

מסכת  
ביצה  
דף כב

## Inside the Daf

Today's גמרא talks about whether eye diseases can be treated on a יום טוב (Festival). Except in serious cases, medicine may not be taken on the Sabbath or Festivals in case someone comes to grind herbs to prepare the medication (grinding is not allowed on holy days).

אש"י points out that when there is danger to a patient's life, his eye disease may be treated on holy days. Some examples of life threatening eye diseases are, רירא (liquid oozing from the eye), דיצא (prickling pain), דמא (bleeding), דמעתא (flow of tears), קדחתא (burning feeling).

אמימר rules that one may not use eye medication on holy days just to improve one's eyesight. אמימר however allows a non-Jew to apply eye medication to a Jew on the Sabbath or Festivals even for non-emergencies. This is similar to statements of other sages who allow non-Jews to treat Jews with medication on holy days even in non-emergencies.

WORD OF THE DAY:  
מְכַבֵּה  
"EXTINGUISH"



### Did You Know...

One may not put out a fire on a Festival to save one's property. One may, however, put out a fire to save someone's life.

# Making "Scents"

On יום טוב (a Festival), one may not perform forbidden work (מלאכה) except to prepare food for the Festival.

In our משנה, the Sages teach that one may perform a מלאכה on a Festival for pleasure that is שנה לךל, or, common to the average person. For this reason, they forbid burning incense on a Festival to make clothing smell better. Causing clothing to smell nice is not done for pleasure so much as to improve the clothing.



Also, the Sages do not allow one to burn incense on a Festival to make a room smell nice.

Burning incense for this reason is not a pleasure that is common to the average person since only pampered people burn incense to make a room fragrant.

The Sages would agree that, before the Festival begins, one may burn incense inside censers with holes. Before יום טוב begins, one plugs the holes so that the scented smoke does not escape. On the Festival the plugs are removed and the room fills with the scented smoke.

# מדות

## Moment

Jacob was sad his grandfather died. To Jacob, his grandfather had always just been there and he had taken his presence for granted. It was a big change now that he was gone. Jacob's father tried to comfort him with the lessons we learn about life itself.

"In today's daf we are told that we cannot remove oil from a lamp on the Sabbath or Festivals because extinguishing a flame is not allowed on holy days. The ר"ן in his commentary says that you would still be able to add an extra wick to the lamp even though this will cause the fire to burn out more quickly. The fire in the lamp is like life itself; as our lives burn on they also burn out because we get closer to death. When we keep in mind that every minute that we are living we are also dying, we will do important things with our lives and not waste a single moment."

(השלמת המדות)

# Games



Unscramble the words from our דף

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## ביצה דף כ"ב - Review Questions

1. Give an example of an eye disease that may be treated on the Sabbath and Festivals.

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2. What does "שנה לךל נפש" mean?

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3. When may one put out a fire on a Festival?

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