

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

* עני * עשיר * atonement * pledged * poor * wealthy *

IN THE PARSHAH:

After a מצורע becomes טהור, he must bring certain קרבנות, depending on what he could afford. The more expensive קרבנות are called קרבן עשיר, the less expensive קרבנות are called קרבן עני. Interestingly, another Yid may volunteer to bring these קרבנות on behalf of the מצורע, instead of the מצורע himself.

The רמב"ם writes that an עשיר (a "_____ " person) who pledges to bring the קרבן of a מצורע who is an _____ (a "poor" person) must actually bring a קרבן עשיר, the more expensive קרבנות.

QUESTION:

Since he pledged to bring the קרבן of a _____ מצורע, why must he bring the קרבן of an עשיר?

ANSWER:

If all he had to do was fulfill his נדר, it would indeed be enough for him to bring a קרבן עני, which is the amount that he _____.

However, these קרבנות are also meant to bring about a כפרה, atonement, for the מצורע.

Although he himself did nothing wrong, he is able to bring about _____ for the מצורע because all Yidden are responsible for one another (כל ישראל ערביין זה לזה).

When he pledged to bring the קרבנות for the מצורע, he put himself in the place of the מצורע, as if he himself was the מצורע and needs to bring about כפרה for himself.

So since he is an _____, he must bring a קרבן עשיר, which is what *he* could afford.

Further discussion:

Since it becomes his **own** obligation, why does an עני who pledges to bring the קרבן of a מצורע have to bring a קרבן עשיר? (See אות ה in the שיחה)

