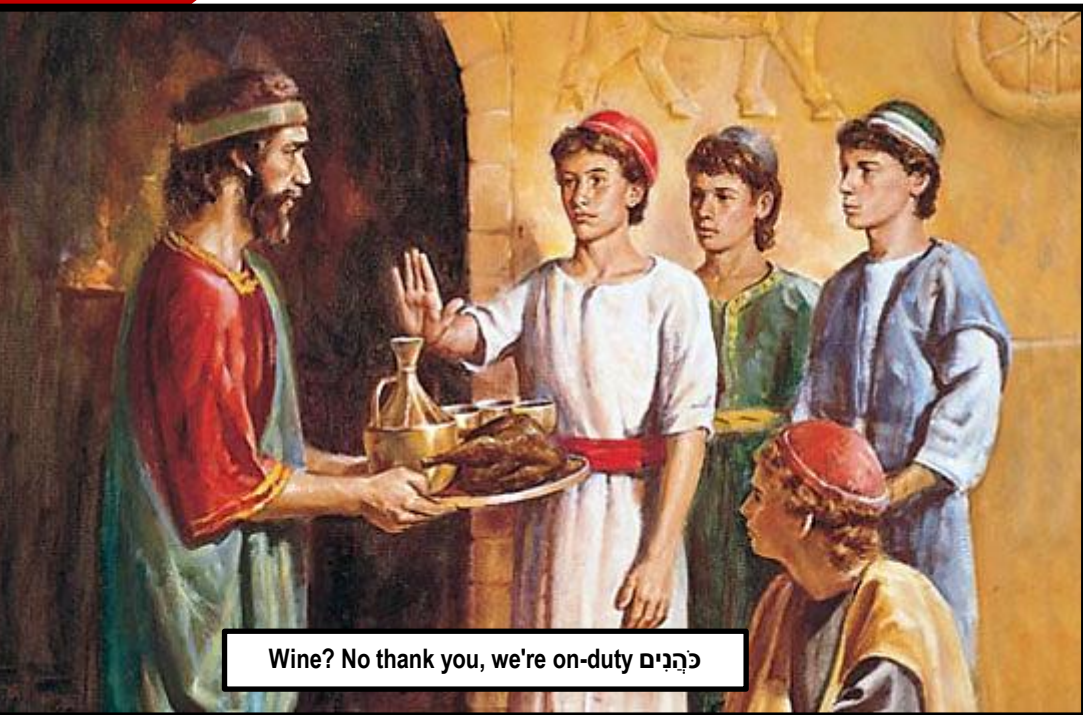


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# DAF YOMI4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf



Wine? No thank you, we're on-duty כהנים

A כהן who drinks wine may not perform services in the המקדש (Holy Temple) until the effects of the wine have gone away. For this reason, כהנים who are about to serve in the המקדש may not drink alcohol beforehand.

If it was a כהן's turn to serve in the המקדש that day, he may not drink alcohol during the day or at night. Even if a כהן will

not be serving in the המקדש that day, he still may not drink wine that day if he will be serving later (or earlier) that week. This is because he is on "standby" as extra help in case a large amount of sacrifices are brought that day. Since his help may be needed to offer the sacrifices that day, he may not drink alcohol.

We see from here that as long as there is even a chance that a כהן might serve in the המקדש, he may not drink alcohol. So what about nowadays? After all, the Holy Temple may be rebuilt at any time and כהנים will once again be called to serve their duties. Does this mean that even nowadays כהנים may not drink wine?

