

Daf 23: יהוידע הכהן – Yehoyada, The Kohen

Yehoyada was *kohen gadol* and father of the *navi* (prophet) Zechariah. When King Ahaziah died, Yehoyada's wife, Yehosheva hid Ahaziah's infant son Yoash and raised him in secret, until the boy reached age 7. Then, Yehoyada crowned Yoash king and served as the boy's royal advisor. Throughout Yehoyada's life, Yoash acted justly and did what was fitting in the eyes of God.



However, after Yehoyada died, Yoash began to sin. When Yehoyada's son, the *navi* Zechariah warned Yoash and showed him the error of his ways, Yoash decreed that Zechariah be put to death at the *Beit HaMikdash*. Yoash paid no mind to any of the kindness Zechariah's father and mother had shown in safeguarding him and ensuring that he be crowned king.

Daf 24: קדושת עולה – Sanctity of a Burnt Offering



The Torah states that the *bechor* (firstborn) of a *behaymah tehora* (ritually clean animal) is holy, and as such, belongs to the *kohanim*. However, in a special case where an individual consecrated a calf as a *Korban Olah* (Burnt Offering) before its birth – the holy status of a *Korban Olah* would apply to that calf before the holiness of the *bechor* ever took effect. Therefore, such an animal would be designated as a *Korban Olah* and not as a *bechor*.

Daf 25: עולה או שלמים? – Burnt Offering or Peace Offering

Was it possible for an individual to designate an animal as a *Korban Olah* (Burnt Offering), but offer that animal as a *Korban Shlamim* (Peace Offering)? Answer: Yes, it is possible.

A person said: "I designate the offspring of my pregnant cow as a *Korban Olah*." Although the owner consecrated their cow's offspring as a *Korban Olah*, it is proper for the owner to offer the calf as a *Korban Shlamim*, if the owner had already consecrated the mother cow as a *Korban Shlamim* beforehand. Such an act automatically designated that cow's offspring as a *Korban Shlamim*, since when the mother cow was consecrated, the offspring was still a part of its mother.



FROM THE TALMUD

SEDER KODASHIM
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DAF 24

מן התלמוד:

סדר קודשים, מסכת תמורה, דף כ"ד:

”אבדה בשעת הפרשה, לרבי מתה, לרבנן תרעה. אבדה בשעת כפרה, לרבנן מתה, לרבי רועה”

Translation

מתה ... *Meta*..... Die
תרעה ... *Tera'eh* Graze

Explanation

A tannaitic dispute found on this *daf* questions the ruling in case where a person consecrated two animals to offer as a *korban* – one of which was lost and then found. The Sages debated whether, once found, the animal that had been lost should be killed or be returned to graze with the rest of the herd.

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☑ Daf 26: קֹרְבַן עֹלָה וְקֹרְבַן שְׁלָמִים – Burnt Offering and Peace Offering

If a person who sought to consecrate an animal stated: “I designate one-half of this animal as a *Korban Olah* and one-half of this animal as a *Korban Shlamim!*” the animal may not be offered as a *korban*. The individual is required to wait until the designated animal becomes blemished, pay to redeem it, and acquire two animals — both a *Korban Olah* and a *Korban Shlamim* — using, in part, the money received from the sale of the blemished animal.



☑ Daf 27: הַתְּלֻמוֹד הֵירוּשָׁלַמִי – The Jerusalem Talmud

Both the *Talmud Yerushalmi* (Jerusalem Talmud) and the *Talmud Bavli* (Babylonian Talmud) were composed based on the *Sheesha Sidrei Mishnah* (Orders of the Mishnah). Today, we no longer have Talmudic selections for every *masechet* (tractate) that makes up the *Sheesha Sidrei Mishnah*. For example, there is no *Seder Kodashim* in the *Talmud Yerushalmi*. However, there are indications in the commentary of various *Rishonim* that they did possess *Seder Kodashim* from the *Talmud Yerushalmi*, as proven in the writings of “ChYDA” (Rabbi Chaim Yosef David Azulai).



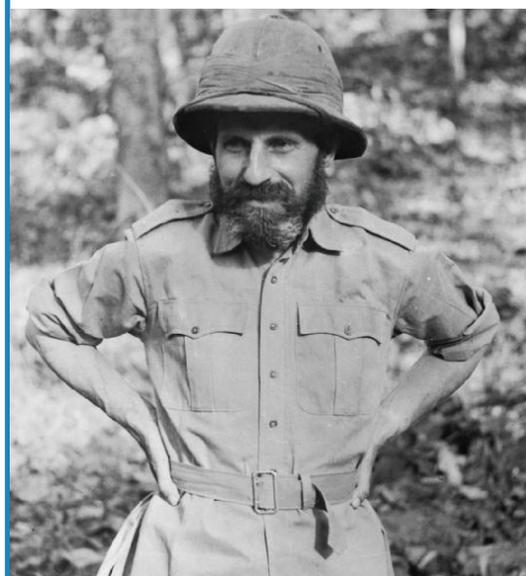
WHO'S WHO?

