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A Chesed is a Chesed and lives forever

Our *Parsha* begins: "If a woman conceives (*Tazria*) and gives birth...." After discussing laws associated with child-birth, the *Parsha* deals with the supernatural "disease" called *tzara'as* which afflicted the skin and possessions of those who spoke *lashon hara* (gossip).

Since the vast majority of the *Parsha* deals with the laws of *tzara'as*, we need to explain the connection between this affliction and the name of the *Parsha—Tazria—*which refers to conception and birth.

At first glance, they seem to be contradictory themes: *tzara'as* is an unpleasant condition, which requires total isolation from the Jewish camp, such that the *Talmud* states: "The *tzara'as* sufferer is comparable to a dead person" (*Nedarim* 64b). How then is this connected with *Tazria*—conception and birth?

A fundamental principle of Jewish philosophy states that the punishments administered by the Torah are not intended to harm a person in return for the harm that he caused, but rather, that the punishment is primarily for the *benefit of the transgressor himself* (see *Kuzari 2:44; Ikarim 4:38*). This is because suffering

caused by a punishment cleanses the soul, allowing it to come close to God once again, either in this world or the next.

In most cases, the goodness within a punishment is not *apparent* to an onlooker, or to the sufferer himself. With the *tzara'as* sufferer, however, it is clear that his punishment is actually for his own benefit. For by being declared ritually impure, requiring total isolation, he will soon learn not to speak gossip any more, since there is simply no one to speak with him.

Thus from the case of the *tzara'as* sufferer we understand that in all other cases too, even where it is less apparent, the Torah's "punishments" are aimed at helping the sufferer correct his ill ways, and begin a new life, corrected of his former faults.

And that is why our *Parsha* is called *Tazria*, alluding to conception and birth, to teach us that just like the case of *tzara'as*, all the punishments of the Torah are intended to help a person have a spiritual *rebirth* in their lives, correct their past ways, and start anew.

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12:1-2 Chumash: Parshas Tazria

ראשון FIRST

Daily Synopsis: G-d instructed Moshe concerning the laws of defilement incurred through giving birth. Giving birth to a baby boy renders a Jewish woman ritually defiled for one week. After immersing herself in a mikveh (ritual pool) at the end of this week, she is technically undefiled, but she must wait 33 days before entering the Tabernacle or consuming sacrifices. During this waiting period, however, uterine bleeding does not ritually defile her as it normally would. The periods of one week and 33 days are each doubled for a baby girl. G-d then instructed Moshe concerning the laws of the (now-extinct) disease of tzaraat. Whenever such a person suffered the specific type of dermal lesion that could have been tzaraat, he was brought to a priest for examination. If the priest determined that the person was indeed suffering from tzaraat and pronounced him ritually defiled, the sufferer had to go through a period of separation from the community followed by a process of ritual purification. Sometimes tzaarat develops out of a white dermal lesion.

פַרָק יב

בי תוליע וולדה זכר וממאה שבעת ימים כימי נדת דותה

:אוֹדְבֵּר יְהֹוָה אֵל־מֹשֵה לֵאמר: The Eternal spoke to Moshe, saying,

יב ושרא לאבור אשה "Speak to the Children of Yisrael, saying to contracted "Speak to the Children of Yisrael, saying to tracted " them: If a woman conceives and gives birth to birth a male child, she will be impure for a seven-day period; she will be impure as during the time of separation for her periodic discharge.

Defilement

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א וּמַלִיל יִיָ עָם מֹשָׁה לְמֵימָר: בַ מַלֵּיל עָם בְּנֵי יָשְׁרָאֵל לְמֵימָר אָתָּתָא אַרֵי תְעַדֵּי וּתָלִיד דְּכָר וּתָהִי מְסָאַבָא שַׁבְעַא

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כשם שיצירתו של אדם אחר כַּל בָּהֶמָה חַיַּה וַעוֹף, בִּמַעַשָּה בָּרֵאשִׁית, כָּךְ תּוֹרָתוֹ נִתְפָּרִשָּׁה אַחַר תורת בהמה חיה ועוף: כי תזריע. לרבות שאפלו ילדתו מָחוּי - שָׁנִמְחָה וְנַעֲשָׂה כְּמִין זֶרֵע

כימי נדת דותה תטמא. כסדר כל טמאה האמורה בנדה, מטמאה

- אַמוֹ טָמֵאַה לַדַה:

ווריע. אַמַר רַבִּי שִׁמְלָאי: IF A WOMAN CONCEIVES. Rabbi Simla'i said: In the same way as the creation of man was after that of every animal, beast and bird in the Creation of the World, 1 so too, the laws regarding him are mentioned after the laws of animals, beasts and birds.

> קי תוריע – **IF... conceives.** This word² is added to include that even if she gave birth to the fetus in a dissolved form, i.e. it was dissolved and became like semen (זרע), its mother has the status of impurity of birth (Niddah 27b).

> SHE WILL BE IMPURE AS DURING THE TIME OF SEPARA-TION FOR HER [PERIODIC] DISCHARGE - i.e. according to the rules of any impurity stated regarding a *niddah* (a

^{1.} The Gemara (Sanhedrin 38a) explains that the reason for this order is that man should not become conceited, for we tell him: Even the gnat was created before you! Gur Aryeh asks: If so, what is the parallel to our section? He explains that their laws resemble their creation – just as their creation is their physical completion, so, too, their laws are their full, spiritual completion. Similarly, we find that the Gemara (Shabbos 88a) states that the Torah added a ה for the sixth day of creation: הַשִּׁשִׁ (Bereshis 1:31) to teach us that the entire creation stood in abeyance until the sixth day of Sivan; if the people of Yisrael would accept the Torah, fine - but if not, the world would return to desolation. We thus see that the Torah is the completion of the creation. (See also Levush Ha'orah and Tzedah Laderech.)

^{2.} For the verse could have said simply: אַפָּה רָי יֵלְדָה זַבְּר "a woman who gives birth to a male." Sefer Hazikaron points out that this rule applies only if it is known that the fetus formerly had a human form and then became dissolved. Although the Gemara (ibid. 31a) learns another teaching from this phrase, that if the conception comes primarily from the woman, it results in the birth of a male (see Rashi Bereshis 46:15), that teaching, however, is derived from the fact that it says: וַלְּדָה זַּכְר "[if a woman conceives] and gives birth to a male," instead of: אָם זָכָר תֵּלֵד "if she gives birth to a male," as it says regarding the female (Mizrachi).

Chumash: Sunday 12:2-4

א וביום השמיני ימול בשר And on the eighth day, the child's foreskin shall be circumcised.

בדמי מהרה בכל-קדש לא-תגע

יוֹם וּשִׁלְשֵׁת יַבִּׁים הַשַּׁב Then, for thirty-three days the mother will DALLY INSIGNATION TO THE THE THE PROPERTY OF TH remain in a state of purity with regard to her P133 blood. She must not, however, eat anything holy

יוֹמִין כִּיוֹמֵי רְחוּק סָאוֹבָתָּה תָּהָי מִסְאָבָא: ג וּבִיוֹמָא תָּמִינָאָה יְתָגַוֹר בְּסָרָא דְעַרְלֹתָה: דּ וּתַלְתָין וּתַלַתָא יוֹמִין תֵּיתֵב בָּדַם דְּכוּ בָּכָל קִדְשָׁא לַא תִקְרַב

בטמאת לדה, ואפלו נפתח הקבר בלא דם: woman in her regular menstrual time of separation) so she becomes impure with the impurity of childbirth,3 even if the womb opened without any discharge of blood.4

דותה. לשון דבר הזב מגופה. לַשׁוֹן אַחֶר: לְשׁוֹן מַדְוָה וְחֹלִי, שָׁאֵין אָשַׁה רוֹאַה דַם שַׁלֹּא תָהָא תָחַלָּה ראשה ואבריה כבדין עליה: הוחה – is a term for "something that flows from her body." 5 Another explanation: It is a term meaning "malady (מַדָוָה) and sickness," for a woman does not see her menstrual flow of blood without her head and limbs feeling heavy.

ד תשב. אין "תשב", אלא לשון עַכַּבָה, כִּמוֹ: "וַתֵּשָׁבוּ בִקָּדֵשׁ" (דברים א, מו), "וַיֵּשֵׁב בָּאֵלנֵי מַמְרֵא" (בראשית

- WILL REMAIN. The term תשב here is none other than an expression of "remaining," as in: וַתַּשָּׁבוּ בָקְדֵשׁ "You stayed in Kadesh" (Devarim 1:46); and: וַיִּשֶׁב בָּאֵלנֵי מַמְרָא "and he settled in Mamre's plain, Elonei" (Bereshis 13:18).

בַּדְמֵי טָהַרָה. אַף עַל פִּי שַׁרוֹאַה דַם – טָהוֹרָה. ״בָּדְמֵי טַהַרָה״, לא מַפּיק הָ״א, וְהוּא שֵׁם דַבַר כָּמוֹ "טהַר". "ימֵי טַהַרָה", מַפִּיק הַ"א, ימי טהַר שׁלַה:

בּדְמִי טַהַרה – [IN A STATE OF] PURITY [WITH REGARD TO **HER**] **BLOOD** - i.e. even though she sees blood, she remains pure.⁸ בְּדְמֵי טָהֵרָה – the ה of טָהֵרָה is not sounded,⁹ and it is a noun similar in meaning to טהר "purity." - the ה of יטָהֵרָה is sounded (הּ), 10 meaning "her days of purity."

לא תַנֶּע. אַזְהָרָה לָאוֹכֵל, כָּמוֹ ששנויה ביבמות (עה ע"א):

לא תגע – (lit.) SHE MUST NOT TOUCH. This is a prohibition for one who eats 11 holy items in a state of impurity, as is stated in Yevamos (75a).

^{3.} Rashi is explaining that the Torah is not informing us here about the length of time she becomes impure through birth, for this was just stated explicitly. Rather, it is teaching us about the nature of this impurity, as described in 15:19 ff. (Mizrachi).

^{4.} For had there been such a discharge, she would have the actual status of niddah (Mizrachi et al.).

^{5.} Ramban argues that he is not aware that הוֹתָד has any source in the Hebrew language as meaning "flowing." Mizrachi answers, however, that we do find a number of words in the Torah in Aramaic (e.g. Bereshis 21:7 מָלֶל and Devarim 32:36 מָלֶל . The word זוֹב "flowing" is translated in Aramaic (by Onkelos) as Tiz, and the a can be interchanged with a 1 [for they are both in the category of letters "ב, ו, מ, פ (Gur Aryeh)] (cf. Rashi 19:16: "all letters whose pronunciation emanate from the same place [in the organs of speech] are interchangeable"). See also Rashi Devarim 33:2 ד"ה וּכִיָמֵיךְ דָּבָאֶךְ

^{6.} As in Eichah 1:13, 22 and 5:17 (Malkah Shel Torah).

^{7.} Not "sitting" as is more commonly the definition, for it is inconceivable that she should sit constantly for 33 days (Kitzur Mizrachi).

^{8.} I.e. with regard to being permitted to her husband, even if she sees blood throughout these days (Mizrachi). See Tur, Shulchan Aruch and Rema, Yoreh De'ah 194:1 regarding the practice of this law.

^{9.} I.e. it does not have a dagesh that serves as a possessive suffix.