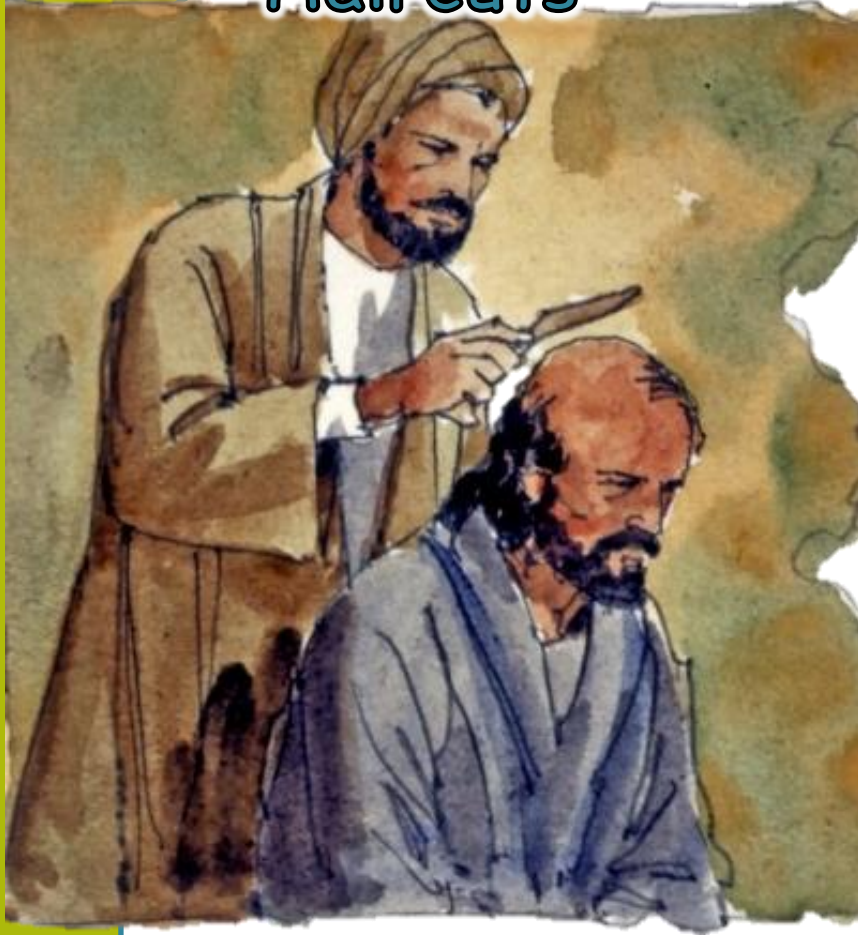
רבי says that כהנים may drink alcohol nowadays. Since so many years have passed without the Temple being rebuilt, we don't have to worry about it being rebuilt suddenly.

**! ? Did You Know...**

A כהן who performed the Temple service with long hair is guilty of death at the hands of Heaven.

**WORD OF THE DAY:**  
הַיְדֵנָּה  
"TODAY"

# Haircuts



If you have ever been to an important family celebration like a wedding or bar mitzvah, you were probably taken to have your hair cut beforehand to look your best.

During the week that a כהן would serve in the בית המקדש, he would not be allowed to have a haircut. Why not? רבה בר בר חנה explains (in the name of רבי יוחנן) that this was to force the כהן to get his hair cut before his week of service began. That way, he would enter his holy duty looking his finest.

A ברייתא teaches that a Jewish king must have a haircut every day. This is because we are told to behold a king in his beauty (see ישעיה לג, יז, Is. 33,17).

We are also taught that the כהן גדול used to have his haircut every Friday so he would look his best when he was first seen by the new shift of כהנים on the Sabbath. When the Holy Temple stood, a regular כהן had his hair cut every thirty days.

## A Moment - גדולות

"I can't believe this," exclaimed Mitchell. "I broke my leg this week, lost my lunch twice and my best friend is mad at my for no reason at all!"

"Sounds like you're having a tough time," said his friend Jonah. "Sometimes, Hashem causes hardship to remind us that we are doing something wrong that we must fix. When we fix what's wrong, Hashem then changes our fortune."

"That's right," said Kaleb. "That's why the גמרא teaches that, while fasting for rain to fall, we recite say 'blessed is Hashem who lowers the haughty.' By limiting rain, Hashem makes us 'lower ourselves' to discover what we are doing wrong. Then we can fix what's wrong and, hopefully, improve our situation."

## Games

### תענית דף י"ז - Review Questions

1. What is a כהן not allowed to drink before performing Temple service?  
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2. How often must a Jewish king have his hair cut?  
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3. What is the punishment for a כהן who performs Temple service with long hair?  
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How many words can you spell with these letters?

**HAIRCUT**