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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

\*Due to the **community-wide** preventive social distancing policy, there is a temporary **closure of all shuls** in the community. As for **davening and shiurim, they will be held virtually via Zoom** until further notice.

**Zimanim for Shabbos****Friday**

ZOOM Shacharis:	7:00 am
Sof Ziman Krias Shema:	9:40 am
Sof Ziman Tefillah:	10:48 am
Shabbos Ruach/Mincha ZOOM:	6:45 pm
Candle Lighting:	7:35 pm

**Shabbos**

Sof Ziman Krias Shema:	9:39 am
Sof Ziman Tefillah:	10:48 am
Shabbos is over after:	9:06 pm

**\*Remember to count Sefirah!****Next Shabbos – Acharei Mos/Kedoshim****Mazel Tov to**

- David Dannenbaum and Elka Minna Josephs on the marriage of their daughter, Rochie, to Chaim Ziman. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel! Mazel tov to the grandparents, Steve Samuelson and Richard and Wilma Dannenbaum.
- Aaron and Shoshana Shamberg on the birth of a grandson to Sivi and Daniel Andorsky. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah, l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

**From the Rabbi**

Dear Kehillah HaKedoshah,

We are living in unusual times. I was thinking this morning about a person in the gemara who comes up in halachic discussions—a person who is half slave and half free. I'm kind of feeling that way. We have all kinds of

rules and restrictions (absolutely necessary) and things that we cannot do. It feels like your freedom has been taken away. Then you go outside for a walk and the world actually looks normal and you feel a little freedom. I'm feeling half slave half free.

Thank you to all the medical people, first responders, and food service people who are keeping things going. And so many others as well. Thank you to our community who has far and away kept the rules and guidelines set by the Governor and by the Vaad HaRabbonim. I think that bH it's made a big difference here.

Consider this a wave and a hello from myself and Rebbetzin Bracha 🤝!

*-Rabbi Menachem Goldberger*

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- Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger
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**This Shabbos**

All Shabbos davening is at home. This Shabbos is Rosh Chodesh Iyar. We say **Yaaleh v'yavoh for Rosh Chodesh; chatzi Hallel following Shacharis; Rosh Chodesh Mussaf**. Remember, you can say **everything except: Kaddish. Barchu. Repetition of Shemoneh Esrei and Kedusha. Krias HaTorah.** On Friday night you can say "Va'Yechulu" after Shemoneh Esrei even if you are by yourself.

Do not say the bracha Magen Avos which follows all the way through "Baruch Ata Hashem, Mekadesh HaShabbos." The rabbi suggests you read Parshas Tazria and Metzora, along with the Haftarah, from the Chumash. No brachos should be made on the Torah or the Haftarah. **Bivracha v'shalom and wishing everyone good health, b'ezras Hashem.**

**Women's Pirkei Avos**

Beginning this Sunday night, April 26, Rabbi Goldberger will be teaching a women's shiur in Pirkei Avos on Zoom from 8:30 to 9:15 pm. All women are invited. If you have a Pirkei Avos, please have it with you. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/690-238-6529>; the password is: 871565, or join by phone: 929-436-2866. Meeting ID: 690-238-6529.

**Our Condolences to**

- Rabbi Shlomo Porter on the loss of his sister, Mrs. Bella Smith a"h
- The Klotzman and Schwob family on the loss of their mother, Frona Klotzman a"h
- Rebbeca Chesner on the loss of her father, Mr. Yitzchok Golombek a"h
- Stephanie Ezra on the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. Tedi Langsam a"h

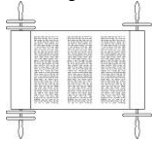
**Zoom Minyanim and Shiurim**

Join us for weekday Shacharis: 7:00 am, Sunday - 8:00 am; Mincha/Maariv this week: 7:45 pm with Pirkei Avos. You can join the Zoom video minyanim on your PC, tablet, or smartphone by clicking onto the link in the shul email: <https://zoom.us/j/6902386529>. All ZOOM minyanim and meetings ID: 690 238 6529. If you prefer to join us by telephone, you can call in at 929-436-2866; meeting ID: 690 238 6529.

**This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:**

A continued refuah shalaimah for all those affected by COVID-19. May Hashem continue to heal klal Yisroel.

## Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Tazria/Metzora

By Rabbi Oizer Alport

“...he is to call out ‘Contaminated, contaminated’” (13:45)

The Torah commands a *metzora* to dwell outside the Jewish camp and to announce his impure status to others by calling out, “*Tamei, tamei!*” The Gemora in Moed Katan (5a) explains that this is done for two reasons. When the *metzora* informs other people about his condition, they will pray that he should be healed quickly. Additionally, their awareness of his impure status will help them to avoid becoming defiled through contact with him. In addition to the two rationales given by Chazal, Rav Zalman Sorotzkin suggests that this requirement also serves as an essential component of the *metzora*’s process of repentance and atonement for his sins.