^{10.} I.e. here it does have a dagesh that serves as a possessive suffix

^{11.} Although the Torah expresses this prohibition as "touching," the Gemara (Yevamos 75a) concludes that it applies to one who eats. The reason for this is because the verse continues: וְאֵל הַמְקְנִישׁ לֹא תָבֹא "nor enter the Holy Temple." Thus this "touching" is linked to the

12:4-7 Chumash: Parshas Tazria

וָאֵל־הַמָּקְרֵשׁ לְא תַבֹא עַד־מִלְאת

בָּנֶדֶתָה וְשִׁשֵׁים יוֹם וְשֵׁשֵׁת יַמִּים תַשַׁב עַל־דָּמֵי מָהַרָה:

תַבִּיא כַבשׁ בַּן־שָׁנַתוֹ לְעַלָּה וּבַן־יוֹנַה אוֹ־תָר לְחַפַּאת אֵל־פַּתַח אָהֵל־ מועד אל־הכהן: nor enter the Holy Temple, until her days of purity are completed.

וואם־נקבה תלד וממאה שבעים וf she gives birth to a female child, she will be וווי חלד וממאה שבעים impure for two weeks as during her periodic separation. Then, for sixty-six days she will remain in a state of purity with regard to her blood.

אוֹ לְבַהֹ אָבֶיְ מְהֵלָּה לְבֵוֹ וּבְמְלְאת וּ וּבְמְלְאת And when her days of purity for a son or a daughter are completed, she shall bring a male lamb in its first year as a burnt-offering, and a young common dove or a turtledove as a sin-offering, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, to the priest.

יהָנֶה וְכְפֵּר עַלֵּיה וּ וּהְקְרִיבֿוֹ לִּפְנֵי יְהוָה וּ He shall offer it up before the Eternal and

וּלְמַקְדְשַׁא לָא תַעוֹל עַד מִשׁלָם יוֹמִי דְכוּתָה: ה וַאָם נִקְבַתָא תַלִיד וּתָהִי מַסָאַבָא אַרְבְּעַה עַשַּׁר כִּרְחוּקָה וְשִׁתִּין וְשָׁתָּא יוֹמִין תֵּיתֵב עַל דַּם דְכוּ: וּ וּבְמִשְׁלַם יוֹמֵי דְכוּתַה לְבָרָא אוֹ לְבְרַתָּא תַּיְתֵי אִמַר בַּר שַׁתָּה לַעֲלָתָא וּבַר יוֹנֶה אוֹ שַׁפְנִינָא לְחַטָּאתָא לִתְרַע מַשְׁכַּן זִמְנָא לְוַת כַּהָנָא: ז וִיקָרְבְנַהּ קֵדָם יִיָ וִיכַפַּר עֲלַהּ

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בָּכַל קדַשׁ וְגוֹ׳. לְרַבּוֹת אֵת הַתְּרוּמַה, לפי שזו טבולת יום ארך שטבלה לְסוֹף שָׁבְעָה, וְאֵין שִׁמְשַׁהּ מַעַרִיב לְטַהַרָה עַד שָׁקִיעַת הַחַמַּה שֵׁל יוֹם אַרְבַּעִים, שַׁלְּמַחַר תַּבִיא אַת כַּפַּרַת טהרתה:

ז וָהָקָרִיבוֹ. לְמֵדְךָּ, שֵׁאֵין מְעַכְּבָה לָאֵכֹל בקדשים אלא אחד מהם. ואי זה הוא? וָה חַטַאת, שַׁנַּאֱמַר: ״וִכְפֵּר עַלֵּיהַ הַכֹּהֵן

יגוֹי – **ANYTHING HOLY...¹²** The word כָל "anything" is added to include terumah; for this woman has the status of an extended טבולָת יוֹם, 13 for she immersed herself at the end of seven days, but "her sun does not set"14 to become pure until sunset of the fortieth day, that on the next day she brings her atonement offering for her purity (v. 6).

הקריבו – HE SHALL OFFER IT UP. The suffix i "it" teaches you that the non-offering of only one of them prevents her from eating holy sacrifices. Which one is it? It is the sinoffering, for it says: וְכָפֶּר עַלֵּיהַ הַכֹּהֵן וְטַהֲרָה "and the Kohen

prohibition of entering the Holy Temple in a state of impurity: just as one who enters the Temple in a state of impurity is liable for death by excision (Bemidbar 19:20), so, too, our case is also a prohibition punishable by death by excision. Thus, in this respect it cannot be referring to touching, for nowhere do we find a punishment of death for touching holy objects in a state of impurity, but only for eating holy food in such a state (above 7:20, 21; and regarding terumah 22:9). It must therefore be referring to eating. Why, then, does the verse express this prohibition as "touching"? The Gemara (ibid.) explains that it is to teach us that touching is forbidden in the same way as eating, although they are different with regard to their respective punishments, for only for eating is there death by excision.

^{12.} Gur Aryeh points out that Rashi does not explain the verse in order, for he has already commented on לא תגע, because he first wishes to give the plain meaning of the verse and afterwards explain what is derived from it.

^{13.} The term used to refer to one who has immersed himself (טבול יוֹם) or herself (טבולת יוֹם) in a mikveh, but is not fully pure until nightfall. See following note.

^{14.} This refers to 22:7: בָּא הַשְּׁמֵשׁ וְּטָהֵר וְאַחֵר יֹאכֵל מְן הֵקְּדְשִׁים: "When the sun sets he will become pure, and after that he may eat some of the holy food." Rashi (ibid.) explains this as referring to one who has already immersed himself to purify himself of his impurity, that he must wait until the full setting of the sun to be able to eat terumah. The interim state is known as טָבוּל יוֹם.

Chumash: Sunday 12:7 - 13:1

וְמֶבְרָה מִמְּקֹר דָּמֵיהָ זָאת תוֹרַת הַיּלֶּדֶת לַזָּכֶר אָוֹ לְנָקָבָה:

וַלַקַחָה שָׁתֵּי־תֹרִים אַוֹ שָׁנֵי בְּנֵי יונה אַחַר לעלה וְאַחַר לְחַפַּאת וְכַפֵּר עַלֵיהַ הַכֹּהֵן וְשַהַרָה: פּ make an atonement for her, and she will thus be purified from the impurity of the source of her blood. This is the law of a woman who gives birth to either a male or female child.

ואם־לא תמצא יַרה די שה ווּ If, however, she cannot afford a sheep, she shall then take two turtledoves or two young common doves, one as a burnt-offering and one as a sinoffering, and the priest shall make an atonement for her and she will thus be purified."

פַרק יג

אַהַרוֹ לאמר:

א וַיְדַבֵּר יִהֹּוָה אֵל־כוֹשֵה וְאֵל־־ The Eternal spoke to Moshe, to speak to Aharon, Tzaraiat saying,

Develops out of a White Dermal Lesion

ותדכי מסאובת דמהא דא אוריתא דילדתא לדכר או לנוקבא: חואם לא תשכח ידה כמסת אמרא ותסב תרין שַׁפְנִינִין אוֹ תְרֵין בְּנֵי יוֹנָה חַד לַעֲלָתָא וְחַד לְחַטָּאתָא וְיכַפַּר עֲלַהּ כַּהֲנָא וְתִדְכֵּי: א וּמַלֵּיל יִיָ עִם מֹשֶׁה וְעִם אַהֲרֹן

וְטַהַרָה", מִי שַׁהוּא בַא לְכַפֶּר, בּוֹ הַטַהַרָה תַּלוּיַה: shall make atonement for her and she will thus be purified" (v. 8)15 - that which is brought as atonement, 16 on it is the purification dependent.

וְטַהַרָה. מַכַּלַל, שַעַד כַּאן קרוּיַה :טמאַה AND SHE WILL [THUS] BE PURIFIED - from which it is to be inferred that until now she is called impure. 17

ח אחד לעלה ואחד לחטאת. לא ח הָקְדִימָה הַכַּתוּב אֱלָא לְמְקְרֵאָה, אבל להקרבה – חטאת קודם לְעוֹלָה, כַּךְ שָׁנִינוּ בִּזְבַחִים בִּפֵּרֵק "כל התדיר" (צ ע"א)

ONE AS A BURNT-OFFERING AND ONE AS A SIN-OFFERING. The verse puts the burnt-offering first only as regards its reading, 18 but with regard to their offering, the sin-offering comes before the burnt-offering. 19 So we have learnt in Zevachim, in Chapter כַּל הַתַּדִיר (90a).

^{15.} Tzedah Laderech asks: Why does Rashi quote the next verse when the same concept is evident in our verse? Furthermore he points out that Toras Kohanim, the source of this teaching, does not mention the next verse. Be'er Heitev thus suggests that the word הַכֹּהֵן the Kohen" was mistakenly included, and indeed he found an old manuscript in which this word is omitted. Sifsei Chachamim, however, suggests that Rashi prefers quoting the next verse since the word: הָׁהֶפֶאת "for a sin-offering" is written next to: וְכָּפֶּר עָלֵיהַ הַכֹּהֶן Kohen] shall make an atonement...," indicating more clearly that the purification depends on the sin-offering.

^{16.} Although we find that a burnt-offering can also be brought as an atonement (see 1:4 and Rashi ad loc.), a sin-offering, however, about which it often says: "and the Kohen shall make an atonement for him and he will be forgiven" (above 4:26, 31, 35, 5:10 et al.) is always brought as an atonement.

^{17.} The Gemara (Yevamos 74b) states that although to permit contact with ma'aser sheini immersion is sufficient, and to permit contact with terumah nightfall [after previous immersion] purifies (see Rashi 11:32 and note thereon), however, with regard eating of holy sacrifices the status of impurity remains until the necessary sacrifice has been offered.

^{18.} This means that only with regard to the actual reading of the verse is the burnt-offering put first, but even as far as regards its designation, the sin-offering precedes the burnt-offering (Rashi Zevachim 90a ד"ה לְכַן בְּהָקְדִּישָׁה 195 and ibid. 89a ד"ה לְכַן בְּהָקְדִּישָׁה 195 ref. Tosafos ibid 90a ד"ה לְמִקְרָאָה.

^{19.} This is derived from the verse above 5:8; see Rashi ibid. Nachalas Ya'akov points out that the splashing of the blood of the sinoffering precedes that of the burnt-offering, but the limbs of the burnt-offering are offered on the altar before the parts of the sinoffering that are to be burned.

13:2-3 Chumash: Parshas Tazria

אוֹ־םפַּׁחת אוֹ בהרת והיה בעוֹר־ בְשַׂרוֹ לְנָגַע צַרָעַת וְהוּכָאׁ אֵל־אַהַרוֹ הַכּהֵן אָוֹ אֱל־אַחַד מִבַּנַיִו הָכּהַנִים:

י אַלָּם בִּי־יַהְיֵה בְעוֹר־בִּשָּׁרוֹ שְּׁאֵת ־ "A person — if he has on his skin a se'es or sapachas or a white spot, and it appears on his skin as a mark of tzara'as — he shall be brought to Aharon the Priest or to one of his sons, the priests.