ORDE CHARLES WINGATE (1903-1944)

British Army intelligence officer Orde Charles Wingate arrived in Eretz Yisrael under the British Mandate in 1936, and immediately aligned himself with the Jewish leadership and became an ardent Zionist. He came up with an idea of establishing small units of Jewish commandos to combat Arab violence, called the Special Night Squads. These units were made up of British and Jewish *Haganah* volunteers.

Wingate became so deeply involved in the Jewish cause that his superiors in Britain decided to remove him from his post. Wingate became a hero of the the Jewish Community in Eretz Yisrael, and was loved by its leaders.

The Orde Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport was established in 1957. The Institute was awarded the celebrated Israel Prize in 1989 and is considered the most prestigious place in Israel to learn and practice sport.



Orde Charles Wingate after his return from operations in Japanese-occupied Burma in 1943.
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📌 Daf 28: בְּהֵמָה שְׁחֻקְצָתָהּ לְעִבּוֹדַת כּוֹכָבִים – An Animal Designated for Idol Worship

The *Mishnah* teaches the following *halacha*: It is prohibited to offer in the *Beit HaMikdash* any animal that had been previously set aside for *Avodah Zarah* (Idol Worship). Conversely, it was permissible to consecrate an item worn by such an animal. For example, if the animal designated by an idolater for pagan worship was wearing a gold chain around its neck, it was permissible to donate the necklace to the *Beit HaMikdash* – because idol worshipers were known to set aside animals alone for rituals and not any items worn by their animals.



Reish Lakish taught an important *halacha* regarding an animal designated for idol worship. He stated that the prohibition against offering animals previously designated for idolatrous worship only applied to an

animal designated less than seven years previously. Commentators explained the rationale: If an animal had not been sacrificed after being set aside for seven years, it was unlikely the owner ever really intended to offer that animal, and therefore, the prohibition against sacrificing such an animal in the *Beit HaMikdash* ceases to apply.

📌 Daf 29: גִּדְעוֹן – Gideon

Gideon was a military leader, prophet and judge. We learn in *Sefer Shoftim* (the Book of Judges) that during Gideon's life time, *B'nai Yisrael* were tormented by the Midianites, after continually sinning against God.

Once, an angel appeared to Gideon and said: "God is with you, mighty man of valor. Go out and save *Am Yisrael*." Later that night, God appeared to Gideon and said: "Go to your father's house and take the cow he has been fattening up for idol worship for seven years. Destroy the altar your father built for idol worship and uproot the *asheira* (tree associated with idolatrous worship) next to his altar. Then, use the stones from his altar to build a *mizbe'ach* (altar) for Me. Sacrifice the cow your father fattened up for *Avodah Zarah* to Me, on the wood from his *asheira* tree.

The *Gemara* on this *daf* relates that one night Gideon destroyed his father's idolatrous items, God permitted Gideon to perform many prohibited actions. Among them were:

- 1) Sacrifice a *korban* (offering) outside of the *Mikdash*;
- 2) Offer of a *korban* at night;
- 3) Offer of a *korban*, although he was not a *kohen*;
- 4) Offer a *korban* without using service vessels;
- 5) Utilize the wood of an *asheira* tree;
- 6) Offer an animal previously set aside for idolatry.

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1. Who is the central figure in the illustration?
2. To which combat unit were the fighters in the illustration connected?
3. What is the connection of the person in the illustration to India and Ethiopia?
4. What does the plunging plane hint at and when did the event take place?



1) Orde Charles Wingate; 2) The Special Night Squads that were under Wingate's command; 3) Wingate fought in both India and Ethiopia; 4) Wingate was killed in a plane crash in India, in 1944, when he was 41 years old.

Dvar Torah VE'ETCHANAN

“ וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ ”

One of the famous questions regarding the *pasuk* (verse) “And you shall love HaShem, your God” is how that commandment should be obeyed. How can a person be commanded to love? After all, loving involves emotions, which are not always possible to control.

There are many answers to this question. However, there is a way to interpret the verse from a totally different perspective -- one that is not at all dependent on emotion.

“Love” — meaning, not only should you love your God, but you should cause all creatures to be filled with love for the Creator. By others seeing you act in a polite and dignified manner, others will also be filled with love for your God — and thus, you will have increased the love of God in the world.

In the *Gemara*, in *Masechet Yoma* Daf 68b, *Chazal* commented: “And you shall love (Deuteronomy 6:5) — One should make the name of God beloved. How should a person do this? One should read Torah and learn Mishnah and act with good cheer in business transactions. Then, people will say — Fortunate is a parent who taught their child Torah; Fortunate is a teacher who taught their student Torah ... See how pleasant such a person's actions are, and how proper are their deeds.”



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

All answers can be found in this Daf Yomi publication

1. What is the law regarding an animal designated for *Avodah Zarah*?
2. Is it possible for a person who designates an animal as a *Korban Olah* to ultimately sacrifice that same animal as a *Korban Shlamim* and why?
3. Who was Yehoyada the *kohen*?

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