



Inside the Daf

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

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

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

אָבְרִיאֵל, 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. מַבִּי שִׁמְעוֹן חֲסִידָא as saying, had the coals not been allowed to cool off, not a single Israelite would have survived!

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

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





Did You Know...

עַפַאי הַזָּקֵן (Shammai the Elder) did not want to wash his hand before feeding his child on יוֹם כָּפוּר. The Sages of the time decreed that he must wash both of his hands, and feed his child!

Wash Upl

We learned that we may not wash ourselves on יוֹם כִּפוּר. Our גְמָרָא teaches that only washing for pleasure is not allowed on מאירי) יוֹם כִּפוּר. 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-nitp-Moment

Surlik 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."

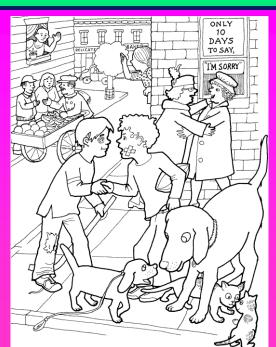
"I don't know why he bothers," laughed Uriyah. "It's not like he actually knows how to pray!" The boys both cackled in laughter at their wit.

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

"בְּבְרִיאֵל 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)





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

Review Questions – יומא דף ע"ז

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

2. What kind of washing is not allowed on יוֹם כָּפוּר?

3. What did the Sages force Shammai the Elder to do on יוֹם כָּפוּר?