ושַער בּנַגע הַפַּד ו לַבַן וּמַראָה

ד וַרָאַה הַכּהַן אַת־הַנגַע בְּעוֹר־הַבּשְׁר The priest shall look at the mark on the skin, and if there are hairs in the mark that have turned white, and the mark appears deeper

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ב אַנשׁ אַרֵי יָהַי בִמִשְׁךְ בִּסְרָה עַמָקָא אוֹ עַדְיָא אוֹ בַהַרָא וִיהַי בִמְשַׁךְ בִּסְרָה לְמַכְתַשׁ סְגִירוּ וְיָתֵיתִי לְוַת אָהַרוֹ ַכַּהַנָא אוֹ לְוַת חַד מִבְּנוֹהִי כָּהַנַיָּא: ג וְיָחֲזֵי כָהַנָּא יָת מַכְתַּשָּׁא בְמִשַּׁךְ בְּסְרָא וְשֻׁעַר בְּמַכְתַשָּׁא אָתִהַפִּיךְ לְמַחֵוַר וֹמְחַזַי

הם, ולבנות זו מזו:

ם שׁאֵת אוֹ סַפַּחַת וְגוֹי. שִׁמוֹת וְגַעִים A se'es or sapachas... These²⁰ are names of tzara'as marks, 21 and one is whiter than the other. 22

בהרת. חברבורות טי"א בלעז [כתם], וָכֵן (איוב לז, כא): "בַּהִיר הוּא בַּשִּׁחַקִים":

– are spots; "taye" in Old French. Similarly we find: "it is a spot in the skies" (Iyov 37:21).

אַל אַהַרֹן וִגוֹי. גָזָרַת הַכַּתוּב הִיא, שֵׁאֵין טָמָאַת נָגָעִים וְטַהַרַתַן, אֱלָא עַל פִּי כֹהן: TO AHARON... This is the decree of the Torah that the impurity and purity of tzara'as marks are determined only by the pronouncement of a Kohen.²³

וָהַפַּךְ לִלָבַן בִּתוֹךְ הַנֵּגַע. וּמְעוּט שֵׁעַר שנים:

אוור בוגע הַפַּךְ לַבָּן. מְתְּחַלָּה שַׁחוֹר And [if] There are hairs in the mark that have TURNED WHITE - i.e. it was first black and then turned white within the mark.²⁴ The minimum number of hairs termed as שֵׁעֵר is two.

^{20.} The Mishnah (Negaim 1:1) and Gemara (Shevuos 5b) state that that there are two shades of tzara'as mentioned in the verse, se'es and baheres, which are four altogether, for we include another two as offshoots of the two main categories. This is derived from the word sapachas, which the Gemara (Shevuos 6b) explains as meaning "appended," and from the fact that sapachas is placed between the two categories, we derive that they both have another shade of tzara'as appended to them.

^{21.} This refers to tzara'as marks that can appear on any part of a person's outer skin, even on a place that has much hair, except for on his head or his beard; see v. 29 ff. (Mar'eh Kohen, Nega'im).

^{22.} The Gemara (Shevuos 6b) derives from v. 4 that baheres is the strongest white and is like that of snow, as stated in Nega'im 1:1. Se'es has a lesser brightness of white and is like that of white wool, which the Gemara (ibid.) explains refers to the whiteness of the clean wool of a new-born lamb. The secondary shade of baheres is less than the whiteness of se'es and is like the whitewash of the Heichal of the Holy Temple (which was completely whitewashed each year before the festival of Pesach; Middos 3:4). The secondary shade of se'es, which is the least white of the possible shades of tzara'as, is like that of the membrane under the shell of an egg.

^{23.} The Mishnah (Nega'im 3:1) states that although any Jew (under the guidance of an expert; Bartenura, ibid.) may inspect a mark to discern if it is pure or impure, the decision is dependent on the declaration of a Kohen (even if he is ignorant, as long as he is directed by an expert what to say; Bartenura, ibid.).

^{24.} This means that the change from black or any other color to white happened after the mark was on the skin. If, however, the color changed before the mark appeared, he remains pure (Nega'im 4:11).

^{25.} Since it is a plural form, as we find in Bemidbar 6:18. The singular form is שַעֶּרָה as in Shofetim 20:16 (Lifshuto Shel Rashi, quoting Rabbi Shimshon Mishantz; cf. Mizrachi).

Haftarah: Parshas Tazria

הפטורה

≪ HAFTARAH WITH COMMENTARY

TAZRIA – תזריע

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> לכבוד חונה בן אברהם יונה הכהן שיי טורונטו, קנדה

> > 2 Kings 4:42-5:19

PARASHAT TAZRI'A IS MAINLY DEVOTED TO THE LAWS OF TZARA'AT, A SKIN CONDITION that afflicted people as a result of their having committed some sin or harboring some pernicious attitude. In this haftarah, we see how this condition afflicted a non-Jewish, Aramean general, and how he was miraculously cured by the prophet Elisha.

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הַאֵלהִים לַחָם בָּכּוּרִים עשׁרֵים־לַחָם שַערִים וְכַרְמֵל בִּצְקָלנִוֹ וַיֹּאמֵר תֵּן לַעֲם

אַלְשֵׁה וַיְבֵא לְאָישׁ A man came from the province of Ba'al Shalishah during Passover, and he brought to Elisha, the man of God, a gift consisting of one loaf of unleavened bread - which because he gave it to Elisha was accounted as if he had given a priest the first of his fruits1 - plus 20 loaves of unleavened barley bread and one portion of sheaves of fresh grain in their husks. Elisha said to his servant Geichazi, "Give the food to my students, the 2,200 people whom I support, and let them eat."

COMMENTARY

Elisha was the disciple and successor of the prophet Elijah, prophesying in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reigns of its 10th to 13th kings: Yehoram (3043-3055), Yeihu (3055-3083), Yeho'achaz (3083-3097), and Yo'ash (3097–3114). In the opening of this haftarah, the attitude of haughtiness - one of the causes of tzara'at - is contrasted with the account of how during a year of famine,2 Elisha selflessly shares bread brought to him personally with his students (4:42-44). This is followed by the account of Na'aman, a non-Jewish, Aramean general, who is suffering from tzara'at. Na'aman contracted tzara'at on account of his excessive haughtiness³ and on account of having wantonly captured a young Israelite girl (5:1-2).4 The girl suggested that Na'aman ask Elisha to cure him (5:3). Na'aman asked

leave of his king, who granted it, and sent him off with a gift and a letter of introduction to King Yehoram of Israel (5:4-7). Elisha told Na'aman to immerse himself in the Jordan River (5:8-10). Na'aman ridiculed this advice, not realizing that Elisha was testing him (5:11-12), but Na'aman's servants prevailed upon him to listen to Elisha (5:13). After he was cured, Na'aman offered to pay Elisha, who of course refused (5:14-16). Na'aman then renounced idolatry (5:17-19) and became a resident alien.5

₩ 42 Ba'al Shalishah: Shalishah, near Mount Ephraim, was where Saul went looking for his donkeys and eventually met the prophet Samuel.6

And he brought bread: Israel was suffering from famine at the time.7

^{1.} Ketubot 105b. 2. 2 Kings 4:38. 3. Bemidbar Rabbah 7:5; cf. Leviticus 13:2 in the Kehot edition of the Torah. 4. Midrash Tanchuma (ed. Buber), Tazri'a 16. 5. Gitin 57b; see Exodus 19:5 in the Kehot edition of the Torah. 6. 1 Samuel 9:4. 7. 2 Kings 4:38.

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IF YOU ONLY KNEW - THE TZEMACH TZEDEK SAID - THE POWER OF VERSES OF TEHILLIM AND THEIR EFFECT IN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS. YOU WOULD RECITE THEM CONSTANTLY. (HAYOM YOM, SHEVAT 24)

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יָדַבָּרוּ עֵינַיִם לְהֶם וְלֹא יָרָאוּ: וּ אָזְנַיִם לְהֶם וְלֹא יִשְׁמָעוּ אַף לָהַם וַלֹא יִרִיחוּן: זּ יִדִיהַם | וַלֹא יִמִישׁוּן רַגְלֵיהַם וְלֹא יָהַלֶּכוּ לֹא־יַהָגוּ בָּגְרוֹנָם: ח כִּמוֹהֵם יִהִיוּ עֹשֵׁיהֵם כֹּל אֲשֵׁר־ בַּמַחַ בָּהָם: מּ יִשְׂרָאֵל בִּמַח בַּיהֹנָה עַזְרָם וּמָגנָם הוּא: י בֵּית אַהַרֹן בִּטְחוּ בִיהוָה עַזְרֵם וּמַגְנַם הוא: א יָרְאֵי יְהוָה בִּטְחוּ בַיהֹוָה עֶזְרָם וּמָגִנָּם הוא: יב יְהֹוָה זְכַרָנוּ יִבָרַך יִבָרֵך אֶת־ בַּית יִשְׂרָאֵל יְבָרַךְ אֶת־בֵּית אַהַרֹן: גּ יָבָרַךְ יִרְאֵי יְהֹנֶה הַקְּשַנִּים עָם־הַנָּדלִים: דּ יֹסָף יָהוָה עַלֵיכֶם עַלֵיכֶם וְעַל־ בּגַיכֶם: מו בּרוּכִים אַתֵּם לַיהֹוָה עשה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֵץ: מו הַשָּׁמַיִם שָׁמַיִם לַיהֹוָה וְהָאָרֵץ נָתַן לְבְנֵי־אָדָם: יוּ לֹא הַמֶּתִים יָהַלְלוּ־יָה וְלֹא כָּל־יֹרְדֵי דוּמָה: יח וַאַנַחִגוּ | נְבָרֵךְ יָה מֵעַתָּה וְעַר־עוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָה:

This psalm contains magnificent praises to God. David describes why it is proper for him to love God in light of all the miracles He performed for him. David does not know how to repay God, declaring it impossible to repay all that God has done for him.

מוני: אָהַבְתִּי כִּי־יִשְׁמַע | יְהֹנָה אֵת־קוֹלִי תַּחֲנוּנֵי: **בְּי**ֹדִישְׁמַע | יְהֹנָה אֵת־קוֹלִי תַּחֲנוּנֵי: ב בּי־הִשָּה אָזְגוֹ לִי וּבְיָמֵי אֶקְרָא: ג אֲפָפּוּנִי | חֶבְלֵי־מָנֶת וּמְצָרֵי שְׁאוֹל מְצָאוּנִי צָרָה וְיָגוֹן אֶמְצָא: דּוּבְשַׁב־יְהֹנָה אֶקרָא אָנָה יְהֹנָה מַלְּטָה נַפִּשִׁי: ה חַנּוּן יְהֹנָה וְצַדִּיק וַאלהֵינוּ מְרַחֵם: ו שֹׁמֵר פָּתָאיִם יְהֹוֶה דַּלֹתִי וְלִי יְהוֹשִׁיעַ: ז שובי נַפִּשִׁי לְמִנוּחָיִכִי כִּי־יִחֹוָה נָמַל עַלַיִכִי: ח כִּי חִלַּצְתָּ נַפִּשִׁי מִפָּוַת אֵת־עֵינִי מִן־דִּמְעָה אֵת־רַגִּלִי מִדַּחִי: מּ אֵתְהַלֵּךְ לִפְנֵי יִהֹוָה בָּאַרְצוֹת הַחַיִּים: י הַאֱמַנִתִּי כִּי אֲדַבֵּר אַנִי עָנִיתִי מָאד: א אַנִי אָמַרִתִּי בְחָפִּזִי כָּל־הָאָדָם כּזֵב: יב מָה־

SUNDAY

מרשם (לונה | הַלְלוּי עַבְדֵי יְהוָה הַלְלוּ אֵת־שֶׁם 113 יָהוָה: ב יִהִי שֵׁם יִהוָה מִבֹרָךְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַר־עוֹלָם: ג מִמְּזְרַח־ שַׁמֵשׁ עַד־מִבוֹאוֹ מִהְלָּל שֵׁם יְהוָה: דְּרָם עַל־כָּל־גּוֹיִם שְׁ יָהוָה עַל הַשַּׁמַיִם כָּבוֹדוֹ: הּ מִי כַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַמַּגְבִּיהִי לַשַבת: ו הַמַשִּׁפִּילִי לָרָאוֹת בַשַּׁמֵיָם וּבַאַרַץ: זּ מַקִּימִי מַעַפָּר דָּל מֵאַשָּׁפּת יָרִים אֵבִיוֹן: ח לְהוֹשִׁיבִי עִם־נְדִיבִים עם נדיבי עמו: ממושיבי | עקרת הבית אם־הבנים שמחה הללויה:

This psalm recounts the wonders of the Exodus from Egypt.

