

הלכות ראש השנה

1. Why do we begin saying סליחות according to אשכנזים at least 4 days before ראש השנה? (two)

- 1) in regard to the קרבן on ראש השנה says “ועשיתם עולה” so there is an element of you yourself being the קרבן so just like a קרבן needs 4 days to be checked for a מום so too we say 4 days of סליחות
- 2) There is a מנהג to fast for the התשובה ימי עשרת ימי התשובה and off the התשובה ימי עשרת ימי התשובה you can't fast 4 of them (ראש השנה, שבת, and יום כיפור ערב) so you have these 4 other days to say סליחות instead of fasting

2. Why do ספרדים start saying סליחות from ראש חודש?

Moshe went up to ה' to ask for forgiveness for the חטא העגל and get the 2nd לוחות

3. Why do we start blowing שופר from ראש חודש?

On ראש חודש אלול, משה went up to ה' to ask for forgiveness for the חטא העגל and get the 2nd לוחות

4. Why don't we blow שופר on ראש השנה?

- 1) To trick the שטן by taking a day off the שטן doesn't think he has to work so hard (non-literal)
- 2) To differentiate between the מנהג of blowing שופר and the מצוה of blowing שופר

5. Explain the נפקה מינה between the 2 Answers?

Whether you could practice: if it's because of reason 1 then no because we still want to trick the שטן, but if it's reason 2 then it's only a מנהג and you could practice at home

6. Why don't we dress our nicest on ראש השנה?

Because there is supposed to be a balance between יום טוב and trying to get forgiveness so dressing nicely is a belief all will be good but there's a little worry it all won't be good so we don't dress our nicest

7. How is the התרת נדרים ב"ד different than a regular one?

You can have family members in it

8. Why can't you eat nuts on ראש השנה? (two)

- 1) You shouldn't have nuts on ראש השנה because it creates more saliva and it'll be harder to daven
- 2) Because the אגוז of גימטריה is חט

9. Why should תשליך be near a body of water?

- 1) To remind ה' of the עקידה when they walked through a river until their necks
- 2) Coronation for a king was done near the water and on ראש השנה we coronate ה' again

10. Why say תשליך near fish?

- 1) Fish greatly multiply, and we too want to grow in all ways
- 2) Fish are hidden under the water and they have no עין הרע so too we want to be like the fish without any עין הרע

11. Can you feed the fish on יו"ט? Why?

No, because it is a טרהא to feed animals that aren't yours

12. When can you sleep on ראש השנה?

We don't sleep on ראש השנה afternoon is because ראש השנה is such an important day so every moment should be meaningful and we shouldn't waste time (if you are exhausted or you aren't going to do something positive you should nap)

13. Do we blow שופר on שבת? Why?

No, because we are nervous that one will violate שבת by carrying it to shul

14. How many blows must be made on a תורה level? Our custom?

תקיעה=9 surrounded by תורה-3 תרועה
 דרבנן-30
 מנהג-100

15. Why do we need to hear 30 blows if the תורה only says 9?

We don't know what the תרועה is (3 blows, 9 blows, or both) so we do every possibility which adds up to 30 (because when we do both that counts as 2 blows)

16. Why do we blow 30 extra after the first 30?

But since the שטן says to ה' that we only do the minimum so we double it so because of that to 60

17. Why do we blow 100?

the 100 cries of the mother of סיסרא we combat that with 100 שופר blows

18. Why should you have a new fruit on the second night of ראש השנה?

Because we have a doubt if the second day is a new day or part of the first day, so instead of saying “
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