

# מסכת ביצה דף כז

# DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

Yesterday we learned that first born male animals are given to a כֹּהֵן . The כֹּהֵן offers this animal as a sacrifice, but only if it does not

have a permanent blemish (מום). If the animal has a מוֹם, it cannot be brought as a sacrifice, but the כֹּהֵן may eat it like normal meat. Only an expert can decide whether or not an animal has a permanent blemish.

The גְּמָרָא tells us of אַמֵּי וְרִדְיָנָא who was an official "blemish checker" in the house of the נְשִׂיא , or President of the Sanhedrin. (Rashi explains אַמֵּי וְרִדְיָנָא's name was אַמֵּי and he came from a place called וְרִדְיָנָא. The word נָאָה appears in his name because he was handsome.)

אַמֵּי וְרִדְיָנָא would not examine animals for blemished on Festivals. רַב אַמֵּי was very happy with אַמֵּי וְרִדְיָנָא's decision. The גְּמָרָא is

surprised by רַב אַמֵּי's attitude because רַב אַמֵּי himself examined blemishes on Festivals!



The גְּמָרָא explains, that in truth רַב אַמֵּי would examine animals for blemishes before Festivals started. But on Festivals, רַב אַמֵּי would investigate what caused the blemish. If a כֹּהֵן causes the blemish, he is not allowed to eat the animal. The כֹּהֵן may eat the animal only if its blemish came about naturally.

On Festivals, רַב אַמֵּי would investigate *how* the blemish came about. If he could find witnesses who saw that the blemish came about naturally, he would allow the כֹּהֵן to eat the animal. If not witnesses could be found, the כֹּהֵן would not be allowed to eat the sacrifice.

### WORD OF THE DAY:

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SEE / EXAMINE"

### Did You Know...

A non-כֹּהֵן keeps his בְּכוֹר (first born male) animal for three months before giving it to a כֹּהֵן .

# Dead Animals

Something that has no use on the Sabbath or Festivals is **מְקַצָּה** (lit. "set aside"). **מְקַצָּה** objects may not be moved on holy days.

What about an animal that died on a Festival? Would it be **מְקַצָּה**? Since the animal was not slaughtered, its meat may not be eaten, so it would seem that a

dead animal would have no purpose. A **רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בְּרִיִּיתָא** quotes **רַבִּי יְהוֹנָדָה** as saying the dead animal is, in fact, not **מְקַצָּה** since it does have a purpose: it may be fed to dogs! **רַבִּי יְהוֹנָדָה** agrees that if the animal was dead before the holy day began, it is not **מְקַצָּה** since its owner had in mind to use its body for dog

food. The animal is therefore "set aside" (**מְקַצָּה**) from being used as dog food on the holy day, and may not be moved.



The **גְּמָרָא** concludes, if an animal is near death when the holy day begins, it is not **מְקַצָּה** if it dies on the holy day. This is because when the holy day began, the owner had in mind that the animal would be used

for dog food when it would die on the holy day.

## A-Moment מְדוּתָא

Noam was pretty happy with his basketball team. The other players weren't as good as he was, but still, they were his friends and he liked playing with them. One day, Ryan, the best player on the other team made him a proposal.

"Noam, why do you want to hang out on a team with all those losers?" Ryan asked. "You're too good for them. Come join my team instead. I'll even pay you to be on my team."

"No thanks, Ryan," said Noam.

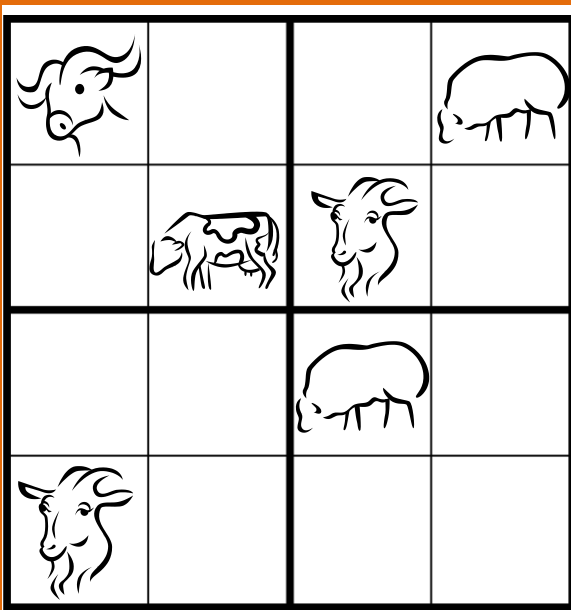
"Why not?" asked Ryan.

"We learn in *daf yomi* that we are worried **בְּהִנְיָם** will create a permanent blemish on an animal just so they can keep the animal. We see that where property and personal gain are concerned, people can be willing to wound someone else. Thanks for your offer, but if I take it, the feelings of my teammates will be hurt that I don't want to play with them because they aren't good enough. It's not worth hurting someone to gain money."

## Games

### SUDOKU

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### Review Questions – ביצה דף כ"ז

1. Who was the "blemish checker" of the נְשִׂיאָה's house?

2. What may a dead dog be used for?

3. For how long does a non-בְּהִנְיָם keep a בְּכוֹר?