This psalm explains why the tribe of Judah merited kingship.

114 קיד א בַּצָאת יִשְׂרָאֶל מִמְצְרַיָם בַּית יַעַקֹב מַעַם לֹעֵו: ב הָיִתָה יִהוּרָה לְקַרְשׁוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל מַמִשְׁלוֹתָיו: ג הַיָּם רָאָה וַיָּנֹם הַיַּרְהֵן יִפֹב לְאָחוֹר: ד הֶהָרִים רָקְדוּ כְאֵילִים גָּבָעוֹת כָּבְנֵי־צאן: ה מַה־לְּדְ הַיָּם כִּי תַנוּם הַיַּרְדֵּן תִּפֹב לְאַחוֹר: ו הַהַרִים הַּרְקְדוֹ כָאֵילִים גָּבַעוֹת כָּבְנֵי־צאֹן: י מִלְפָנֵי אָדוֹן חוּלִי אָרֶץ מִלְפָנֵי אֱלוֹהַ יַעַקב: ח הַהפָּכִי הצור אַגַם־מָיִם חַלָּמִישׁ לְמַעִינוֹ־מָיִם:

A prayer that God bring this long exile to an end—for the sake of His Name, that it not be desecrated.

מן כַבוֹד אַלא לָנוּ | יְהוֹה לֹא־לַנוּ כִּי־לְשִׁמְדְ תֵּן כַּבוֹד (בוֹד על־חַסְדָּדְּ עַל־אַמְתַּדְּ: בּ לַמַה יאמָרוּ הַגּוֹיִם אַיָה־נָא אַלהַיהַם: ג וַאלהַינוּ בַשַּׁמַיִם כֹּל אֲשֶׁר־חַפַּץ עַשַה: ר עַצַבֵּיהֶם כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵי אָדָם: ה כֶּה־לָהֶם וְלֹא

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SUNDAY

The Flow: Previously, Tanya began discussing the concept of Kavanah, mindfulness and proper intention, when performing a Mitzva. This Kavanah, Tanya explains, is the "soul" of the Mitzva, causing a greater amount of Divine energy to flow into the Mitzvah. There are, however, varying grades of Divine energy which flow into the world.

In Today's Lesson: Just as the four distinct categories of life (mineral, plant, animal and human) vary greatly in the degree of vitality they possess (despite their equal concealment of their divine origin), similarly so is the contrast of a Mitzvah done merely in action versus one infused with intent and meaning (Kavana).

– ממש כאבנים ועפר

בי בגוף הגשמי, והדומם In the physical body [of a living creature] and in an absolutely inanimate [being] such as stones or earth, in which no life or spirituality are apparent since they lack even the power of growth,

Tanya: Sunday

ההאַרה היא בְּבְחִינַת צְמְצוּם נָדוֹל אֵשֶׁר אֵין כַּמוֹהוּ,

the ray of the divine creative power is in a state of unparalleled contraction.

וְהַחֵיוּת שַׁבּוֹ מוּעְמֵת כַּל כַּדְ, עַד שָׁאֵין בּוֹ אָפִילוּ כֹּחַ הַצּוֹמֶחָ,

So minute is the life-force within these inanimate beings that they lack even the power of growth.

וּבַצוֹמֵחַ – הַהַאַרָה אֵינַה בַּצְמָצוּם גַּרוֹל כַּל כַּךְ.

In vegetation, the ray is not so greatly contracted; the phenomenon of growth indicates the presence of something more than mere physical matter; some degree of spirituality is in evidence.

וַבַרַבְּ כָּלַל, נַחְלֵקוֹת לְאַרַבַּע מדרגות: דומם, צומח, חי, מדבר In general, [all things in this world] are divided into four categories: mineral, vegetable, animal, and man (lit., "the speaker"),

כַּנגר ד' אוֹתִיוֹת שֵׁם הַוַיִ״ה בַרוּדְ־הוּא, שַׁמְמֵנוּ מוּשְׁפַּעִים. corresponding to the four letters of the Divine Name (the Tetragrammaton) from which they are derived. Each of these four categories receives its vitality from one of the four letters.

וּכָמוֹ שֵׁאֵין עֵרֶךְ וְדִמְיוֹן הַהָאָרָה והמשכת החיות שבדומם וצומח, לההארה והמשכת הַחִיות הַמְלוּבָשֶׁת בְּחַי וּמְדֵבֵּר,

Now, just as the illumination and the flow of vitality found in the mineral and vegetable [categories] bears no comparison or likeness to the illumination and flow of vitality clothed in animals and man (since in the latter two categories, it is clearly apparent that they are alive)—

Tanya: Sunday

אַף שַׁבְּכוּלָן אור אָחַד שַׁוֶה בְּבְחִינַת הַסְתֵר פַנִים, וּמְלוּבֵשׁ בַּלְבוּשׁ אָחַר בָּכוּלָן שָׁהוּא לְבוּשׁ נוֹגָה,

although in all [four categories], the [divine animating] light is the same in terms of the "concealment of Countenance," i.e, in all four categories, the inner aspect of the divine light is concealed equally, and in all [four categories, the light] is clothed in the same garment, namely the garment, i.e., veil, of nogah; hence, in none of these categories is it apparent that their vitality is actually G-dliness—yet despite this equality, the vitality of inanimate beings and plants is incomparable to that of animals and man,

בַּדְ, אֵין עֵרֶדְ וִדְמִיוֹן כִּלֶל בֵּין הַאַרַת וָהַמִשַּׁבָת אור־אֵין־סוֹף בַּרוּדְּ־ הוא, שהוא פּנִימִיות רְצוֹנוֹ יִתְבַּרְדְּ בַּלִי הַסְתֵּר פַנִים וּלְבוּשׁ כַּלֵל,

similarly, there is no comparison or likeness between the illumination and flow of the blessed Ein Sof-light—meaning the inner aspect of His will, without "concealment of Countenance" and with no garment whatsoever—

המאירה ומלובשת במצות מעשיות מַפָּשׁ, וָכֵן בִּמְצִוֹת הַתְּלוּיוֹת בִּדְבוֹר וביפוי שפתים בלי כוונה, שהוא - גַּחָשָׁב פָּמַעֵשָׂה מַפָּשׁ כַּנַּזְכַּר לְעֵיל

as it radiates in and is clothed within the mitzvot consisting of action—whether actual action or mitzvot performed through speech and verbal articulation, which is regarded as actual action, as mentioned above—when performed without kavanah.

לגבי ההארה והמשכת אור־אין־ סוף ברוד־הוא הַמְּאִירַה וּמְלוּבָשֶׁת בכוונת המצות מעשיות,

[the illumination of the Ein Sof found in these mitzvot bears no likeness or comparison] with the [superior] illumination and flow of the blessed Ein Sof-light radiating and clothed in the kavanah of the mitzvot of action,

שָׁהָאָדָם מִתְכַּוִין בַּעַשִּׂיָיתָן כְּדֵי לְדָבָקָה בּוֹ יִתְבָּרֶךְ עַל יְדֵי קִיּוּם רצונו, שהוא ורצונו אחה meaning man's intention to attach himself to G-d by fulfilling His will as expressed in the mitzvot, since He and His will are one.

וְכֵן בְּכַנְוֹנַת הַתִּפִּלֶּה וּקְרִיאַת שמע וברכותיה ושאר ברכות, שַׁבְּכוּונַתוֹ בַהֵן – מַדְבַּק מַחֲשַׁבְתּוֹ וְשִׂבְלוֹ בּוֹ יִתְבָּרֵךְ.

Similarly with regard to kavanah in prayer, the recital of Shema and its blessings and in other blessings, where, through one's kavanah in them, he attaches his thought and intellect to G-d.

TAKEAWAY: Action-based commandments are the will of G-d, but taking a moment when performing a commandment to contemplate that you are performing the commandment to connect to G-d, is "the life" of the commandment.



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SUNDAY

24 ADAR II - MARCH 27

יום רביעי כד אדר שני ה'תש"ג

שיעורים. חומש: שמיני, רביעי עם פירש"י. תהלים: קיג-קיח. תניא: כי בגוף...-100- בו ית'.

בַּאֲמִירַת אָנָּא בְּכֹחַ צָרִיךְּ לְרְאוֹת — אוֹ לְצֵיֵר בְּמַחֲשָׁבָה — הַשֵּׁמוֹת, שֶׁהֵם הַרָאשֵׁי תִּיבוֹת, אֲבַל לֹא לְאַמָרַם.

When reciting the prayer beginning *Ana BeChoach*, one should look at — or visualize — the Divine Names formed by the initial letters of the words, but they should not be articulated.¹

MONDAY

25 ADAR II - MARCH 28

יום חמישי כה אדר שני ה'תש"ג

שיעורים. חומש: שמיני, חמישי עם פירש"י. תהלים: קים אשרי...מצותך מאד. תניא: ולא שדביקות...-נא- חי ומדבר.

הֶחְסִיד ר' מֶּרְדְּכֵי האָראָדאָקעֶר סִפֵּר: פָּרְגָם הָראשׁוֹן שֶׁשָּׁמִעְנוּ מֵרבֵנוּ הַזָּקֵן כְּשֶׁבָּאנוּ לְלִיאָזגאָ הָיָה: װאָס מעֶן מאָר נִים מאָר מעֶן נִים, אוּן װאָס מעֶן מעֶג דארף מען נים. A chassid by the name of R. Mordechai of Horodok once recalled, "The first maxim we heard from the Alter Rebbe when we came to Liozna was this: 'What is forbidden is forbidden. And what is permitted is dispensable.'

- 1. This applies whenever this prayer is recited, such as in the readings that precede the Morning and Afternoon Services (Siddur, pp. 22, 101), in the Prayer before Retiring at Night (op. cit., p. 145), in the Kabbalas Shabbos Service (op. cit., p. 157), and after counting the Omer (op. cit., p. 140). See also Siddur Im Dach, Hosafos, p. 101 [721].
- 2. See also the entry for 27 Shvat, and the entry for 27 Nissan.

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פַרַק שִׁשִׁי

Chapter six

א אַלּוּ מְקוֹמוֹת בָּאָדָם שָׁאֵין מְתְטַפְּאִין בְּבַהֶּרֶת: תּוֹדְ הָעַיִן, וְתוֹדְ הָאֹזֶן, וְתוֹדְ הַחֹטֶם, וְתוֹדְ הַפֶּה, וְהַקְּמָטִים שֶׁבַּבֶּטֶן, וְהַקְּמָטִים שֶׁבַּצַּוָּאר, וְתַחַת הַדִּד, וּבִית הַשָּׁחִי, וְכַף הָרֶגֶל, וְהַצִּפּּרֶן, וְהָרֹאשׁ וְהַזָּקן שֶׁיֵשׁ בָּהֶן שֵׁעָר, וְהָשׁחִין וָהִמּכְוָה (וּ)הַמּוֹרְדִין.

