

מסכת יומא דף ע

DAF YOMI⁴ KIDS

Inside the Daf

Every now and then the גמרא will tell us a story about מלאכים (angels) in order to teach us important lessons.

On our page of גמרא we are told about the time the angel גבריאל (Gabriel) was "fired" from his job as an angel.

The prophet יחזקאל (Ezekiel) saw twenty-five men bowing down to the sun in the בית המקדש (Holy Temple). Hashem called upon the angel גבריאל to take fire coals and throw them upon Jerusalem to destroy it and the Temple.

גבריאל, however, did not take the fire coals himself. He took them from the hand of another angel, allowing the coals to cool down a bit, and threw them upon Jerusalem. גבריאל quotes רב חנא בר ביזנא as saying, had the coals not been allowed to cool off, not a single Israelite would have survived!

For violating his order, גבריאל was "fired" from his job and replaced by דוביאל, the angel of Persia. גבריאל said to Hashem, "If all the wise men of the non-Jewish nations were put on one side of a scale, and דניאל (Daniel) was placed on the other side, would he not outweigh them all?" Hashem commended גבריאל for praising the Jewish people and returned him to his post.

(Although גבריאל was reinstated, during the twenty-one days that דוביאל replaced him twenty-one kingdoms came under Persian control.)



WORD OF THE DAY:
אֲשַׁכְּחֶיהָ
 "FOUND HIM"

!?! Did You Know...
 שמואי הזקן (Shammai the Elder) did not want to wash his hand before feeding his child on יום כפור. The Sages of the time decreed that he must wash both of his hands, and feed his child!

Wash Up!

We learned that we may not wash ourselves on **יום כפור**. Our **גמרא** teaches that only washing for *pleasure* is not allowed on **יום כפור** (מאירי). Therefore:



If you are very dirty you may wash the parts of your body that are dirty



You may pass through a lake to watch your fruit orchard



You can wash your hands before feeding a baby



You are allowed to pass through a lake to visit your Torah teacher (or to go to a Torah class)

A מְדוּת Moment

Srulik and Uriyah lived in a large Jewish center where there were all kinds of Jews. Jews with long peyos, Jews with knitted kippas and Jews without any kippa at all.

"Hey Sruli, look at that chassid with the fur hat!" Uriyah said.

"I know, Uriyah, I bet he doesn't even speak a word of English," said Srulik. "And how about that man without a kippa going into that shul."

"I don't know why he bothers," laughed Uriyah. "It's not like he actually knows how to pray!"

The boys both cackled in laughter at their wit.

When Srulik got home and shared his wittiness with his older brother, his response surprised him.

"גבריאל the angel was returned to his post only after he defended the Jewish people," said Srulik's brother.

"This is because Hashem loves those who love the Jews and the more someone loves Jews, the more Hashem increases His love toward that person. You should consider that when it comes to insulting and criticizing a fellow Jew – no matter who he or she is!"

(מסילת ישרים פרק יט)

Games



Find the following things in the picture:

- A tree
- An untied shoelace
- 4 wheels
- Bananas
- Hockey stick
- Football
- 5 windows
- 4 hats
- Flower pot
- "Bakery"
- Glasses

יומא דף ע"ז – Review Questions

1. Who was the angel who was "fired" from his job?

2. What kind of washing is not allowed on **יום כפור**?

3. What did the Sages force Shammai the Elder to do on **יום כפור**?
