



# The sorts of tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz zt"l, made sure his family was up to date on  
from the mundane, to the profound, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'

# Klal Govoah

In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

**Parashas Tazria - Metzora 5783**  
**April 21st • Rosh Chodesh Iyar**  
**15 Ba'omer**

## Reminders

This Shabbos is also Rosh Chodesh. In this case, despite the normative sefirah restrictions, many poskim allow haircuts and shaving on this Erev Shabbos, Friday, April 21st, in honor of Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh. (Many allow this even for those who normally abstain from haircuts and shaving on Rosh Chodesh in accordance with Tzavaas Rav Yehudah HaChassid.)

This Shabbos is Rosh Chodesh Iyar. *Yaaleh Veyavo* is included in *shemoneh esrei* and *bircas hamazon*. *Hallel* is added after Shacharis Shemonah Esrei. Two *Sifrei Torah* are taken out; *maftir* for Rosh Chodesh is *leined* (Bamidbar 28:9-15) from the second sefer, followed by the *haftarah* for Rosh Chodesh (Yeshaya 66:1-24). *Av Harachamim* is omitted. Shabbos Rosh Chodesh's "*Ata Yatzarta*" replaces the standard Mussaf Shabbos text. *Barchi Nafshi* is said at the end of davening. *Tzidkas'cha* is omitted at Mincha.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is this Sunday night, April 23rd. The final opportunity is late Thursday night, May 4th at 2:09 AM EST.

Daf Yomi - Erev Shabbos: Bavli: Sotah 23. Daf Yerushalmi: Pe'ah 65. Mishnah Yomis: Pesachim 9:6-7. Pirkei Avos: Chapter 2

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbe to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

## Next on the Calendar

The series of BeHab Selichos/fast days begin on Monday, May 1st.

Pesach Sheini is on Friday, May 5th.

Lag Baomer is on Tuesday, May 9th

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Tazria:** *Tumah* and *taharah* brought about by childbirth and the accompanying sacrifices • Bris Milah • Types of *Tzara'as* include *S'eis*, *Baheres* and their *Mispachas* subcategories, *Shechin* and *Michvah* (*Tzara'as* on skin healed from a rash or burn), *Nesek* (*Tzara'as* on the bald spots in scalp

or beard), *Karachas* and *Gabachas* (*Tzara'as* on widely bald areas) • Laws of the *Metzora's* exclusion from the Jewish camps • *Tzara'as* of garments

**Metzora:** Details of the purification of the Metzora • *Tzara'as* on house structures in Eretz Yisrael • *Tumah* and *taharah* of *Zav* and *Bal Keri* • *Niddah* • *Zavah*

**Rosh Chodesh:** The special *maftir* (Bamidbar 28:9-15) discusses the added *korbanos* of Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh. The *haftarah* (Yeshaya 66:1-24) contains words of hope and consolation for Klal Yisrael. It concludes with the *pasuk* stating that in the future Klal Yisrael will gather in the Bais Hamikdash on every Rosh Chodesh to serve Hashem.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Tazria** • 67 Pesukim • 5 Obligations • 2 Prohibitions

1) *Tumah* of *Yoledes*. 2) Do not enter the *Mikdash* or eat *Kodashim* while impure. 3) A *Yoledes* shall bring a *korban*. 4) Show *tzara'as* affliction to a kohen. 5) Do not remove signs of *tzara'as*. 6) A *Metzora* must separate himself from the population. 7) Observe *tzara'as* of clothing laws

Mitzvah Highlight: The Torah prohibits removing *tzara'as* from one's body. The Minchas Chinuch explains that when one experiences any degree of punishment, he should react with introspection, and not dismiss the message.

**Metzora** • 90 Pesukim • 11 Obligations

1) A *metzora's* purification process. 2) A Kohen shall shave the *metzora*. 3) An impure person shall immerse in a *mikvah*. 4) A *metzora* shall bring *korbanos*. 5) Observe the laws of *tzara'as* of structures. 6) The laws of the *zav*. 7) A *zav* shall bring a *korban*. 8) *Tumah* of *shichvas zera*. 9) The laws of *niddah*. 10) The laws of *zavah*. 11) A *zavah* shall bring a *korban*.

Mitzvah Highlight: Hashem, in His great mercy, takes an incremental approach in reproving a sinner, first messaging him "softly" by putting *tzara'as* on a sinner's home, and only if he ignores the message, He punishes with *tzara'as* on clothing. Only as a last resort, He afflicts the sinner's body.

## For the Shabbos Table

"וְאִם-יֵדֵל הוּא וְאֵין יָדוֹ מִשְׁנֵהוּ"

"If he is impoverished and without the means" (Vayikra 14:21)

Halachah dictates that a *metzora* must bring a korban of three sheep. If the *metzora* cannot afford it, he can suffice by replacing two of the sheep with turtle doves instead. One who has the means to bring sheep but brings birds instead, has not fulfilled his obligation.

The Chofetz Chaim comments on how we may erroneously compare ourselves to others in our mitzvah performance. Some may feel bad that they are doing less than others. Some may content themselves by doing only just as much as others around him. This halachah demonstrates the fault in this attitude. A person is obligated to "give" not based on what society around him is doing, but rather according to his own means and strengths. One must take stock of his own talent and resources, and act according to what he can do.

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Parashas Tazria Metzora | April 21

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
<b>Atlanta</b>	9:25	8:13	10:17	+38	8:13	7:55	6:50
<b>Baltimore</b>	9:02	7:50	9:42	8:59	7:49	7:31	6:25
<b>Boston</b>	8:45	7:33	9:17	*,32	7:32	7:14	6:07
<b>Catskills</b>	8:58	7:46	9:32	8:47	7:45	),27	(,20
<b>Chicago</b>	8:51	7:39	9:24	8:39	7:37	7:17	6:12
<b>Cleveland</b>	+26	8:14	10:01	9:16	8:13	7:55	6:48
<b>Detroit</b>	9:33	8:21	10:05	9:20	8:20	8:02	6:55
<b>Lakewood</b>	8:54	7:42	9:32	8:48	7:41	),23	(,16
<b>Los Angeles</b>	8:41	7:29	9:32	8:53	7:28	7:10	6:06
<b>Miami</b>	8:59	7:47	10:05	9:29	7:46	7:28	6:26
<b>Monsey</b>	8:55	7:43	9:31	8:46	7:42	7:24	6:17
<b>Montreal</b>	9:01	7:49	9:25	8:36	7:48	7:30	6:21
<b>New York</b>	8:54	7:42	9:31	8:46	7:41	7:23	6:16
<b>Orlando</b>	9:07	7:55	10:08	9:31	7:54	7:36	6:33
<b>Passaic</b>	8:55	7:43	9:31	8:47	7:42	7:24	6:17
<b>Philadelphia</b>	8:57	7:45	9:36	8:52	7:44	7:26	6:20
<b>Toronto</b>	9:21	8:09	9:50	9:03	8:08	7:50	6:42
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	8:29	7:12	9:20	8:42	7:11	6:36	5:49

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