כָּל אֵלוּ הַמְּקוֹמוֹת אֵין מִתְטַמְאִין בּנְגָעִים, וְאֵין מִצְטַרְפִין בִּנְגָעִים, וְלֹא הַנֶּגַע פּוֹשֶׂה לְתוֹכָן, וְאֵין מִתְטַמְּאִין מִשׁוּם מִחְיָה, וְאֵין מְעַכְּבִין אֶת הַהוֹפֵּךְ כָּלוֹ לָבָן, שֶׁנָּאֶמַר "בְּעוֹר בְּשָׂרוֹ" - וְכָל אֵלוּ אֵינוֹ עוֹר גָלוּי, אֶלָּא מֵהֶן שָׁאֵינוֹ עוֹר, וּמֵהֶן שָׁהוּא עוֹר וְהוּא מכּפה ואינוֹ גּלוּי.

וְאֹדֶם הַשְּׂפָתַיִם נְדּוֹן כְּבֵית הַסְּתָרִים, וְאֵינוֹ מִטַּמֵא בִּנְגָעִים.

ב הָרֹאשׁ וְהַזָּקֶן שֶׁנְשֵׁר כָּל שְּׁעָרָן, וְהַשְּׁחִין וְהַמִּכְנָה שֶׁהֶעֵלוּ צָרֶבֶת -מִטַּמְאִין נְּבַהֶּרֶת, כְּמוֹ שֶׁבֵּאַרְנוּ.

וְאֵינֶן מִצְטָרְפִין זֶה עִם זֶה, וְאֵין נגע עור הבשר פושה לתוכם, These are the places in the human body which do not incur impurity because of a *baheret*: the inside of the eye, the inside of the ear, the inside of the nose, the inside of the mouth, the folds of the stomach, the folds of the neck, under the breasts, the armpits, the underside of the foot, a nail, the head and the chin where hair grows, and open boils and burns.

All of these surfaces do not become impure because of blemishes, nor can they be combined with blemishes. A blemish cannot expand into them; they are not considered as healthy flesh in the midst of a blemish, nor does the absence of *tzara'at* on them prevent a person whose entire body is afflicted from being placed in that category. These concepts are derived from Leviticus 12:2 which speaks of a blemish being "on the skin of one's flesh. "None of the above surfaces can be considered as revealed flesh. Some of them are not flesh and some are flesh, but they are covered and not revealed.

The red portions of the lips are considered as "hidden places" and cannot incur impurity from blemishes.

When all the hair of the head and the chin fell off or a boil or a burn developed a scab, they may incur impurity due to a *baheret*, as we explained.

Blemishes on these surfaces are not combined with each other, nor can a blemish on ordinary skin expand into them, nor are they considered as healthy flesh in the midst of a blemish. The absence of *tzara'at* on them does, however, prevent a person

^{1.} If there is a blemish on such a surface and a blemish that was less than a *gris* in size located adjacent to it on ordinary skin, the two are not combined to produce the measure of a *gris* [see the Rambam's Commentary to the *Mishnah* (*Nega'im* 6:8); *Kessef Mishneh*].

^{2.} As explained in Chapter 7, Halachah 1, when a person's entire body is covered with tzara'at, he is considered as pure.

וְאֵינֶן מִשַּמְאִים מִשׁוּם מְחְיָה; אַבַל מִעַכְּבִין אָת הַהוֹפֵךְ כִּלוֹ לַבַן.

בַּהֶרֶת הַסְּמוּכָה לֶרֹאשׁ אוֹ לְעֵיִן וְלָאֹזֶן וְכַיּוֹצֵא בָהָן, אוֹ לַשְּׁחִין אוֹ לַמְּכְוָה - טְהוֹרָה, שֶׁנָּאֱמֵר "וְרָאָה הַכֹּהֵן אֶת הַנָּגַע בְּעוֹר הַבְּשָׁר" -שֶׁיִּהְיָה כֹּל שֶׁחוּצָה לַנָּגַע בְּעוֹר הבשר. וראוי לפשיון.

אַלּוּ בֶּהָרוֹת טְהוֹרוֹת: גוֹי שֶׁהָיְתָה בוֹ בַּהֶרֶת וְנִתְגַיֵּר, הָיְתָה בָּעָבָּר וְנוֹלַד, בַּקֶּמֶט וְנִגְלָה, בָּרֹאשׁ וּבַזְּקָן כְּשֶׁהָיָה בָהֶן שֵׁעָר, וְנִקְרְחוּ וְנָשַׁר כָּל הַשֵּׁעָר וְנִתְגַּלְתָה הַבַּהֶרֶת, הָיְתָה בַּשְּׁחִין וּבַמְּכְנָה כְּשֶׁהֵן מוֹרְדִין וְהָעֵלוּ צָרָכָת - הֲרֵי כָּל אֵלוּ טְהוֹרוֹת.

וְכֵן אִם הָיְתָה הַבַּהֶרֶת בְּרֹאשׁ אוֹ בַּזְּקוֹ קֹדֶם שֶׁיַּצֵלוּ שֵׁעֶר מֵעוֹלָם, וְהָצֵלוּ שֵׁעֶר וְהָלַדְ הַשֵּׁעֶר, אוֹ שֶׁהָיְתָה הַבַּהֶרת בָּעוֹר, וְנַצְשָׂה מְקוֹמָה שְׁחִין אוֹ מִכְנָה, וְחִיּו וַהָּרֵי הֵן כְּעוֹר הַבָּשָׂר, אַף עַל כִּי שֶׁהְחַלְּתָה וְסוֹפָה טְמֵאִין, הוֹאִיל וְהָיְתָה טְהוֹרָה בֵּינְתַיִם - הֲרֵי זוֹ טהוֹרה.

נִשְׁתַנּוּ מַרְאֵיהֶן, בֵּין שֶׁהֵעֵזּוּ בֵּין שַׁכַּהוּ - יַרָאָה בַּתִּחְלָה.

כֵּיצֵד? גּוֹי שֶׁהָיְתָה בוֹ בַּהֶּרֶת כִּקְרוּם בֵּיצָה וּלְאַחַר שֻׁנִּתְנֵּיֵר נַצְשֵׁית כַּשֶּׁלֶג, אוֹ שֶׁהָיְתָה כַּשֶּׁלֶג וּלְאַחַר שֶׁנְתְגַּיֵּר נַצְשֵׂית כִּקְרוּם בֵּיצָה - תַרָאָה בַּתִּחְלָּה. whose entire body is afflicted from being placed in this category.

- When there is a *baheret* next to the head, the eye, the ear, or the like or next to a boil or a burn, it is pure. This is derived from Leviticus 13:3: "And the priest shall see the blemish in the flesh of the skin." Implied is that the entire area immediately outside the blemish must be ordinary flesh that is fit for the blemish to spread into.
- The following are *beharot* that are pure: a) A gentile who had a *baheret* and converted. b) A *baheret* existed on a fetus and then the infant was born. c) A *baheret* existed in a crease of a person's flesh and then it was revealed. d) A *baheret* existed on the head and/or the chin where hair grew, and then all the hair fell off and the *baheret* was revealed. e) A *baheret* existed on a fresh, festering boil and/or burn, and then a scab grew over that area.
 - f) Simliraly, if a *baheret* existed on the head or the chin before hair ever grew there, then hair grew there and then the heair fell out, or g) There was a *baheret* on ordinary skin, either a boil or a burn formed on its place, and then they healed, and became like ordinary skin.³ Even though the initial and ultimate condition of the skin is susceptible to impurity, since it was pure in the interim, it remains pure.

In all the above instances, if the shade of the blemish changes, whether the whiteness becomes stronger or weaker, it should be given an initial examination.

What is implied? A gentile had a *baheret* that was white like the membrane of an egg. After he converted, it became white as snow. Or originally, it was white as snow and after he converted, it became like the membrane of an egg, it should be given an initial examination.

^{3.} And the *baheret* remained the entire time.

Rambam: Sunday Chapter six

ְּוֹכֵן בְּקָטָן שָׁנּוֹלַד, וּבְקֶמֶט שָׁנְגְלָה, וּבְרֹאשׁ וּבְזָקו שָׁנִּקְרְחוּ, וּבִשְּׁחִין וּבְמִכְנָה שֶׁחִיוּ: אִם נִשְׁתַּנָּה מַרְאֵה אוֹתָן הַבָּהָרוֹת, יֵרָאוּ בַּתְּחַלָּה; וָאם לָאו, טְהוֹרוֹת.

כָּל סְפַּק נְגָעִים, חוּץ מִשְׁנֵי סְפַּקוֹת שָׁפָנִינוּ כָּבָר - טָהוֹר, עַד שָׁלֹא נְוְקַק לְטָמְאָה; אֲבָל מִשְׁנִּוְקַק לְטָמְאָה, סְפַקוֹ טַמֵא.

בֵּיצַד? שְׁנִים שֶׁבָּאוּ אֵצֶל כֹּהַן, בְּזֶה בַּהֶרֶת כִּגְרִיס וּבְזֶה כַּסֶלַע, וְהְסְגִּירָן, וּבְסוֹף הַשְּׁבוּע הָיָה בָּזֶה כַּסֶלַע וּבָזֶה כַּסֶלַע, וְאֵין יָדוּע בְּאֵיזֶה מֵהֶן פָּשְׁתָה - בֵּין בִּשְׁנֵי אֲנָשִׁים, בֵּין בְּאִישׁ אֶחָד - הֲרֵי זֶה טְהוֹר; שֶׁאַף עֵל פִּי שֶׁוַדֵּאי פָּשָׂה הַנְגַע בָּזָה, הוֹאִיל וְאֵינוֹ יָדוּע אֵי זוֹ הִיא הַבַּהֶרֶת שֶׁפְּשְׁתָה - הֲרֵי זָה טָהוֹר, עַד שֶׁיֵדַע בְּאֵי זֶה נָגַע טָמָאוֹ.

מְשֶׁנְּזְקַק לְטָמְאָה, סְפֵּקוֹ טָמֵא. כֵּיצַד? שְׁנַיִם שָׁבָּאוּ אֵצֶל כֹּהַן, בָּזָה בַּהָרֶת כָּגְרִיס וּבָזֶה כַּשֶּלַע, וְהִסְגִירָם, בְּסוֹף הַשְּׁבוּעַ וַהְרֵי בָזָה כַּשָּלַע וְעוֹד וּבָזֶה כַּשֶּלַע וְעוֹד - שִׁנִיהֵן טִמֵּאִין.

חָזְרוּ שְׁנֵיהֶן לְהִיוֹת כַּפֶּלַע, שָׁהַרִי הָלַדְּ הַפִּשָּׁיוֹן מֵאֶחָד מַהָּן, הוֹאִיל וְאֵינוֹ יוֹדֵע אֵי זֶהוּ - שְׁנֵיהֶן טִמֶאִין, עַד שֵׁיָחַזָּרוּ שְׁנֵיהֵן לְהִיוֹת Similarly, when an infant is born, the creases of a person's skin straighten, a person's head or chin become bald, or a boil or a burn heal, if the shade of these blemishes change, they should be given an initial examination. If not, they are considered pure.

Until a person has been deemed impure, all questionable situations regarding blemishes are considered as pure except for the two questionable situations we mentioned already. When, however, a person has been deemed impure, a questionable situation is considered as impure.

What is implied? Two people came to a priest, one had a *baheret* the size of a *gris* and the other, one the size of a *sela*. He had both of them isolated. At the end of the week, they both had blemishes the size of a *sela* and it was not known which blemish increased in size, they are both considered pure. Not only does this apply with regard to two people, it also applies with regard to two blemishes on the body of one person. Even though a blemish on this person's flesh definitely increased, since it is not known which blemish increased, he is deemed pure until the identity of the blemish for which he will be deemed impure is known.

