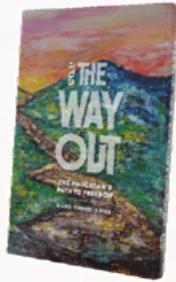
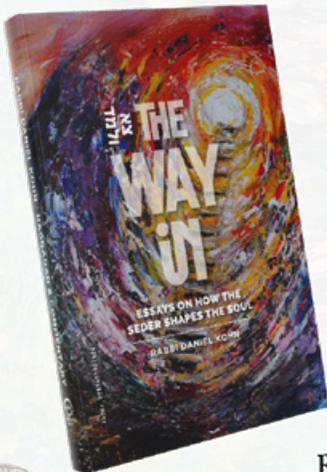


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ופשט את בגדיו ולבש בגדים אחרים
והוציא את הדשן (ד:ו)
“And he shall take off his garments
and put on other garments and carry
forth the ashes” (6:4)

Why the need to tell the Kohen
about his attire, removing and re-
placing his garments, when the main
issue seems to be the command to
remove the ashes?

Rashi (1040-1105) explains that
changing the attire is not obligato-
ry but rather good manners, that he
should not soil his garments which
he officiates continually in, while re-
moving the ashes. Also, the same
clothes used to cook for the master
should not be used to serve wine to
the master.

The Maharsha (Rabbi Shmuel Ideles
1555-1631) takes this idea of Rashi
(found also in Talmud Shabbat 114a)
to an issue closer to home. We learn
from here in Shulchan Aruch (Orach
Chayim 262:2) that a person should
change his clothes before Shabbat.
As the Kohen is instructed not to
wear the same clothing to take out
the ashes that he will wear for the
Avodah, but to change into nicer gar-
ments, so too for Shabbat, we should
change into nicer clothes than those
worn during the week.
Shabbat Shalom