A tenth-eifah of fine flour as a continual meal-offering: half of it in the morning, and half of it in the afternoon. (6:13)

The *Kohen hedyot*, ordinary *Kohen*, brought his *Korban Tamid*, continual offering, once upon his induction into the *avodah*, service. The *Kohen Gadol*, High Priest, brought it daily: half of the tenth-*eifah* in the morning; and half in the evening. The *Mishnah* in *Menachos* (50b) teaches that the tenth-*eifah* is split in half, with half brought in the morning and the other half in the evening. It is required that the two halves are from the same whole tenth-*eifah*. The *Kohen* may not use a half that he had at home. The *Rishonim* debate whether the twelve breads that are used must each be halved, or six in the morning and six in the evening suffice. In any event, explains *Horav Gamliel Rabinowitz, Shlita*, we derive from here that a requisite for this *korban* is that it come from a whole portion split in half. If one of the halves became *tamei*, ritually contaminated, the *Kohen* must bring a new whole tenth *eifah* and split it in half.

This teaches us that at all times, under all circumstances, whether it is day – when the sun is shining and life is good – or it is night – gloomy, plagued with adversity – he must provide a <u>full</u> /whole service. One does not serve Hashem only when things are going his way, when life appears to be filled with good fortune. We begin with a whole and split it – leaving a half for later, in the evening. We must always be cognizant of the challenges that we might confront. Likewise, when we are faced with adversity, we do not despair of salvation. The "day" follows the "night." They are not two separate halves, but two parts of one whole. All too often, when we feel that we have been handed a bitter pill, we lose sight of what tomorrow may bring. Likewise, when the sun is shining, we forget that our good fortune can quickly change. The continual-offering that the *Kohen Gadol* brings reminds us that serving Hashem is continual, in all times and in all circumstances.