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בס"ד Intro

Today we will בע"ה learn דף מ"ז of מס' יומא

We begin the 5th Perek of Yoma, which continues the narrative of the Avodas Yom HaKippurim by the Kohen Gadol, and will elaborate on the עבודת הקטורת which is done לפני ולפנים - in the Kodesh HaKodoshim,



the shechting of the שעיר להשם,



and the sprinkling of the blood of the פר and the wur in the Kodesh Kodashim and on the Paroches, etc.









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This Perek will also discuss unusual situations, such as if blood was spilled or

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if the order of Avodos was accidentally switched, and how to remedy them.

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The topics we will learn about today include:

The Mishna and the following Gemara discuss the avoda of חפינה, where the Kohen Gadol takes 2 hands full of the Ketores spices for the purpose of the special Ketores service performed inside the Kodesh Kodshim.

It will also discuss other aspects of the preparation for this special avoda.

Some of the key topics and concepts that we will learn about include:

לשכת הכלים

This is the chamber in the Bais HaMikdash where the keilim were stored. The meforshim are unclear as to where exactly it was located in the Bais HaMikdash.









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לשכת בית אבטינס

This is the chamber in the Bais HaMikdash where the Ketores mixture was made. This אשכה was named after the Avtinas family, who were the experts in creating the Ketores Mixture.



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קומץ

A Kometz is that which can be held between the middle three fingers and the palm of the Kohen. The excess beyond his three middle fingers are wiped away using the thumb and the pinky. The Kemitza process is performed for certain Korbenos Mincha, flour offerings, and this Kometz is then burned on the Mizbaich. There is also a Kometz of that is placed upon most Korbenos Mincha, and this too is burned on the Mizbaich.









1 So let's review.....

The Mishna begins: הוציאו לו את הכף ואת המחתה

The Kohen Gadol is brought a golden spoon from the לשכח, and a shovel full of Ketores spices from the לשכח בית



פן מלא חפניו ונתן לתוך הכף He takes 2 hands full of the Ketores and places it into the golden

- הגדול לפי גדלו והקטן לפי קטנו וכך היתה מדתה

The shiur of the amount of Ketores is based on the size of the Kohen Gadol's hands.

נטל את המחתה בימינו ואת הכף בשמאלו:

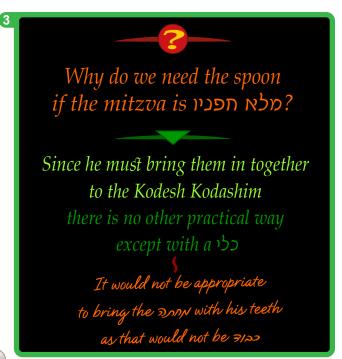
He then takes the shovel of burning coals in his right hand and the golden spoon of the Ketores in his left hand.



The gemara asks why we need the spoon if the mitzva is מלא

The gemara answers that since the Kohen Gadol needs to bring in the shovel full of hot coals, and 2 handfuls of Ketores, and he must bring them in together to the Kodesh Kodashim, there is no other practical way for the Kohen Gadol to bring in the Ketores, except with a כלי, and as the gemara points out, it certainly would not be appropriate to bring the with his teeth, as that would not be כבוד to HaShem.

And so, putting the two fistfuls of Ketores into a כלי frees up one hand, so that he can bring the קטרת in one hand and the מחתה in the other hand.







The Mishna had stated that the Kohen Gadol brings in the Machta in his right hand and the spoon with the Ketores in his left hand. The gemara asks:

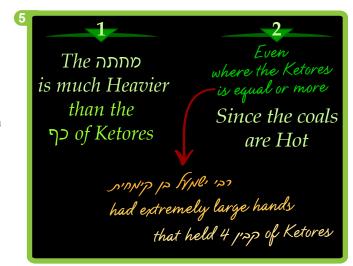
יציבא בארעא וגיורא בשמי שמיא

Should a citizen be on the ground and a visitor up in the air? Meaning to say, that the Ketores is the main item and logically it should be in the right hand.



- The gemara gives 2 reasons why the מחתה is carried in the right hand:
 - -1- The מחתה, laden with 3 קבין of coals, is much heavier than the פס of Ketores -
 - -2- AND, even where the Ketores is so much that it's equal or more than the amount of coals but since the coals are hot, the Machta is carried in the right hand.

As an example, the Gemara says that the Kohen Gadol רבי ישמעל had extremely large hands that held 4 קימחית of Ketores



Since he was mentioned, the gemara relates a story about him once becoming Tamey on Yom Kippur, and his brother דבי ישבב took over for him.







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The gemara next examines the דין of Kemitza. ת"ר בקומצו שלא יעשה מדה לקומץ One may not make a כלי the size of his fist to perform קמיצה, but rather he must scoop out the קומץ with his hand.



The Gemara has a Shaila whether we interpret the words מלא similarly that it must be taken by hand only, or he can use a 'the size of his hands.









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The Gemara now describes the קמיצה process:

הא כיצד חופה שלש אצבעותיו על פיסת ידו וקומץ ובמחבת ובמרחשת מוחק בגודלו מלמעלה ובאצבעו קטנה מלמטה The Kohen when performing קמיצה scoops out the requisite amount in the 3 middle fingers of his fist. As Rashi explains, in the case of flour the excess falls away by itself, but in the case of a Minchah which is first baked or fried and then crumbled, the pieces that stick out must be broken off and removed with his thumb and pinky.



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The gemara says that this avoda, along with מליקה and מליקה are among the most difficult avodos in the Bais HaMikdash.

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The gemara next discusses the issue of בין הבינים -

Some small particles of the Kemitza that go in between the fingers of the Kohen, which poses the following Halachic question:

Is the area between the fingers considered inside or outside the קמיצה?









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The gemara concludes that because of the doubtful status of these particles, קמיצה should be performed by Kohanim with chubby fingers, where particles cannot go in between the fingers.

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The gemara now asks several questions in the name of Rav Papa about Kemitza and Chafina.

בעי רב פפא בין הבינים של מלא חפניו מהו

What is the law of the particles of Ketores on Yom Kippur which might have slipped in between the fingers of the Kohen Gadol?

רב פפא continues with another Shaila; פשיטא לי מלא חפניו כדחפני אינשי -

Obviously, the usual way of doing חפינה is valid - by putting the sides of the hands in and bringing them together, and thus lifting them out. However, my question is;
- חפן בראשי אצבעותיי

If he did חפינה by placing the palm of his hand down and dug in with his fingertips to bring the mixture towards his palm - OR



מלמטה למעלה -

He placed the back of his hand on the mixture and scooped into his palm with his fingers - OR

He placed the back of his hand on the mixture, pressed down and collected it into his palm - OR

- חפן בזו ובזו וקרבן זו אצל זו

He did the normal חפינה with each hand separately, and only after taking the hands out did he bring them together - מהו What is the דין in all of these cases? Are they valid? Rav Papa also asks these questions regarding שלי with one

And to all the instances, the Gemara answers תיקו.
The question remains unanswered,
תשבי יתרץ קושיות ואבעיות.



