

Preparations of the *Kohen Gadol*

Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Avodat Yom Hakippurim, Chapters 1 and 12*

▲ Leaves his home 7 days (stays in his Chamber in Temple) and is separated from his wife – *Mosheh Misinai*.

- Sprinkled with ashes of *Parah Adumah* (Red Heifer) on 3rd and 7th day. (unless one of these is *Shabbat*)
- Trains in all aspects of Temple Service
- On day before *Yom Kippur* he stands at East gate of *Azarah* and they cause bulls, rams and sheep to pass before him.
- Eats normally except evening before *Yom Kippur* when he was given minimal food.
- Was not allowed to sleep that night
 - Learning
 - Scriptures read to him by others
 - Levites would watch that he does not fall asleep

PROCEDURE

Clothing

- Golden garments worn for following Offerings:
 - *Temidin*
 - *Musafim*
- White garments worn for the Unique Services:
 - *Par shel Kohen Gadol*
 - *Shtei Seirim*
 - ◇ *Chatat*
 - ◇ *Azazel*
 - *Ketoret* in *Kodshei Hakodashim*

Whenever the *Kohen Gadol* would change his clothes he immerses in a *mikveh* which was in the *Azarah*.

This was done 5 times. The process also involved washing his hands 10 times (sanctifying his hands).

It was allowed if necessary to heat the *mikveh* with hot iron slabs or adding hot water.

Comparison of some of the weekday Services with those on *Yom Kippur*.

| | Weekday | <i>Yom Kippur</i> |
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| Sanctification of hands | Copper <i>Kiyor</i> used by <i>Kohen Gadol</i> & Priests | Golden pitcher used by <i>Kohen Gadol</i> |

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| Ascent and descent of Ramp | Priests ascend on East side and descend on West side of Ramp | Priests ascend and descend in the centre in front of the <i>Kohen Gadol</i> |
| INCENSE OFFERING Gathering coals | Priest gathers coals in Silver Pan and move it to a Gold Pan | <i>Kohen Gadol</i> gathers coals with a Gold Pan alone (to make it easier for him) |
| Fire Pan | <i>Holds 4 kab</i> Heavy Had short handle | Holds 3 kab Light Had long handle |
| <i>Maarachot</i> (Wood arrangement) on the Outer <i>Mizbeach</i> | 3 arrangements | 4 arrangements (to beautify the <i>Mizbeach</i>) |

VIDUY



Mipi Hashmuah, atoning sins as mentioned in Torah, is through the recitation of *Viduy* (confession).

- Recites it **3** times:
 - **1** for himself (over bull, brought as *Chatat*)
 - **1** for himself plus other Priests (over bull brought as *Chatat*)
 - **1** for entire Jewish People (over goat sent to *Azazel*)
 - Each *Viduy* mentions *Hashem's* Explicit Name **3** times (**9** times in total)
 - When placing the lot on the goat of *Chatat* he proclaims *Hashem's* Explicit Name.
 - Therefore, on *Yom Kippur* the *Kohen Gadol* mentions *Hashem's* Explicit Name **10** times.
- When the other Priests would hear the Name being mentioned they would bow and prostrate themselves and fall on their faces.