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Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm**Shabbos Day**Shacharis (**Hodu**): 9:00 am  
Mincha: 6:45 pm  
Maariv: 8:40 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 8:59 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:35 pm**Monday-Thursday**Shacharis: 7:00 am  
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Dear Kehilla HaKedosha,  
We deeply appreciate your kindness and support always and especially during the period of shiva for our beloved mother and mother-in-law a"h. Your presence in our lives gives us much strength and helps us to cherish her memory. She loved Tiferes Yisroel, and loved davening here and participating in shul events, especially together with Rebbetzin Bracha at the Women's Coffee House Melaveh Malkah, where she always brought down the house! Thank you for your friendship with her. She brought much light and life to many people over the course of her very full life, bH. Thank you as well for your generous donations in her memory. Tehai nishmasa tzerura bitzror ha'chaim.

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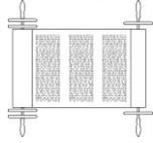
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As our members are now getting vaccinated, more are able to safely return to shul. We have recently extended the mechitza and adjusted the seating on both the men's and the women's sides to allow for more attendees. In the women's section, the shtenders next to the **yahrzeit plaque wall, a total of 11 seats**, will be designated for **VACCINATED non-socially distanced seating**. The shtenders and chairs next to the mechitza, a total of **11 seats**, will remain set up for **non-vaccinated socially distanced seating**. Please note that **masks continue to be required for everyone**, without exception, even for those who have been fully vaccinated. **\*We have re-instituted registration for women only.**

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## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Tazria/Metzora

By Rabbi Ozer Alport

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

The Torah commands a *metzora* to dwell outside of 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 and 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 (although, along with the clinical definition, Webster's also defines leprosy as a “morally or spiritually harmful influence”); rather, it is a physical symptom of a spiritual defect. This is why the Torah instructs one stricken with *tzara'as* to consult a *kohein* 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 *kohein*, the agent of Hashem, is truly qualified to cure someone of any illness, especially *tzara'as*, which is exclusively a spiritual matter. [It is interesting to note that Tazria/Metzora, the parshios of “spiritual illnesses that can only be healed by Hashem,” always falls out in Iyar. I recently learned that Iyar, י"א, can be rendered as “Ani א- Hashem” - Refaecha ג, - “I am Hashem, your healer.”]

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 teaches 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 *kohein* 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). The 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*

### Shiurim Schedule

#### In Shul:

- Sunday morning Rabbi's Gemara shiur in **Sukkah** following Shacharis from 9:15 to 10:00 am.
- Tuesday night **Chassidus** shiur following Maariv.

#### On ZOOM:

- Sunday morning **Women's Tehillim** recitation for cholim at 10:15 am; Rebbetzin Bracha's shiur in **Tehillim** at 11:00 am.
- Sunday night women's **Navi shiur in Sefer Yeshaya** from 8:30 to 9:15 pm.
- Monday night **Rambam** shiur from 8:45 to 9:30 pm.
- Thursday night **Pre-Shabbos ZOOM Ruach and Divrei Torah** for men and women from 8:45 to 9:10 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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### Thursday Nights on ZOOM!

The entire kehillah is invited to re-join Rabbi Goldberger for the return of the "**Pre-Shabbos ZOOM Ruach and Dvar Torah,**" Thursday nights from 8:45 to 9:10 pm.

### From This Week's Daf

"About what do R' Yose HaGilili and R' Akiva disagree? They disagree in the matter of the dispute of the following Tanaim. For it was taught in a Baraisa: On the sixth of the month of Sivan the Torah [the Ten Commandments] was given to Israel. R' Yose says: On the seventh of [Sivan]. The one who says that the Torah was given on the sixth of Sivan [the Tanna Kamma] maintains that on the sixth it was given, and on the seventh [the next day] [Moshe] ascended Har Sinai. And the one who says that the Torah was given on the seventh of Sivan [R' Yose] maintains that on the seventh it was given and on the seventh [the same day] [Moshe] ascended Har Sinai." (Yoma 4b)

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- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
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- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah

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(All current shiurim are listed in the **ZOOM Shiurim** box on the front of the Lev Echad.)

#### Sunday:

9:15-10 am: Men's Gemara Sukkah shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis. Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharshas.

10:15-10:45 am: Rebbetzin Bracha's Women's Tehillim gathering for cholim on ZOOM.

11:00-11:30 am: Rebbetzin Bracha's shiur in Tehillim, for women on ZOOM.

#### Monday:

8:30-9:15 pm: Rambam's Iggeres HaShmad on ZOOM with Rabbi Goldberger.

#### Tuesday:

Chassidus and Chassidic stories in Malchus Shlomo following Maariv with Rabbi Goldberger.

#### Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel on hiatus. **Thursday:**

After Maariv, 9:00-9:15 pm: Dvar Torah for men and women with Rabbi Goldberger on ZOOM.

#### Daily (Monday-Friday):

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