



The sorts of tidbits

my father, Rav 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!'

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In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Parashas Tazria - Metzora 5785
May 3rd • 5 Iyar

Reminders

BeHaB begins this coming Monday, May 5th. **BeHaB** is a series of three fast days on the Monday, Thursday and subsequent Monday following the months of Nissan and Tishrei (**BeHaB** is an acronym for **Beis** (Monday), **Hei** (Thursday), **Beis** (Monday)). A **Mi Shebeirach** is recited before **Mussaf** this Shabbos for those who fast on these days. Many congregations recite **Selichos** on these days. The reasons given for **BeHaB** include: 1) to atone for any sins that one may have committed over Yom Tov; 2) to atone for work performed over Chol Hamoed; or 3) to strengthen the health of the body in anticipation of the change of season. As the final Monday of **BeHaB** coincides with Pesach Sheini there are many who consider this a conflict and skip this day of **selichos** entirely while some end the **selichos** after vidui and omit **Avinu Malkeinu**.

At Minchah on Friday, May 9th, those davening Nusach Ashkenaz will have omitted **Mashiv Haruach** for the 90th time. Those davening Nusach Sefard will have included **Morid Hatal** for the 90th time during Shacharis on Friday, May 9th. At this point, one is considered accustomed to the new text and does not repeat Shemoneh Esrei if he is unsure if he davened correctly.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Sunday night, May 11th.

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 20th day of the **Omer** | Pirkei Avos: Perek 2 | **Daf Yomi - Shabbos**: Bavli: Shevuos 2. New **masechta** has just begun! • Yerushalmi: Eruvin 45 • Mishnah Yomis: Avodah Zarah 4:4-5 • Oraysa (coming week): Taanis 10b-12b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 80:61-67

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 connect with them as well!

Next on the Calendar

The series of fast days of **BeHaB** begins on Monday, May 5th | Pesach Sheini is on Monday, May 12th | Lag Ba'omer is on Friday, May 16th | Shavuos is on Monday and Tuesday, June 2nd-3rd.

Parshah in a Paragraph

TAZRIA: Days of **Tumah** and **taharah** brought about by childbirth, and the requisite offerings • Bris Milah • Types of **tzara'as** include **Seis**, **Baheres** and their Mispachas subcategories, **Shechin** and **Michvah** (**tzara'as** on skin healed from a bruise or burn), **Nesek** (**tzara'as** on bald spots in one's scalp or beard), **Karachas** and **Gabachas** (**tzara'as** on widely bald areas on the front and back of one's head) • 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 a **Zav** and a **Baal Keri** • **Niddah** • **Zavah**

Haftarah: The **haftarah** of Parashas Metzora (Melachim II 7:3-20) speaks of four **metzora'im** (who Chazal identify as Geichazi and his three sons). These 4 **metzora'im** - due to their halachic banishment from Shomron's city walls - brought to light Hashem's great **neis** of the armies of Aram flight and abandonment of their stores, alleviating the terrible hunger in the city of Shomron, as foretold by the navi Elisha.

613 Taryag Weekly

Tazria • 67 Pesukim • 5 Obligations • 2 Prohibitions
1) A **Yoledes'** days of **Tumah** and **taharah**. 2) One may 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 the laws of **tzara'as** of clothing

Mitzvah Highlight: The Torah prohibits removing **tzara'as** signs from one's body. The Minchas Chinuch explains that when one experiences any degree of punishment, he should react with introspection, and not seek to dismiss or avoid 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** as part of his purification. 5) Observe the laws of **tzara'as** of structures. 6) The laws of the **zav**. 7) A **zav** shall bring a **korban** as part of his purification. 8) **Tumah** of **shichvas zera**. 9) The laws of **niddah**. 10) The laws of **zavah**. 11) A **zavah** shall bring a **korban** as part of her purification.

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. And finally, only as a last resort, He afflicts the sinner's body.

For the Shabbos Table

”וְהָיָה לְאִתְּכֶם הַנֶּגַע אֶת־עֵינֵי”

“the affliction has not changed appearance” (Vayikra 13:55)

The simple meaning of this **pasuk** is that the appearance of the **tzara'as** on the garment has

not changed. The Chidushei HaRim offers another, homiletic interpretation.

The Gemara says that aside from **lashon hara**, another sin that causes **tzara'as** is **tzarus ha'ayin** - a narrowness in spirit resulting in a negative outlook and stinginess mainly towards others. As this sin causes **tzara'as**, in order to heal one must remedy his “eye” and repair his attitude in this regard. The **pasuk** can be read, “if the **nega** does not lead to him remedying his eye”, then the **tzara'as** will inflict him further.

The Chidushei HaRim adds that the word עַנְּג - pleasure, and the word (**tzara'as**) are very similar with interchangeable letters. The difference just being where the “**ayin**” is placed. When the **ayin** - the eye - is proper then it is blissful. When the “**ayin**” falls and fails, it may become a עַנְּג.

וְאִם־דָּל הוּא וְאֵין יָדוֹ מִשְׁגָּת

“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 less expensive doves or turtledoves. But one who has the means to bring sheep and 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, while others may content themselves with doing only as much as those around them. 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 talents and resources, and act according to what he can do.

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Parshas Tazria- Metzora | May 2-3

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:34	8:22	10:10	9:29	8:21	8:03	6:57
Baltimore	9:14	8:02	9:34	8:49	8:01	7:43	6:34
Boston	8:58	7:46	9:08	8:20	7:45	7:27	6:17
Catskills	9:11	7:59	9:23	8:36	7:58	7:40	6:30
Chicago	9:03	7:51	9:15	8:28	7:50	7:30	6:22
Cleveland	9:39	8:27	9:52	9:05	8:25	8:07	6:58
Detroit	9:46	8:34	9:56	9:08	8:33	8:15	7:04
Lakewood	9:06	7:54	9:23	8:38	7:53	7:35	6:25
Las Vegas	8:42	7:30	9:11	8:28	7:29	7:11	6:03
Los Angeles	8:50	7:38	9:25	8:44	7:37	7:19	6:12
Miami	9:05	7:53	10:00	9:23	7:52	7:34	6:30
Monsey	9:07	7:55	9:22	8:35	7:54	7:36	6:26
Montreal	9:16	8:04	9:15	8:22	8:02	7:44	6:32
New York	9:06	7:54	9:22	8:36	7:53	7:35	6:25
Orlando	9:14	8:02	10:02	9:24	8:01	7:43	6:38
Passaic	9:07	7:55	9:22	8:36	7:54	7:36	6:26
Philadelphia	9:09	7:57	9:27	8:42	7:56	7:38	6:29
Toronto	9:34	8:22	9:40	8:50	8:21	8:03	6:52
Yerushalayim	8:37	7:20	9:14	8:34	7:19	6:44	5:55

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