The Gemora (Arachin 16a) teaches that one of the primary causes of *tzara’as* is speaking negatively about others. In other words, before this individual was stricken with *tzara’as*, whenever he would see another person approaching him, he would begin to discuss forbidden topics with him. Therefore, as part of his process of repentance, the Torah requires him to begin his conversation with every passerby with topics that are considered mitzvos, such as warning them to avoid his impurity and requesting them to pray on his behalf. This reveals that he accepts that his condition comes from Hashem and is not arbitrary and coincidental, and it can only be cured through heartfelt prayer and soul-searching.

Rav Sorotzkin recounts that he heard from Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzenski that the Chofetz Chaim had a unique system to ensure that he would not be exposed to hearing forbidden *lashon hara*. Whenever somebody would approach him, he would immediately begin to discuss words of Torah and mussar with the individual until it was time for the conversation to end, and by actively filling the available time with the mitzvah of Torah study, a convenient side benefit was that there was no possibility of inappropriate gossip being shared.

Not surprisingly, it is reported that somebody staying at an inn in Europe was told that the illustrious Chofetz Chaim and Gerrer Rebbe were both passing through the inn. Excited to meet them and receive their blessings, the man perused the dining room

until he saw a table with two elderly Rabbonim. Unsure about which was the Chofetz Chaim and which was the Gerrer Rebbe, the man observed the two Rabbonim for a few minutes and noticed that one of them was dominating the conversation and doing almost all of the talking.

Knowing that the Chofetz Chaim was renowned for his concern about every word that came out of his mouth, he assumed that the Rav who was listening quietly must be the Chofetz Chaim and approached the table to greet him. To his surprise, the Rav replied that he was speaking to the wrong person, as the Chofetz Chaim was seated across the table. The embarrassed man explained that he was sure that the Rav doing most of the talking couldn’t possibly be the Chofetz Chaim. The Chofetz Chaim responded that people mistakenly assume that the only way to avoid sinning in the area of forbidden speech is to refrain from talking altogether. The reality is, though, anyone who is fluent in the pertinent laws will know what he is permitted to say, and will have no problem finding permissible subjects to discuss.

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## Hidden Treasures

With the exception of a Jewish leap year, Tazria and Metzora are always read as a double parsha, as they each contain the complicated, somewhat cryptic, laws of *tzara’as*. Although it is commonly referred to as “leprosy,” it is clear that *tzara’as* is not a form of Hansen’s disease; rather, it is a physical symptom of a spiritual defect. This is why the Torah instructs one stricken with *tzara’as* to consult a *kohen* rather than a doctor, as his malady is purely spiritual in nature and can only be “treated” by ritual purification. In fact, according to the Ramban and the Ramchal, every physical malady is really a manifestation of a spiritual flaw or defect. Only a *kohen*, the agent of Hashem, is truly qualified to cure someone of any illness, especially *tzara’as*, which is exclusively a spiritual matter.

There are three forms of *tzara’as* outlined in these chapters of the Torah; one that appears on the skin; another, on a person’s garment; and the third, on the walls of a house. Ner Uziel writes: “These are the primary points of interface between man and his environment; each is a contact point between the inner and the outer. The body’s initial contact with the environment is through the skin. More externally, the garments that cover the skin connect the body with the outside environment. And yet more externally, when a person is in

his house, its walls are the connection to the outer world.”

In order for one to appreciate the true nature of *tzara’as*, one must first have a true understanding that *tzara’as* is a direct result of Hashem’s involvement in our lives through His *Hashgachah Pratis*, commonly known as Divine Providence. Rav Shlomo Wolbe writes: “Unfortunately, *Hashgachah Pratis* is an abstract concept for many of us; we acknowledge it in our minds, but it rarely makes it into our hearts. When the *Bnei Yisroel* entered the land of Canaan, they were on a very high *madreiga*, and when an individual would commit an *aveira* while in this elevated spiritual state, Hashem would cause *tzara’as* to appear on the sinner’s body, clothing or house to indicate that He had distanced Himself from the offender as a result of the transgression.” Upon entering the land, the *Bnei Yisroel* lived with an incredible level of *Hashgacha Pratis*, and a person who spoke *lashon hara* would immediately be punished with *tzara’as* (as we see in the case of Miriam at the end of Parshas Beha’aloscha). Understanding the significance of Divine Providence and appreciating the fact that Hashem is always intervening in our lives is a very powerful concept. The Ramchal writes: “The human race is different from all other species, since it was given free will and the ability to involve itself with both perfection and deficiency. Therefore, man must oversee and scrutinize every detail of his activities, and bring about things that are the result of his ways and the fruit of his deeds. Each one of a person’s deeds, as well as their results, are scrutinized, and Divine Providence is then extended to him in the particular manner that suits their consequences, and [the individual is judged] *middah keneged middah*, measure for measure” (Derech Hashem 2:1:3). The Ramchal goes on to teach that everything Hashem does is for our best; even our suffering is a kindness- a *kapara* for our transgressions- and should be recognized as being for our ultimate benefit. This is exactly what *tzara’as* was all about. Hashem brought *tzara’as* to an individual so that he would examine his deeds and do *teshuvah*; the *kohen* served as a guide to help the sinner atone for his transgressions and return to a state of spiritual purity.