Once a person has been deemed impure, any questionable situation is also considered impure. What is implied? Two people came to a priest. One had a baheret the size of a gris and the other, one the size of a sela. He had both of them isolated. At the end of the week, they came to the priest and they both had blemishes that were larger than a sela. They are both deemed impure.

If they both shrank to the size of a *sela* and thus the increase receded from one of them,⁵ since it is not known which one originally had the blemish of this size, they are both impure until both their

^{4.} A much larger measure.

^{5.} And thus he would be fit to regain his purity.

בָּגְרִים. וְזֶהוּ שֶׁאָמְרוּ: מִשֶּׁנִּוְקַקּ לְטִמִאָה, סְפֵּקוֹ טַמֵא.

וְכֵן מִי שֶׁהָיְתָה בוֹ בַּהֶרֶת, וּבָּה שַּׁעֶר לָבָן שֶׁקָדַם אֶת הַבַּהֶרֶת וְשַׂעֶר לָבָן שֶׁהָפְכַתוּ הַבַּהֶרֶת וְשֵׁעֵּר יִדוּעֵ זֶה שֶׁקָדַם מִזֶּה וְאֵינוֹ יִדוּעַ זֶה שֶׁקָדַם מִזֶּה שֶׁנְהְפַּרְ: אִם מִתוֹךְ הֶסְגֵּר מְחַבְּפִלְן חִׁבִי זֶה טָמֵא - אַף אַחַר הָחְלֵט, הַרֵי זֶה טָמֵא - אַף על פִי שֶׁהָלַךְ שֵׁעֵר אֶחָד מֵהָן, וְאֵינוֹ יוֹדַעַ אֵי זֶה הָלַךְ, אִם הַשֵּעֶר שֶׁהָיָה סִימֵן טָמְאָה אוֹ הַשַּׁעָר הַאָחָר.

מִי שֶׁבָּא אֵצֶל כּהֵן, וְרָאָהוּ שָׁהוּא צָרִיךְ הָסְגֵּר אוֹ שֶׁהוּא פָּטוּר, וְעַד שֶׁלֹּא הַסְגִּירוֹ אוֹ פְּטָרוֹ, נוֹלְדוּ לוֹ סִימְנֵי טִמְאָה -הַרֵי זֶה יַחְלִיט.

ְּוֹכֵן אָם רָאָהוּ שֶׁיֵשׁ בּוֹ סִימְנֵי טָמְאָה, וְקֹדֶם שֶׁיַחְלִּיטוֹ וְיֹאמֵר לוֹ "טָמֵא אַתָּה", הָלְכוּ לָהֶן סִימְנֵי טָמְאָה: אִם הָיָה בַּתְּחִלָּה אוֹ בְּסוֹף שָׁבוּעַ רָאשׁוֹן, יַסְגִּירוֹ; וְאִם הָיָה בְּסוֹף שָׁבוּעַ שֵׁנִי אוֹ לאחר הפּטוּר, יפטר אוֹתוֹ. blemishes recede to the size of a *gris*. This is what is meant by the statement when a person has been deemed impure, a questionable situation is considered as impure.

Similar concepts apply when a person had a *baheret* and there was white hair within it that had existed before the *baheret* and other hair that was turned white by the *baheret* and the priest does not know how to distinguish between the hair that existed before the *baheret* and that which was turned white. If the doubt arose while the person was in isolation, he is pure. If the doubt arose after he was definitively deemed impure, he remains impure even if one of the hairs fell off, and he does not know which fell off, the hair that was sign of impurity or the other hair.

When a person comes to a priest and he sees that he needs to be isolated or that he should be released from the inspection process and before he isolates him or releases him, signs of impurity erupt, he should be deemed definitively impure.

Similarly, if he saw that he had signs of impurity and before he deemed him definitively impure and told him: "You are impure," those signs of impurity disappeared, the stringent ruling should not be delivered. Instead, if he is coming for his initial examination or at the end of the first week, he should be isolated. If he is coming after the conclusion of his second week or after he has been released from the inspection process, he should be released.

^{6.} I.e., originally the priest was able to distinguish between the set of white hair that existed before the blemish and the set turned white by the blemish. Afterwards, he was unable to make this distinction.

^{7.} If the white hair which fell off had come from the pair that was turned white by the blemish, the person would be deemed pure. In this situation, however, since it is not known from which pair the hair fell, he is still considered as pure.

✓ Study: Sefer Hamitzvos



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SUNDAY

24 ADAR II - MARCH 27

≈ The 235th *mitzvah* is that we are commanded regarding the treatment of Canaanite servants:¹ that we should have them serve us forever, going free only in [a case where the master struck them and caused them to lose] a tooth or [use of] an eye. The same applies to any exposed organ which does not grow back, as explained in the Oral Tradition.²

The source of this commandment are G-d's statement, exalted be He, (Vayikra 25:46), "You shall have them serve you forever" and (Shemos 21:26), "If a person strikes [his male or female servant in the eye...the tooth...he shall set the servant free...in compensation for his eye...in compensation for his tooth]."

➤ In the words of the Talmudic tractate *Gittin*: "Anyone who frees his servant transgresses a positive commandment, as it is written, 'You shall have them serve you forever.' "The words of the Written Torah itself show that he must be freed upon loss of a tooth or an eye.

The details of this *mitzvah* are completely explained in tractates *Kiddushin* and *Gittin*.

≪ The 254th prohibition is that we are forbidden from returning to his master a servant who has fled to Israel. This applies even if his master is Jewish — since he has run to Israel from outside Israel, he should not be returned³ to him. Rather, he must be freed, with his remaining value written down as a debt [owed by the When a non-Jew becomes an eved Canaani, he becomes obligated in all prohibitions of

- 1. This term, eved Canaani, is used not only for servants from Canaan, but for any non-Jewish servant who has been circumcised and immersed in a mikvah with the intention of becoming a servant.
- 2. Kiddushin 25a. These organs are the fingers, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and the male organ.
- **3.** The prohibition applies even to the master living outside Israel. See Kapach, 5731, footnote 86. Chavel translates, "delivered," implying that the prohibition is exclusively on the one in Israel.

the Torah and positive commandments which are not connected with a specific time. After the eved Canaani is freed, he becomes a full-fledged convert. former servant to his former master].

The source of this prohibition is G-d's statement, exalted be He, (Devarim 23:16), "You must not turn him back over to his master."

- ➤ It is explained in the 4th chapter of tractate *Gittin* that this verse refers to a servant who has run to Israel from outside Israel; that a document is written regarding his monetary value; that a *get cherus* (liberation document) is written for him; and that since he has come to dwell in the pure land which was chosen for the holy people, he shall never be returned to servitude. The details of this *mitzvah* are explained there.

The source of this prohibition is G-d's statement, exalted be He, (ibid. v. 17), "He must be allowed to live alongside you wherever he chooses in your settlements. You must do nothing to hurt his feelings."

➤ In the words of the *Sifra*: "The phrase 'You must do nothing to hurt his feelings' refers to *ona'as devarim*." In the case of a convert, G-d (exalted be He), added an extra prohibition of *ona'as devarim* due to his feeling of extreme humility and his status as a convert. In this case of a servant, who feels even more lowly and humble than a [regular] convert, G-d added a third prohibition, in order that we should not say that "this servant doesn't mind *ona'as devarim*."

It is clear that the servant referred to by the verse and the convert mentioned in the prohibition of *ona'as devarim* have both accepted upon themselves the Torah, i.e. they are gereitzedek.⁶

MONDAY

25 ADAR II - MARCH 28

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The source of this commandment is G-d's statement, exalted be He, (Shemos 22:9), "If one person gives another a donkey, an ox, a sheep [or any other animal to watch...]"

- ➤ The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in the 6th and 9th chapters of tractate *Bava Kama*, the 3rd and 6th chapters of *Bava Metzia*, and the 8th chapter of *Shavuos*.
- **4.** For ona'as devarim against any Jew, one violates prohibition 251. For ona'as devarim against a convert, one violates both N251 and N252. For ona'as devarim against the servant mentioned in this mitzvah, since he is also a convert, one violates N251, N252, and N255. Hilchos Avodim 8:11.
- 5. One might possibly think this because of the statement of R. Yehudah (Bava Kama 87a), "servants have no shame." However, this applies only while they are still servants, not after they have been freed. See Yad Halevi, note 5.
- 6. When a non-Jew becomes an eved Canaani, he becomes obligated in all prohibitions of the Torah and positive commandments which are not connected with a specific time. After the eved Canaani is freed, he becomes a full-fledged convert.
- 7. The four "watchmen" are the paid watchman, the renter, the unpaid watchman and the borrower. Should the animal be stolen, the watchman and renter must pay the owner its value. An unpaid watchman is exempt after swearing that it was stolen. The borrower, unlike the others, must pay even if the animal died by itself. See P244, P242.



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Sunday

Live Within, But Be Above

וּשָׁלשִׁים יוֹם וּשָׁלשָׁת יִמִים תַשָּׁב בַּדְמֵי טַהַרָה

For 33 days, she will remain [in a transitional state, during which] blood is not a source of defilement (12:4)

The Jewish people have undergone all the purification processes that exile is meant to accomplish, and we are now waiting for the Divinely-determined additional amount of time (and whatever experiences it is meant to bring) to pass until our redemption.

In order to hasten this passage of time, we need to behave as the new mother does with regard to her post-immersion bleeding. We may indeed "see blood," i.e., encounter aspects of the physical world that under normal circumstances we could not prevent from "defiling" us, i.e., distracting us from God and weakening our Divine consciousness. But when we encounter such aspects of life, we must nonetheless remain undefiled: we should pay their enticements no mind, remaining staunchly true to our true selves and our Divine mission.

By not succumbing to the allurements of the material world, we will be able to proceed to the next stage in this process: elevating the material world itself, transforming it into an expression of Divinity (i.e., revealing that the "blood" itself is



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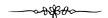
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Previously, we explained how the anticipation for redemption is essential to Jewish faith. We explained how one must constantly anticipate, await and quicken his arrival. More recently, we discussed how this anticipation was expressed during Talmudic times. We will now discuss various current Jewish customs which reflect this anticipation.

Mentioning Eliyauhu Hanovi on Motzaei Shabbos



There is a widespread custom on Motzaei Shabbos (Saturday night), to mention Eliyahu Hanovi (Elijah the Prophet), who will herald the redemption, as the verse says,1 "Behold, I will send you Eliyahu the prophet, before the great and awesome day of G-d."

1. Malachi, 3:23.



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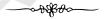
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Overcoming Folly



The Flow: The world was created by a Divine energy, that has contracted its potency (through a process known as *Tzimtzum*), in order to become compatible with (and able to create) a limited, physical world. This "down-grading" of energy, the Kabbalists teach, traverse a realm of worlds, namely, and primarily, the worlds of *Atzilus, Briah, Yetzira* and *Asiya*.

The Divine blessings that were determined for each individual during the High Holiday and New year season are also processed through the previously mentioned "down-grading system," and at the concluding Prayer of Yom Kippur, the Neilah prayer, it enters into the final stages of the still spiritual state of the world of *Atzilus*, the attribute of *Malchus* (Kingship) of *Atzilus*.

At that moment the Divine energy goes through a process that assures (a) – that the energy and blessing will reach its intended target, and (b) – no residue of this energy will trickle to undeserving sources. However, it still remains a totally spiritual energy. It is only in the final three worlds where the blessings begins taking on physical and material trappings.

