had plenty of cattle and even though meat isn't absolutely necessary to sustain life!

The Israelites were given the שְׁלָו bird to eat, but since they shouldn't have requested meat in the first place, the שְׁלָו was given toward evening when the Israelites wouldn't have enough time to prepare it for their evening meal.

יב חָנִין בַּר רְבָא says that there are four types of שְׁלָו birds (see side) and the one that the Israelites received, the שְׁלָו bird itself, is the worst of them all! (The שִׁיכְלִי bird is the best).

## A-Moment

The desert table at the bar mitzvah was crowded. Gavriel looked at the piece of cake he had just scored.

But what if I want another one, he couldn't help thinking to himself. The table was so crowded there might not be any left by the time he finished the piece he had. He re-entered the line to the sweet table to secure another piece of cake.

His father saw him doing this and whispered in his ear.

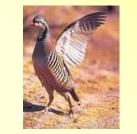
"Gavriel, The גְמָרָא criticizes the Israelites for asking for meat because, for one thing, they didn't need it, and also, they already had lots of cattle!"

Gavriel smiled.

"I see your point," he said. "I already have plenty of cake on my plate. Plus I don't need to eat it, anyway."



שְׁלָו (Quail) Coturnix coturnix



אָיכְלָי (Rock Partridge) Alectoris graeca



קּיבְלִי (Sand Partridge) Ammoperdix heyi



יוֹנִי (Pheasant) פּסְיוֹנִי Phasianinae



### Review Questions – יוֹמָא דַף ע"ה

1. What could be decided by watching where the  $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\wp}}\xspace$  falls?

2. What is the worst type of שְׁלָו bird?

3. How was the ' $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\mathsf{q}}}$  's form different for the righteous, average and wicked?

### Solve like a Sudoku puzzle