I believe the form of *tzara’as* that best exemplifies this concept was the type that appeared on one’s house. “When you arrive in the land of Canaan...I will place a *tzara’as* affliction upon a house” (Vayikra 14:34). On this pasuk, Rashi writes: “This is a good tiding to them that afflictions are to come upon them, because the Amorites hid treasures of gold in the walls of their houses all forty years that Israel was in the desert, and as a result of the affliction, he breaks down the house and finds them” (Vayikra Rabbah 17:6). Ner Uziel points out that although Rashi’s explanation did, in fact, lead to the occupant finding a

hidden treasure, which was to his benefit, it seems inconsistent with the Sages, who teach that *tzara'as* on the walls of the house was a punishment for miserliness. He writes: "These laws of *tzara'as* form the Torah's most detailed example of the manner in which G-d punishes the Jewish people. As such, they say much about His system of punishment. People tend to look upon punishment as a form of retribution and revenge, but the Torah considers punishment as a means of achieving *tikun*, rectification of a flaw, and a form of education, a lesson to others. In this sense, punishment is really a kindness to the one who receives it, for it is a means of spiritual cleansing." Rav Moshe Feinstein also notes the discrepancy and adds, "The solution must be that if the owner of the house was completely guiltless [of being miserly], he would find that same treasure in a painless way. Since Hashem made him find it only through loss and pain, by forcing him to demolish his house, it is apparent that, although he deserves to find that treasure, he undoubtedly has committed some error which caused him to be liable for punishment. He must learn his error, correct his ways, and take to heart the manner in which the treasure was given to him."

What we refer to as *tzara'as* today is our everyday stress, illness, and hardship, and in a sense, it is Hashem's way of sending us the same message as in the times of Yehoshua. Rava states: "If a person sees that afflictions are befalling him, he should investigate his deeds" (Berachos 5a). Rambam brings down a similar concept in *Hilchos Teshuvah*, reaffirming the Ramchal's idea that all of man's physical sufferings have their roots in his spiritual defects; Hashem, in His loving-kindness, gives us a "sign" through them to mend our ways and do *teshuvah*. May we all

be zoche to recognize and appreciate Hashem's *Hashgachah Pratis*, and find the hidden treasures inside ourselves. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### From this Week's Daf

"Come learn - We may spread a mat over a beehive on Shabbos, in the sun, to protect the hive from the sun, and in the rain, to protect it from the rain, provided that one does not intend to trap the bees." The beehive is muktzeh, yet the Baraisa permits moving a mat to protect it? The challenge is rejected: "What are we dealing with here? It is with this case where there is honey in the hive." Since the honey is not muktzeh, the mat may be spread to protect it. (Shabbos 43a).

### Donations

- In memory of Mrs. Frona Klotman, mother of Neil Klotzman, by Ron Maltz.

### Virtual Daf Yomi Shiur

Tiferes Yisroel is doin' the Daf! Thanks to Yehuda Tenenbaum and Avraham Litzman, we have a live, virtual Daf Yomi video shiur. Daf motzei Shabbos from 9:30 to 10:30 pm; Monday – Thursday from 8 to 9 pm. If you are interested in joining our virtual video conference, call in using the following phone number and ID: +1-213-279-1824; Conference ID: 588 166 322#, or email Avraham at avraham.litzman@vision33.com, and he will add you to the email group. For any questions or additional info, please contact Yehuda

Tenenbaum at 443-750-9606. Other weekly ZOOM shiurim with Rabbi Goldberger:

- **Gemara Sukkah: Sunday** morning after Shacharis around **9 am**.
- **Rambam: Monday** night after Maariv around **8:15 pm**.
- **Chassidus and Chassidic Stories: Tuesday** after Maariv around **8:15 pm**.

