

סדר כפרות עם כסף

The Kapparat Ceremony with Money

When using money for **kapparat** – for the symbolic expiation ceremony – it is the custom to give money in multiples of 18 (the numeric value of the word חי, life), in any form of currency (example: \$18, \$36, \$54); but no less than the cost of a chicken. This tzedakah money is then given to help the poor, before the start of Yom Kippur. The common custom is to recite this in the early morning hours after selichot, during the hours of the early “watch.” But it can also be said anytime between Rosh haShanah and the morning before Yom Kippur if necessary.

The following set of prayers should be recited entirely through. First, we begin with the following paragraph; which is to be said with fervor, while holding the money in one's right hand:

Children of man, mortal children;

בְּנֵי אָדָם,

Who sit in the darkness and the shadow of death, being tortuously bound-up and in iron chains.¹ He will bring them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and will break their bonds asunder.² Foolish ones, terribly afflicted because of their sinful ways and their wrongdoings; their soul despises all manner of food, and they draw near to the gates of death. They cry out to HASHEM in their trouble; He saves them from their distresses. He delivers them from their graves. Let them thank HASHEM for His mercy, and [proclaim] His wonders to the children of man.³ If there be for him an angel, an intercessor, one among a thousand, to vouch for a man's uprightness on his behalf, then He will be gracious to him and say: Redeem him from going down to the grave; I have found expiation [for him].⁴

יֹשְׁבֵי חֹשֶׁךְ וְצִלְמוֹת, אֲסִירֵי עֲנִי
וּבְרִזָּל: יוֹצִיאֵם מִחֹשֶׁךְ וְצִלְמוֹת,
וּמוֹסְרוֹתֵיהֶם יִנְתֵּק: אֲוִלִים מְדַרְדְּרֵי
פִשְׁעָם, וּמַעֲזוֹנֹתֵיהֶם יִתְעַנּוּ: כָּל אֲכָל
תִּתְעַב נַפְשָׁם, וַיִּגְיעוּ עַד שַׁעְרֵי מוֹת:
וַיִּזְעֲקוּ אֶל יְיָ בְּצַר לָהֶם,
מִמְצַקוֹתֵיהֶם יוֹשִׁיעֵם: יִשְׁלַח דְּבָרוֹ
וַיִּרְפָּאֵם, וַיִּמְלֹט מִשְׁחִיתוֹתָם: יוֹדוּ
לַיְיָ חֶסֶדּוֹ, וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו לְבְנֵי אָדָם:
אִם יֵשׁ עָלָיו, מִלְּאָךְ מַלְיָן, אֶחָד
מִנֵּי אֱלֹהֵי: לְהַגִּיד לְאָדָם יִשְׁרוּ:
יִחַנְּנוּ וַיֹּאמְרוּ: פְּדֵעֵהוּ מִרְדַּת שְׁחַת;
מִצָּאתַי כֹּפֵר:

1 Psalms 107:10

2 Psalms 107:14

3 Psalm 107:17-21

4 Job 33:23-24

Second, we recite this following paragraph. While holding the money in hand, waving it in a circle each time you reads the word **זֶה** in bold red:

This is my exchange,
this is my substitute, **this** is my expiation.
This money shall go to charity, and I will go on
to a good life and peace.

זֶה חֲלִיפָתִי,
זֶה תְּמוּרָתִי, זֶה כַּפָּרָתִי.
זֶה הַכֶּסֶף יֵלֵךְ לְצֶדֶקָה, וְאֲנִי אֵלֵךְ
לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים אֲרוּכִים וּלְשָׁלוֹם:

Zeh chalifati, Zeh temurati, Zeh kaparti
Zeh kesef yei'leych li'tzedakah, va'ani ei'ley'ch l'chai'im tov'im aruch'im ule'shalom.

Repeat the ritual again, starting from the first paragraph. Reciting the entire order twice more, for a total of three (3) recitations. Finally, placing the money in the tzedakah box.

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