✓ Study: Chasidus

פַרק ב.

SIX DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR: IN BODY & SOUL

ְוְעַל פִּי זֶה וּנְבֵן עַנְיֵן הַהִּין וּמִשְׁפָּט שָׁיֵשׁ בְּכָל וּוֹם וּכְמַאֲמֵר רַבּוֹתֵינוּ זִכְרוֹנָם לְבְּלְכָה יוֹם, דְּהַנֵּה פְּתִיב (שְׁמוֹת כ. מ) שֵׁשֶׁת יוֹם, דְּהַנֵּה פְּתִיב (שְׁמוֹת כ. מ) שֵׁשֶׁת יוֹם, בְּהַנֵּה בְּתִיב (שְׁמוֹת כ. מ) שֵׁשֶׁת יוֹץ בִּי שֵׁשֶׁת וָמִים עֲשָׂה ה' אֶת הַשָּׁמִים וְיָבֶח בְּיוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וְאִיתָא בְּוֹהֵר בְּכָל יוֹמָא עָבִיד עַבִידְתֵּיה וְכֵן הוֹא בַּעֲבוֹדַת הַאָּדֶם דְּשַׁמֶּת יָמִים תַּעֲבוֹד וְעָשִׂיתָ כָּל הַלָּאַבְתָּה, דְּכָל אֶחָד וְאֶחָד מִיִשְׂרָאֵל וֹבְשָׁבוֹל לָמִשְׁה, וֹבְלָא וּבְשָׁבִוֹל לִמְבָּה, נְבָּרָא

וּכְתִיב (תְּהַלִּים קלם, מו) יָמִים יוּצְרוּ וְלוֹ אֶחָד בָּהֶם דְּתַכְלִית כָּל הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר גוֹצְרוּ וְנִיתְּנוּ לְהָאֶדֶם הוּא בִּכְדִי וְלוֹ אֶחָד בָּהֶם שֶׁהָאָדֶם בַּעֲבוֹדְתוֹ יַמְשִׁיךְ בְּחִינֵת אֶחָד, דְאָחָד הוּא צִאלוּפוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלְם, ח׳ אֵין מוֹף בָּרוּף הוּא אַלוּפוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלְם, ח׳ הַנוֹלְם וּבִכְלְלוּת הוּא עִנְיַן הַמְּקוֹם וְיָמִים הָעוֹלְם וּבִכְלְלוּת הוּא עִנְיַן הַמְּקוֹם וְיָמִים הְנֹא עַנְיַן הַוְּמַן, וְבִיינוּ דְּהָאֶדָם עֲבוֹדְתוֹ הְנֹא כְּתָּךְ שָׁהָיא מְלֶאכֶת הָאָדְם בְּאלקוֹת. וְזֶהוּ מְלַאכְתְּךְ שָׁהָיא מְלֶּאכָת הָאָדָם בְּאלקוֹת. וְזֶהוּ Now we can understand the daily judgment as noted by our Sages (*Rosh Hashanah* 16a) that man is judged every day. It is written, *Six days you shall labor and do all your work* (Exodus 20:9), and *For [in] six days G-d made the heavens, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day* (ibid., v. 11). The *Zohar* mentions¹ that "On every day its work was performed." Likewise regarding man's labor in the *six days [when] you shall labor and perform all your work*—every individual Jew has his work for which he was created and for which his soul descended.

It is also written, [The happenings] to be formed in future days—to Him they are the same (Psalms 139:16). The purpose of all the days that were formed and given to man is in order that for Him, the One into them3—that man elicit the "One" with his service. Echad [One] is an acronym. Alef represents the blessed Ein Sof, Master of creation; chet [eight] represents the seven heavens and earth; daled [four] represents the four directions. This, in general, refers to space. Days in the Psalm refers to time. Man's service then is to bring together time and space and unite them both with G-d. Your work [in Exodus, above] is the task imposed upon man, the purpose for his soul's descent.

1. Zohar III:94b.

- 2. The text proceeds to explain this verse in Chasidic light.
- 3. This would be the literal translation of the Hebrew words "ולו אחד בהם", when translating each word individually.
- **4.** Each letter of the Hebrew alphabet has a numeric value. The first nine letters, from *alef* through *tet*, equal one through nine respectively. The next nine letters, *yud* through *tzaddik*, equal ten through ninety respectively. The next four letters, *kuf* through *tav*, equal one hundred through four hundred respectively.

(Other numbers are created by combining single Hebrew characters of different value. For example, one hundred and twenty-three would be kuf chaf $gimmel \rightarrow \neg \neg$. Five-hundred is represented by tav $kuf \rightarrow \neg \neg$, six hundred by tav $reish \rightarrow \neg \neg$, nine hundred by tav tav $tuf \rightarrow \neg \neg$, etc. One thousand is represented by a single letter followed by an apostrophe. For example, 1001 would be written: alef alef $\rightarrow \neg \neg \neg$.)

Study: Talmud Yoma 22b



Ein Ya'akov is a compilation of the Aggadah (Midrash-style) teachings and stories from the Talmud. It was collected by Rabbi Ya'akov Ibn Habib (1460–1516) of Spain, shortly after the expulsion. Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi encouraged its study every evening, stating that, "most of the secrets of the Torah are concealed in it, and it atones man's sins, as explained in the writings of the Arizal." (Tanya, Iggeres HaKodesh 23)

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אָמַר רַבִּי יִצְחָק: אָסוּר לִמְנוֹת אֶת ישָרָאֵל אֲפִילוֹ לִדְבֵר מִצְוָה, דְּכְתִיב: ״וַיִּפִקְדֵם בִּבַזִק״.

Rabbi Yitzhak said: It is prohibited to count Jews^H directly, even for the purposes of a mitzva, as it is written concerning King Saul and his count of his soldiers: "And he numbered them with bezek" (I Samuel 11:8), meaning that he counted them through shards, one shard representing each man, rather than counting them directly.

מַתְקִיף לַה רָב אֲשִׁי: מִמָּאי דְּהָאי בֵּזֶק לישנא דמיבזק הוא? ודילמא שמא דְּמָתֵא הוּא, כָּדְכָתִיב: ״וַיִּמְצְאוּ אֲדוֹנִי בָּוֶק״? אֶלָּא מֵהָכָא, ״וַיְשַׁמֵּע שָׁאוּל אֶת הַעָם וַיִּפְקָדָם בַּטְלָאִים״.

Rav Ashi strongly objects to this interpretation of the verse: From where do you derive that this word bezek is a term related to the verb meaning to break apart, so that it means shards? Perhaps it is the name of a town, and it means that Saul counted them in Bezek, as it is written: "And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek" (Judges 1:5), which shows that Bezek is the name of a place. The Gemara answers: Indeed, the proof is not from that verse but from here, where it says: "And Saul summoned the people and numbered them by sheep" (I Samuel 15:4), meaning that Saul tallied his soldiers by having each one take a sheep and put it aside to represent him in the count.

< Study: Mishnah



רַבִּי הוּנָא אָמֵר אֵין כָּל הַגֶּלָיוֹת הַלָּלוּ מִתְכַּנְסוֹת אֶלָא בִּזְכוּת מִשְׁנִיוֹת

Rabbi Huna said: The ingathering of the exile will be in the merit of (the study of) Mishnayos (Midrash, Vayikra Rabba)

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- [6] הָיָה יוֹשֶׁב בְּסְפִינָה אוֹ בְקְרוֹן אוֹ בְאַסְדָּא Likewise, if somone was traveling on a boat or a wagon or a raft, and he cannot stand^[1] or even turn his head in the right direction,^[2] היַבָּון אָת לְבוֹ כְּנָגֶד בִּית קֹדְשׁ הַקֵּדְשִׁים he should direct his thoughts toward the Holy of Holies and pray.
- [7] This Mishnah cites a dispute about whether one who prays alone must recite the prayer of Mussaf (which is added on Shabbos, Yom Tov, and Rosh Chodesh):

NOTES

^{1.} These vehicles shake a lot, making it impossible for a passenger to stand and recite the Shemoneh Esrei (*Tos. Yom Tov*).

^{2.} But if he can turn in the right direction, he should do so even though he is sitting [as taught in the previous Mishnah] (Meiri; see Beur Halachah 94:4 ד"ה היה רוכב").

✓ Study: Halacha



תנא דבי אליהו: כל השונה הלכות בכל יום מובטח לו שהוא בן עולם הבא

It was taught in the academy of Eliyahu: Whoever studies Halacha (Jewish Law) every day is assured of life in the World to Come (Talmud, Megillah 28b)

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CHAPTER 95: *Eruv T'Chumim* - The Limits of Walking on the Sabbath and How to Extend Them

ב עיר שֶׁהִיא מְקֶפֶת חוֹמָה, אֲפָלּוּ הִיא גְּדוֹלָה מְאֹד, מְהַלֵּךְ אֶת כְּלָה וְעָבּוֹרָה וִמְשֵׁם תַּחוּם שַׁבַּת.

When a city is surrounded by a wall, one is allowed to walk through its entire expanse - and its outlying area - although it is very large.

וְכֵן עִיר שָׁאֵינָה מְקֶפֶת חוֹמָה וְהַבָּתִּים סְמוּכִים זָה לָזֶה, כֹּל שָׁאֵין בֵּין בַּיִת לְבַיִת יוֹתֵר מָן שִׁבְעִים אַמָּה וּשְׁנִי שְׁלִישִׁים, נָחְשָׁב חִבּוּר, וְשַׁיָּךְ לָעִיר, אֲפָלוּ הוּא מַהַלַךְ כַּמָה יָמִים. וּמִבַּיִת הָאַחַרוֹן, מוֹדְדִין אֶת הַקַּרְפַּף וּתַחוּם שַׁבַּת. Similarly, when a city is not surrounded by a wall, but is merely a collection of houses, if the houses are within seventy and two-third cubits of each other, they are considered a continuation of the city, although this continues for an extended distance. The most distant house is the point from which the *karpef* and the Sabbath limits are measured.

ג אַזן נוֹתְנִים קַרְפַּף אֶלֶּא לָעִיר. אֲבָל לְבַיִת אֶחָד, אֵין נוֹתְנִין קַרְפַּף, אֶלֶא תֵּכֶף מִקִּיר הַבַּיִת וָחוּצָה מַתְחִיל למדד תחום שַׁבַּת.

Only a city is granted a *karpef*, but not a single house [located in an isolated area]. In the latter instance, the Sabbath limits are measured from the wall of the house.





≪ R'LEVI YITZCHOK'S TEACHINGS

The teachings of Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Schneerson—father of the Lubavitcher Rebbe—'ז"ג"ל were discovered on the margins of his Seforim which he had while in exile in Kazakhstan. They reveal incredible depth and breadth of Kabbalistic knowledge and interconnect the revealed and esoteric realms of Torah. They were published as Likkutei / Toras Levi Yitzchok.

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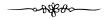
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The Pleasure Of Unity The Pitfalls Of Sowing Discord



אָרַעַת אָרָעָר פְּשָּׂרוֹ לְנֶגַע צָרְעַת אוֹ בַהֶּרֶת וְהָיָה בְעוֹר בְּשָׂרוֹ לְנֶגַע צָרְעַת אוֹ בַהָּרָת וְהָיָה בְעוֹר בְּשָׂרוֹ לְנֶגַע צָרְעַת If a man has ... a lesion of tzara'as on the skin of his flesh (13:2)

A bad wife is considered a lesion to her husband (Talmud Yevamos, 63b).

