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The third daily lottery would choose who would burn the daily קטרת, the incense mixture burned on the golden מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar) in the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple).

There was a catch to this lottery: no one would ever win it twice! Why not? Because the קטרת brought richness to anyone who burned it. It was only fair that, once a כהן had had his turn, and was assured of becoming wealthy, he should give other כהנים a chance to do likewise.

We know that incense makes one wealthy because the Torah says "וְשִׂימוּ קְטוֹרֶת בְּאַפֶּךָ," "They shall place incense before You" and then says Hashem will bless your possessions (דברים) (Deut. 33:11), לֵךְ, יִי-אֵל

WORD OF THE DAY:

הַלְכָתָא

THE FINAL RULING "

The קטרת - Incense

קטרת, the incense mixture, is burned twice each day; in the morning when the כהן cleans out the lamps of the מנוחה, and in the evening when the כהן lights the מנוחה.



Did You Know...

רַבָּא says, "You will not find any Torah scholar able to teach הלכה (practical Law) properly unless they are from the שבטים (tribes) of יִשָּׁשכָר and לֵוִי."

The Fourth Lottery

We learned that the second lottery was for carrying the limbs from קרָבָנוֹת (sacrifices) to the ramp of the מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar.)



The fourth and final lottery was for the privilege of carrying the limbs **from the ramp up to the מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar.)** Even though the winners of the second lottery could have brought the limbs

all the way up the Altar we hold this lottery to get more people involved in doing a מִצְוָה (Commandment), as the פָּסוּק (verse) says, "בָּרֵב יְהִי כְבוֹד מֶלֶךְ", "In large company is the glory of the King." (משלי יד, כח, Proverbs 14:28)

רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר בֶּן יַעֲקֹב says that there was no lottery for someone to carry the limbs up to the מִזְבֵּחַ because that would be like saying carrying the limbs all the way up the Altar is too much of a burden for the first person who brought them to the ramp in the second lottery! This would give the impression that people don't like working too hard to complete מִצְוֹת (Commandments).

A Moment

Helping to build the family סוּכָה every year was not easy work for Dovid and Simcha Silver.

Bringing the walls in from the shed, carrying the heavy bamboo roofing, hammering nails, tying cords...and all in the heat of the sun.

"Whew!" exclaimed Simcha wiping the sweat from his brow, "can't we leave the rest till tomorrow?"

"Well, it is kind of hot ..." said Dovid.

Just then Mr. Bloom entered the yard. "Boys! Boys! Don't you remember what we learned today?"

"About what?" moaned Simcha?

"In *daf yomi* about רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר בֶּן יַעֲקֹב. He says the person who brings the limbs of the קרָבָנוֹת (sacrifices) up to the Altar's ramp should bring them up all the way to the top of the Altar."

"Now I remember," said Dovid. "If one person would leave the limbs in the middle of the ramp, it would look like he thinks מִצְוֹת are too much work, so he should take them up all the way."

"Right," agreed Simcha. "We better finish what we started, Dovid. We wouldn't want it to seem like building a סוּכָה is too much work!"

Mr. Bloom smiled.

Games



Use the clues to find the word in blue that tells you the number of daily lotteries

יְשִׁימוּ קִטְוָה



One of the tribes that can teach הִלָּכָה properly



Where offerings are burned



בָּרֵב הִדְרַת מֶלֶךְ



Review Questions – יוֹמָא דִּף כ"ו

1. What was the third lottery for?

2. When was the קִטְרָה burned?

3. What was the fourth lottery for?