

Order of Acts on Yom Kippur

Ref: *Sefer Avodah, Hilchot Yom Kippur, Chapter 4*

Order of acts summarised

- Lottery for removal of ashes from Altar (midnight).
- Wood arranged on outer Altar as normal.
- A linen sheet is spread out between *Kohen Gadol* and people so that the nation do not see him immerse in the *mikveh*.
- *Kohen Gadol* removes ordinary garments – *mikveh* plus 2 hands plus feet washing.
- Puts on golden garments.
- Slaughter of *Tamid*.
- Casts blood on Altar.
- Enters *Hechal*
 - Offers *Ketoret*
 - Lights lamps of *Menorah*
- Offers limbs of *Tamid* and *Chavitin* meal offering on *Mizbeach* – as everyday.
- Pours wine libation – as everyday.
- Bull and 7 sheep of *Musaf*
- Removes gold garments and puts on white (2 hand plus feet washings & *mikveh*).
- Bull of *Kohen Gadol* – *semichah* and *viduy* (bull was between *Ulam* and *Mizbeach*).
- Lottery for 2 goats
- Second *viduy* on head of bull of *Kohen Gadol*.
- Slaughters bull, receives blood, and gives blood to another *Kohen* to keep stirring.
- Takes fire pan to remove coals from *Mizbeach*.
- He is given the *Kaf* (ladle) and the *Ketoret* (which was ground very fine) and incense placed in *Kaf*.
- Proceeds to *Kodesh Hakodashim* where curtain was open for his entry.
- Places Firepan between staves of *Aron*.
- Incense pushed with thumb from *Kaf* to hand and then placed onto coals and waits until entire chamber fills with smoke.
- Walks out backwards and says prayer in the *Kodesh*.
- Takes blood of bull into *Kodesh Hakodashim* sprinkles 8 x between staves of *Aron*. Then places blood on a Golden table in *Kodesh*.
- Leaves *Hechal* and slaughter the goat, receives blood, brings to *Kodesh Hakodashim* and sprinkles 8x between staves of *Aron*. Places blood on second Golden table in *Kodesh*.
- Repeats process with blood of bull but this time sprinkled on *Parochet* (curtain) 8 x
- Same done with blood of goat 8 x
- Mixes blood of bull and goat and applies 4 x (i.e. one to each corner of Golden *Mizbeach*)

- Clears coals and ashes from Golden *Mizbeach* and sprinkles blood 7 x – total 43 sprinklings
- Leaves *Hechal* and pours remaining blood on W Base of outside *Mizbeach*.
- *Semichah* and *viduy* on head of goat to *Azazel* and sends goat to desert.
- Removes fat and organs from bull and goat above mentioned. Rest sent for burning to ash pile outside the *Mikdash*.
- Goes to *Ezrat Nashim* to read Torah to the people.
- Changes from white to gold garments (*mikveh* plus 2 hands and feet washing).
- Sacrifices goat of *Musaf*, his ram and the Ram of the People.
- Offers fat and organs of bull and goat that are burnt.
- Offers *Tamid* of the afternoon.
- Changes from gold to white garments (*mikveh* plus 2 hands and feet washing).
- Enters *Kodesh Hakodashim* to retrieve Firepan and *Kaf*.
- Changes from white to gold garments (*mikveh* plus 2 washing of hands and feet).
- Offers *Ketoret* of afternoon and lights *Menorah*.
- Washes hands and feet, changes from Golden garments to his own clothes and goes home, accompanied by the people where he would make a festive meal.