Driving Question:

What is the connection between family discord and tzara'as?

The Hebrew word for a lesion (of tzara'as) is (Nega) גָּגָע. The Tikkunei Zohar¹ observes that the three letters עָגָע (lesion) can be rearranged to also form the word עָגָע (Oineg)—pleasure.

These two words, pleasure and lesion, represent opposite extremes; there is nothing greater than pleasure and nothing lower than affliction.

1. Tikkun 55.

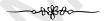


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The Question

On the Shabbos before (or the Shabbos of) Rosh Chodesh Nissan, we read *parshas HaChodesh* (*Shemos* 12:1–20), a portion of the Torah which relates G-d's command to Moshe, instructing the Jewish people to set the Jewish calendar by the monthly new moon, and to regard Nissan as the "head of months." G-d also instructs the people to bring the *pesach* offering.

Occasionally, the reading of *parshas HaChodesh* coincides with *parshas Tazria*. Because everything related to Torah is precise, including the alignment of dates and readings, we would expect *HaChodesh* and *Tazria* to share a similar theme.

However, they seem to have opposing themes:

G-d establishing Nissan—the month of open miracles—as the head of months, as well as the law of the Pesach offering—commemorating G-d "leaping over" the Jewish homes—highlights G-d's ability to impose Himself on nature, unilaterally uplifting a nation from slavery by supernatural means.

Parshas Tazria, on the other hand, highlights humanity's efforts to advance spiritually on their own initiative and with their own resources. The opening verse of



This section features a glimpse of the correspondence of the **Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson** of righteous memory, with the tens of thousands of people from all walks of life, who sought his wisdom, guidance and advice. Most of these letters were originally penned in English.

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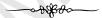
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Letter to the Editors of a Children's Magazine



By the Grace of G d 8th of Adar II, 5738 [March 17, 1978] Brooklyn, N.Y.

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I was pleased to receive the first issue of your magazine which was published in connection with Purim and Pesach.

Since I see that the magazine includes my Purim message about the role of Jewish children in the miracle of Purim as well as a Pesach message, in which the role of Jewish children is also emphasized, there is no need for me to elaborate on it here, although the role of Jewish children in Jewish life in general, and in connection with the festivals in particular, cannot be overemphasized.

I will only add that inasmuch as G d has given every Jewish child boy and girl, such an important role, it is certain that He has given them also the powers to carry it out in the fullest measure, and with joy and gladness of heart.

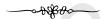
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Becoming One With The Torah



When I was in Vienna with my father on Purim 5663 (1903), my father spoke at the table about the study of the Torah lishmah, for its own sake. In such a case, he explained, the student becomes unified with the Torah to the point that he and the Torah become one; his style of speech becomes a Torah style, and his intellect becomes a Torah intellect.

My father continued as follows:

My grandfather (the Tzemach Tzedek) once told my father (the Rebbe Maharash) that with the approach of his bar mitzvah his grandfather (the Alter Rebbe) had said that one ought to study Torah for its own sake, and that the preparation for this consisted of being utterly familiar with the Talmud Bavli and Yerushalmi, the Tosefta, Sifra and Sifri, just as the Rambam was familiar with them.

The Gaon of Lublin (R. Shneur Zalman (Ashkenazi], author of responsa entitled Toras Chessed) once told me that when he visited my grandfather (the Tzemach Tzedek) in Lubavitch in 5614 (1854), he brought along as always a profound pilpul and quite a number of novel scholastic insights, in readiness for a learned debate with my grandfather.

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HELEN ENAYATIAN & SONS

מוקדש לחיזוק ההתקשרות לכ"ק אדמו"ר נשיא דורנו

נדפס ע"י ולזכות

הרה"ת ר' לייביש משה וזוגתו מרת רינה

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קיילא באשא, בנציון דוד,

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MY DEAR FAMILY, WHOM I HOLD CLOSE WITH LOVE

DEDICATED BY A CLOSE FRIEND & STUDENT

JORDAN (SASSON)

There are not enough words to express my heartfelt gratitude

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY GRANDPARENTS

לעילוי נשמות

הרה"ח הרה"ת ר' יוסף דוב ע"ה ואשתו מרת גאלדא בריינדל ע"ה

בת ר' דוב ז"ל בהרה"ח ר' שמעי' שו"ב ז"ל

נפטר ביום ו' עש"ק ה' אדר תשע"ג נפטרה ביום ש"ק ח' אדר א' תשע"ד

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IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF

THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE, MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON

זכותו יגן עלינו ויזרז גאולתינו

The Leader of our generation,

whose exponentially radiant Neshoma light entered the world on 11 Nissan 5662 and continues to generate evermore each year–May his life's mission, vision and yearning be fulfilled with the coming of Moshiach Now

לזכות הרה"ח הרה"ת המשפיע ר' אברהם (מאיאר) דריזין ע"ה

IN MEMORY OF THE MASHPIA, REB AVRAHAM (MAYORE) DRIZIN

For his 30th Yartzeit, 10th Nissan

IN HONOR OF

A DEAR FRIEND

whose Ahavat Yisrael—especially toward fellow Jews in isolated environments—knows no bounds May the merit of ensuring their Torah learning lifeline, bring him and his family abundant life!

לעילוי נשמת

הרה"ח בנימין בן ר' יהודה יוסף הכהן ע"ה כץ

נפטר ח"י ניסן תשע"ט

ON HIS SECOND YAHRZEIT CHAI NISSAN

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THE KATZ FAMILY AND THE KATZ FOUNDATION

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REB MENDEL DRIZIN

הרה"ח התמים ר' מנחם מענדל ע"ה

בן הרב החסיד התמים מגדולי חסידי חב"ד ר' אברהם (מאיאר) ז"ל

נפטר י"ט ניסן תש"פ

A dedicated Chosid of the Rebbe, staunchly committed to the study and dissemination of Torah and Chassidus, prominent supporter of Torah institutions and individuals in need; a true friend and lover of his fellow Jews, deeply and forever dedicated to his community.

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In Loving Memory of לעילוי נשמות

פייגע בת צבי הירש ע"ה

משה בן אברהם ע"ה

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בן הרה"ח הרה"ת ר' שניאור זלמן הלוי דוכמאן ע"ה

 $A\ devoted\ Chossid\ of\ the\ Rebbe$

מגזע חסידי חב"ד

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who are loved by the Lubavitch family worldwide and who were appointed by the Rebbe אייני to illuminate Connecticut and Western Massachusetts with the light and wisdom of Chassidus!

לעילוי נשמת

הרה"ת ר' שלום דובער בהרה"ח ר' אהרן לייב ז"ל ראסקין

נפטר ביום השבת קודש פ' בהר, כ"ף אייר, ה'תשע"ט

ת' נ' צ' ב' ה'

נדפס על ידי משפחתו שיחיו לאורך ימים ושנים טובות

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

R' SCHOLOM BER RASKIN

DEDICATED BY HIS FAMILY

IN HONOR OF

RABBI SHOLOM BER & REBBETZIN CHANI LIPSKAR

WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION

DAVID & EDA SCHOTTENSTEIN AND FAMILY

לעילוי נשמות

מרת לאה מרים בת ר' לייב פסח ע"ה

נפ' י"ד סיוו תשס"ז נפ' י"ד סיוו תשס"ז ר' **אכרהם לייב** בן ר' **יעקב** ע"ה נפ' ה' סיון תשע"ה

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MONSEY, NY

AND BY THE GRALNIK FAMILIES

dedicated in honor of the $50^{\mbox{\tiny TH}}$ birthday of

BENNY AMZALAK

Wishing you a

שנת ברכה והצלחה בגשמיות וברוחניות

May the furthering of Torah study bring the entire family an abundance of Brochos.

LOVE YOUR FAMILY,

CHANIE, MOISHE, TOVA, MENDY, LEOR AND ROCHY

אוווי מוו קדושים

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בהר-בחוקתי

במדבר

נשא

בהעלתד

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(SHEVAT 13 - נפטר י"ג שבט)

(נפטר ג' חשון - 3 CHESHVAN)

May the tremendous merit of global Torah study in their memory bring awesome blessings upon their souls in heaven, and the souls of their offspring, here on earth.

IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR DEAR SON

ARYEH LEIB HAKOHEN "ARI" SCHOTTENSTEIN

Keep making us proud. We love you!

DEDICATED BY

DAVID & EDA SCHOTTENSTEIN

קרח

DEDICATED TO

OUR BELOVED REBBE

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 27TH HILULA

May we remain connected - Mekushar - to your ideals and vision, bringing you tremendous Nachas. May we be reunited, once again, with the imminent coming of Moshiach!

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הרה"ח ר' ירחמיאל שי AND HIS WIFE

רבקה לאה שת' יעקבסאן

May Hashem bless him, his wife and their children

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חקת

לעילוי נשמות

ר' אליעזר בן ר' חיים שניאור זלמן ע"ה קליין

מרת טויבע זיסל בת ר' גדליה חגוך ע"ה קליין

ר' שמעון בן ר' שמואל זאנוויל ע"ה גאלדמאן מרת שולע שפרה בת ר' יצחק אלחנן הלוי הי"ד ע"ה קייזן מרת אסתר בת ר' יוחנן ע"ה גאלדמאן ר' שלמה שניאור זלמן בן ר' מיכאל ע"ה קייזן

ר' יהודה בן ר' אברהם הי"ד ע"ה סקרדר

May their Neshamos have an Aliyah in Gan Eden With prayers for the ultimate redemption when we will all be reunited

DEDICATED TO OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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May we all be blessed with Yiddishe Nachas & Happy Families

WITH LOVE FROM

MALKA ROSA BARBARA HINES

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כי תצא

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משה בו חנה שי'

MARTIN MORITZ

In the Zchut of global Torah study may Klal Yisroel experience abundant health, peace and prosperity

כי תבוא

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABBA!

Mazal Tov! K'AH

Love,

TAMAR TESSLER,

Neomi Rivka & Mayer Asher Gniwisch,

MENACHEM MENDEL & SIMA CHASHA, DOVID SHLOMO, SHABTAI SHMUEL, CHAYA VITA SHALOM DOVBER & RIVKA,

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Dedicated In Loving Memory of my Dear Parents לזכר נשמות יחזקאל בן אברהם אהרן, רות בת אברהם עליהם השלום זקלמן

By Alan & Lori Zekelman ראש השנה

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in honor of a blessing for our children & grandchildren

THE DAUERS, LIPSKERS, MAYBERGS, KORNFELDS & WUENSCHS

AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MOSHE BEN TZVI HIRSCH & GITTEL BAS ZEV;

SHMUEL MEYER BEN AVRUM YOSEF & ROCHEL BAS MENDEL

PENINA GITEL BAS SHMUEL MAYER

Dedicated In honor of our children כשריאל שלום, אלה דבורה, לילה מרים

יייי

May we merit to raise you L'Torah, L'Chuppah UL'Maasim Tovim

AKIVA AND CHAYA ISENBERG

לעילוי נשמת מרת בתי' אסתר בת פסח חיים נפ' כ"ה אדר תש"ע

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BASYA ESTHER PALACE

Yahrtzeit Adar 25

DEDICATED BY HER FAMILY

IN HONOR OF AND GRATITUDE TO

PETER LAZARIDES

May G-d grant many long years of good, vibrant health and blessings of divine love, grace and prosperity upon you and your entire family, including Maritsa, Lefteri, and Andoni.

הללוי-ה כל גוים, שבחוהו כל האומים כי גבר עלינו חסדו ואמת ה' לעולם, הללוי-ה

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