

הלכות נפילת אפים (סימן קלא : דיני נפילת אפים)

קלא:ב-ג

Outline

1. Today's Topics
 - a. Posture for נפילת אפים
 - b. Sefer Torah for נפילת אפים
 - c. Time for נפילת אפים
2. (קלא:ב) ישיבה לנפילת אפים
 - a. (שו"ע) שו"ע must be said while sitting and not while standing
 - i. Q: Why?
 1. Based on קבלה (משנ"ב י)
 - ii. Q: Is sitting an absolute necessity?
 1. No (ריב"ש מובא שם). Therefore, if one finishes his תפילה and must wait in place for the time it takes to walk אמות ד', he may do נפילת אפים while standing if the congregation already started נפילת אפים. Likewise, one may do נפילת אפים while standing if there is another person davener שמור next to him such that he cannot sit or pass by him (משנ"ב שם)
 - b. Some say that one may do נפילת אפים only in a room in which there is an ארון that has a ספר תורה inside it, and if not, one should say תחנון without נפילת אפים (רמ"א)
 - i. Q: Is an ארון necessary?
 1. No; a ספר תורה alone is sufficient (משנ"ב יא)
 - a. Q: What if the ס"ת is not in the usual ארון but rather in a more secure ארון to the side? (הע' 15)
 - i. Nonetheless, since there is a ס"ת where one is davener, he should do נפילת אפים (אגר"מ או"ח ד: כא)
 - b. Q: What if the ס"ת is brought to the ארון only on Mondays and Thursdays? (שם)
 - i. Nonetheless, one may do נפילת אפים (גרשז"א)
 - c. Q: What if a place has been designated as a ביה"כ but a ס"ת has not yet been brought to it? (שם)
 - i. Nonetheless, one should do נפילת אפים (גרשז"א)
 - ii. Q: Why is a ס"ת necessary?
 1. Because פסוקים allude to נפילת אפים in front of an ארון (משנ"ב שם)
 - a. Therefore, one does נפילת אפים everywhere in ירושלים, even without a ס"ת (גר"מ טוקצינסקי, אגר"מ יו"ד ג: קכט הע' 16). However, מדקדקים are careful to do this only in the Old City (גרשז"א).
 - iii. Q: What if there are ספרים but no ספר תורה?
 1. (משנ"ב שם) whether one should do נפילת אפים מה' הפוסקים
 - a. Q: למעשה, how do we rule? (הע' 17)
 - i. One does נפילת אפים if there are ספרים that are permanently placed there (גר"מ קניבסקי, קר"נ קרליץ)
 - ii. One may follow the lenient view when educating children (אגר"מ או"ח ה: כ)
 - iv. Q: What if there is a ס"ת in one's house?
 1. One should do נפילת אפים (משנ"ב שם)
 - v. Q: What is the meaning of "כיסוי פנים"?
 1. This refers to our form of נפילת אפים (משנ"ב שם)

- c. If one is in a courtyard that opens into a shul or one davens privately at home at the same time as the ציבור, then one should do נפילת אפים (רמ"א)
- i. Q: What is the case to which the שו"ע refers?
 1. One davens in the courtyard of the shul while the door to the shul is open such that one can see the ארון קודש. However, if one davens in the courtyard but cannot see the ארון קודש or if the door to the shul is locked, then נפילת אפים is not necessary (משנ"ב יג)
 - ii. Q: Must one do נפילת אפים in the עזרת נשים?
 1. Yes because one can see the ארון from the windows of the עזרת נשים (משנ"ב שם), **even if there are curtains (דעת תורה הע' 18)**
 - iii. Q: What is the case in which one does נפילת אפים when at home?
 1. Even if his home is far from shul but only if there is no waste between his home and shul (משנ"ב יד) and he says תחנון at the time that the shul does (משנ"ב טו)
3. נפילת אפים בלילה (קלא ג):
- a. נפילת אפים is not done at night; however, in the latter part of the night, the custom is to do נפילת אפים since it is close to daytime
 - i. Q: Why?
 1. Based on קבלה (משנ"ב טז)
 - ii. Q: May one say the מזמור at night without falling on one's face?
 1. Yes (משנ"ב שם)
 - iii. Q: What should one do if מנחה goes into nighttime?
 1. If it lasts until night, then one should not do נפילת אפים, but during ביה"ש, the custom is to do נפילת אפים. Moreover, one may skip אבינו מלכנו during מנחה when necessary in order to do נפילת אפים (משנ"ב יז) **a. However, in ירושלים, נפילת אפים is not done after שקיעה (גרשו"א הע' 20)**
 - iv. Q: From what part of the night may one do נפילת אפים?
 1. (משנ"ב יח) חצות
 - v. Q: When saying סליחות, when should one say תחנון?
 1. Some have the practice to prolong the סליחות until actual daytime, other than on ערב ר"ה (משנ"ב יט) when there is no תחנון