

Introduction to תמיד

תמיד which is made up of either 6 or 7 chapters, has a few "patches" of *תלמוד בבלי* (and no *תלמוד ירושלמי* is descriptive), unlike most of the corpus of the *משנה* which is prescriptive. This is presented as an eye-witness account of the daily *עבודה*, focusing on the *קרוב תמיד*. Keep in mind that each week, a different group of *כהנים* (called *משמרת*) would come to *ירושלים* (arrival on *שבת* and remain for the week, taking over midday on *שבת* (and leaving the following *יום ראשון*). Each day, a different *בית אב* of that *משמרת* would be "on" for the *עבודה*. There are no disputes in the *משנה*. Again, since the publishers included *תמיד* in the pagination of *מסכת מעילה*, we are following that scheme and citing the page numbers in these pages.

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25b (משנה א) → 26b (לעיולי מטות לבית המקדש)

1. והחנים לפני המשכן קדמה לפני אהל מועד מזרחה משה ואהרן ובניו שמרים משמרת המקדש למשמרת בני ישראל והזר הקרב יומת: במדבר ג, לח
 2. וגם את אחיק מטה לוי שבט אביד הקרב אתך וילוו עליך וישתדדו ואתה ובניך אתך לפני אהל העדת: במדבר יח, ב
 3. וילוו עליך ושמרו את משמרת אהל מועד לכל עבדת האהל וזר לא יקרב אליכם: במדבר יח, ד
 4. והבית בהבנתו אבן שלמה מסע נבנה ומקבות והגרון כל כלי ברזל לא נשמע בבית בהבנתו: מ"א, ז
 5. ומיסד אבנים וקרות אבנים גדולות אבני עשר אמות ואבני שמונה אמות: מ"א, ז

- I א משנה: wake-up, including 3 locations where *כהנים* perform *שמירה*, per v. 1
- a Locations: בית אבטינס; בית ניצוץ; בית מוקד
- i (רובדים של אבנים) בית ניצוץ ובית אבטינס
- 1 And: there were lofts and young *כהנים* (too young to perform *עבודה*) guard there
- 2 Lofts: is taken literally; *כהנים* would guard below and *כהנים* above, per v. 3 (*לויים* help *כהנים* in their precinct)
- (a) Background: v. 4 – *לויים* helping with their own precinct
- ii בית מוקד: large domed room, with stone steps; elders of the בית אב (see note) sleep there and they have keys of *עזרה*
- 1 גרמי כהונה: would sleep on the ground (as it is unseemly to bring beds into *עזרה*), with their כהונה below them, wearing their own (night-)clothes.
- (a) Challenge: need more than one *שומר* for בית מוקד, as it had a door leading out to חיל along with door leading in to *עזרה*; ר' יהודה; *עזרה*;
 (i) Answer (אב"י): since the two were adjacent, one *שומר* could look each way and guard both
- 2 Clarification of *דובדין של אבנים*: means steps to go up to עלייה
- (a) Challenge: they wouldn't allow hewing of stones in מקדש (v. 4)
- (b) Answer: they would take big stones and fill in gaps with pebbles (v. 5) as they did in building מזבח
- iii If: someone had a קרי at night, he would go through a tunnel that goes around and down to בית הטבילה, lit with lamps on both sides, and there was a bonfire there, along with a "dignified" בית הכסא
- 1 Dignity: if he found it closed, he would assume that someone was inside and not go in; if open – available
- iv טבילה: he would go in, come out and towel off and warm up by the bonfire, then he would go and stand with other *כהנים* until the gates open and leave (as he needs to be outside of the *הר הבית* until *שמש*)
- II ב משנה: wake-up procedure for any כהן who wishes to participate in פיס for *תרומת הדשן*
- a Anyone: who wishes to participate in פייס gets up early, goes to מקוה before "captain" arrives
- b ממונה: arrives around dawn (before or after crowing of rooster); he would knock on the door and they would open for him;
- i He would announce: anyone who went to מקוה may join the פייס - then someone "won" the lottery