### Yahrzeits

Giving tzedakah in the name of the departed has the power to elevate their soul. When you give charity on behalf of your loved one, consider giving to Tiferes Yisroel. And may the soul of your loved one be bound in the bond of life, together with the souls of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov; Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah; and together with the other righteous men and women in Gan Eden.

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### Face Masks

The Chesed Fund and Project Ezra, in partnership with DMAC Security, are providing the community with subsidized disposable face masks. Special mask drive-thru pickup this Sunday, April 26, from 3 to 5 pm at the Bnos Yisroel parking lot. Only \$12 for a pack of 25 masks; cash only (exact change) and checks made out to Project Ezra will be accepted. Beginning May 3, masks will be available at Seven Mile Market and Market Maven, and local participating stores: A to Z Savings, Dougie's BBQ and Grill, Mama Leah's Pizza, Milk and Honey Bistro, Pariser's Bakery, Sion's Bakery, The Candy Store, The Knish Shop, The Savings Center, and Tov Pizza.

### Coming Up

- Bar mitzvah of Moshe Meir Jussim will be **rescheduled** for a later date TBD.

### Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha
- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah
- Emunah Friedman, Emunah L'Or bas Nachas

### PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Sign up by emailing shlomhuva@aol.com. The pushka challenge is to put whatever amount of money one is able into a pushka every day or as often as possible. The recommended amount is only 36 cents a day.

When your pushka is full, please empty it into a ziplock bag marked with your name, and drop it into our locked mailbox at 3310 W. Strathmore Avenue. If it is difficult for you to drop it off, please contact Shlomo and Ahuva Goldberger at 410-358-4456 to arrange a pickup

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**No Peanuts!** The shul is peanut-free. In consideration of our members with peanut allergies, please refrain from bringing peanut products into the shul.

**Fragrances.** In consideration of our members and guests who are allergic to fragrances, or who are sensitive enough that they are unable to daven, we ask that you wear your fragrances and hairspray as lightly as possible so that other people are not aware of it.



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**Mitzvah Cards.** For \$18, you get four cards that you can mail out yourself. For \$10, we will send the card out for you, and your donation will be announced in the Lev Echad.

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**Ride G'mach.** Call the Ride G'mach at 410-358-RIDE (7433). We need ride offers when anyone drives interstate, any direction. There are high school students who live in Lakewood and in Brooklyn who learn in Baltimore schools and vice versa. Please help them get home for Shabbos. Not door-to-door, just city-to-city. Often, Chesed of Boro Park calls, needing a ride to/from New York for people with medical appointments in a Baltimore hospital.



**Shul Rentals.** To reserve the use of the shul's Simcha Hall or Nancy Taffel Annex, please contact Eileen Rosenbaum at 410-764-8443 or [facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org](mailto:facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org). For availability, go to [www.tiferesyisroel.org](http://www.tiferesyisroel.org), and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up-to-date continuously.



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To sponsor Shemen Lamaor for a month or the Lev Echad or Camp Shabbos for a week, the donation is \$36. To sponsor Father/Son Learning for a week, the donation is \$90. Half-sponsorships are also available for \$45.

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- Other seforim may be dedicated as well.



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### TY SHIURIM SCHEDULE

(Unless otherwise noted, all shiurim are for MEN.)

**Sunday:**

- 9:10-9:55 am: Men's Gemara Chagigah shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis.
- 10:00-10:45 am: Women's Tehillim for cholim with Rebbetzin Bracha in the Annex.
- 8:00 pm: Women's Navi shiur with Rabbi Goldberger is currently on hiatus.

**Monday:**

- 7:00 pm: Rambam's Sefer Zemanim with Jay Taffel. After Maariv, the Rambam's Hakdama L'peirush Ha'mishnayos with Rabbi Goldberger.

**Tuesday:**

- After Maariv: Chassidus and Chassidic stories in Malchus Shlomo with Rabbi Goldberger.

**Wednesday:**

- 7:00 pm: Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel.

**Thursday:**

- After Maariv: Men's "Parsha Preview" with Binyamin Gerstenfeld

**Daily (Monday-Friday):**

- 5:45 am: Every morning before Shacharis, a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with Nesivos Shalom.

- 7:40 am: Every morning following davening - Dvar Halacha by Rabbi Goldberger and Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger. With fresh hot coffee!

**Shabbos:**

- After davening Friday night: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross.
- Boys' Beis Medrash learning after krias haTorah, upstairs Beis Medrash with Itchy Weingot.
- After Mussaf on Shabbos morning: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross.

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*Good Shabbos!*



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