

## SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	7:00 PM
Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
Sof Zman K"Sh- 9:46 א"ג < 9:10 א"ב	
Pirkei Avos Shiur	6:40 PM
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	7:25 PM
Maariv	8:37 PM

### Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
~ Followed by shiur	
Mincha / Maariv	7:35 PM

### Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

#### Shacharis

Monday, Thursday	ב " (ה) (ו)	6:30 AM
Tues, Wed., Fri		6:45 AM
Mincha (Mon-Thur)		1:45 PM
<b>Mincha / Maariv</b>		<b>7:35 PM</b>
Maariv (Mon-Thur)		9:45 PM

Thursday Night Shiur by Rabbi Teichman after Maariv

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder!

The Talmud (שבת פח) relates how when Moshe ascended on high to receive the Torah, the angels interceded and sought to prevent this "catastrophe". מה "לילוד אשה בינינו?!" "What is one born of a woman doing amongst us?!" After Hashem informed them of His intention to give him the Torah, they exclaimed, "חמדה גנוזה... אתה מבקש ליתנה לבשר ודם?!" "This hidden treasure... You seek to give to flesh and blood?!"

What is it about "being born of a woman" that delegitimizes our ability to accept the Torah? If it is that we are mortal and possessing base material desires that is the disqualification, why is this contingent on being born of a woman? Throughout Torah literature the frail human is referred to as "flesh and blood". What about our bones and our inner organs? Are they less materialistic!? Why the emphasis on the flesh and blood?

In the portions we read this week there are three categories of טומאה, impurity, mentioned.

The impurity associated with 1) "childbirth", 2) צרעת, "leprosy", 3) "discharges" from the body, נדה, זבה, וקרי, both male and female contamination.

Childbirth causes a defilement that is exclusive to "women", "לילוד אשה". Leprosy is a spiritual disease of the "flesh", "לנגע צרעת", "Niddah", a menstruant, as well as the zavah are defilement due to a type of "blood" flow, דמה.

The Midrash (בראשית רבה יז, ו) points out that the letter "ס", which is the first letter in the name of the Angel of Death, סמאל, as well as interchangeable with the letter ש, the first letter of שטן, Satan, is first used in the Torah describing the creation of animate beings, in the sentence (בראשית ב, כב) "ויסגר בשר תחתנה" "sealed the flesh in its place".

Rashi elucidates that the intention was so that man would not be disgraced by observing evidence of the removal of his flesh. It was at this juncture that the "ס...ס", Satan, had his first debut!

What do we learn about the nature of the evil inclination being introduced here?

Man has an instinct to isolate himself and exist on his own, this is his ego! Even in the creation of his, עזר כנודו, "helper", man can't stand to see that "connection". The woman was now also left without evidence of "where she came from", thus creating a danger of disconnecting from her consciousness her source of existence and her ultimate role!

In the sin of eating from the Tree of Knowledge, each accomplice sought to act independently from the one they were responsible to. The נחש, the snake, freed himself of his role to act as G-d's agent in serving Adam. This led the way for Adam and Chavah too, to forget their closeness and commitment to Hashem. Chavah receded from her role as "helper" and lapsed in her remaining united and linked to the husband she was to assist. Adam failed in acting responsibly to himself and his own personal mission of growth by being lured and defined by others.

Woman would now be tested through the pain, anxiety and difficulty in bearing and raising children. She would carry an entity that was one with her but eventually part with it, yet remaining devoted to it despite the many challenges. She would also be tested in her loyalty to her husband to see if she would return to him once again to bear more children despite the concomitant suffering. She would have to rectify her "independence" by remaining "connected".

Both man and woman would experience a distance from Hashem when experiencing a flow of "blood" and fluid that represents a process of "death", where the inner workings of the body would need to "regenerate" to health. In the course of this "disease" they would be distanced from Hashem, unable to enter the Temple nor eat from its offerings, in a test of their true mettle to see if they will remain loyal despite the distance.

The affliction of צרעת, leprosy, a product of one's צר עין, narrow and selfish eye, which stems from an inner weakness of self appreciation and the need to slander others in an attempt to "build one's self up" artificially, is meant to cure man's "illness" of fleeing from obligation to self. By isolating the leper we are not only removing him from the ability to harm others but more importantly we want to give him a chance to rediscover "himself" in contemplative and purposeful solitude.

The Targum Yonason translates the word צרעת as "סיגור", closed off! These are the same letters in the word "ויסגר", where the Satan made his first strike in distancing and sealing us from Hashem, our fellow man and most dangerously from ourselves!

It is for this reason the angels derided us with the title "לילוד אשה", for therein began our descent in not remaining devoted to our fellow man. They sought to further insult us by pointing to our flesh and its succumbing to the temptations of contrived pleasures that blind us from our true self image. They emphasized our blood, the life force that becomes diseased when it lacks sufficient "oxygen" being disconnected from the source of all life, Hashem.

But Hashem responded that it is precisely the "distance" that makes the heart grow fonder and stronger.

When approaching the Kohen upon discovering a נגע, an affliction, on a house, one declares (ויקרא יד, לה) כנגע נראה לי, like a affliction has appeared to me. The Baal HaTurim notes there is one other instance this expression is used. The Prophet Yirmiyahu (ירמיהו לא, ב) states that even in a time of destruction and distance מרחוק הי נראה לי, from the distance G-d You have appeared to me!

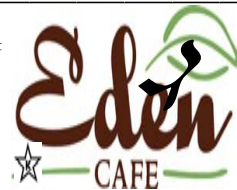
The message is clear, we must never lose sight of Hashem who is part and parcel of all our interactions בין אדם למקום, between man and G-d, בין אדם לחבירו, between man and his fellow man and לעצמו, between man and himself!

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