



OVERVIEW

The Torah describes the procedure for a metzora (a person afflicted with tzara'at) upon conclusion of his isolation. This process extends for a week and involves korbanot and immersions in the mikveh. Then, a kohen must pronounce the metzora pure. A metzora of limited financial means may substitute lesser offerings for the more expensive animals. Before a kohen diagnoses that a house has tzara'at, household possessions are removed to prevent them from also being declared ritually impure. The tzara'at is removed by smashing and rebuilding that section of the house. If it reappears, the entire building must be razed. The Torah details those bodily secretions that render a person spiritually impure, thereby preventing his contact with holy items, and the Torah defines how one regains a state of ritual purity.



A MATTER OF "LIFE AND DEATH" - FOR RAV ISSAR ZALMAN

Rav Issar Zalman Meltzer (1870-1953) was a great genius and Tzaddik [righteous person]. Rav Issar Zalman Meltzer was sitting in his study one Chol HaMoed, the "Intermediate days of the Festival," with Rav Dovid Finkel. [During these days, basic work is permitted, but activities such as writing are avoided unless absolutely necessary.] Rav Issar Zalman asked Rav Dovid Finkel for a pencil and paper to write something down. Rav Dovid Finkel questioned his mentor, "Rebbe, how can you write something down, it is Chol HaMoed?" Rav Issar Zalman responded that the issue is a matter of great urgency, "almost like a life and death issue."

Rav Dovid Finkel became all excited and asked, "Rebbe, what's wrong? What is the matter with you?" Rav Issar Zalman brushed him off. "There is nothing really the matter. It is just that for me this is something almost akin to a life-or-death matter." Rav Dovid Finkel brought the pencil and paper and Rav Issar Zalman wrote down a pasuk [verse] from Proverbs [Mishlei 4:25] "Let your eyes look ahead, and your eyes will direct your path."

Rav Dovid Finkel was perplexed. "This was the life-or-death matter -- just to write down a pasuk that you already knew by heart?"

Rav Issar Zalman explained. "Hundreds and hundreds of Jews come to visit me and wish me 'Gut Yom Tov' during the course of Chol HaMoed. Some of the people who come in are not the most distinguished residents of Jerusalem. Included among those who visit are many who are mishugaim (crazies), braggarts, ignoramuses, etc. I have to sit here, patiently, with person after person and smile. Sometimes I am tempted to lash out and lose my patience. I need something to hold me back. Every year, before Chol HaMoed, I write down this pasuk to remind me of its homiletic interpretation: 'When your eyes look at someone else, turn your eyes inward'. (In other words 'Do not look at HIS shortcomings, look at your own shortcomings'.) This is critically important to me, to have this pasuk sitting on my desk so that I will not criticize (mentally). I absolutely need that. When people come in, I look at this pasuk and think to myself 'Do not think about them; think about yourself'. This year, I forgot to write down the pasuk before Yom Tov. For me, it was vital to write down the pasuk -- even on Chol HaMoed!"

Rav Issar Zalman felt that this lesson -- of taking extra care to avoid criticizing and looking at the faults of others -- was truly akin to a matter of life or death.

There are only two types of people in the world -- those who view the glass as half empty and those who view the glass as half full. Those who speak Lashon Horah always view the glass as half-empty. The people who view the glass as half full are not the critics and faultfinders, but they are the happy people in life who can see the positive in their spouses, their children and their surroundings. As such they are happier people.

Lashon Horah is destructive not only to the person about whom it is spoken -- it is destructive to the person who speaks it himself, because it teaches him to be negative and that is a terrible thing.

KIDDUSH

This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Adam Davis**.

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This week's Ohr Chodosh Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Gavi & Batya Slasky** in honour of the birth of their daughter **Ayala Chana**.

SHABBOS HAGADOL DROSHA

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IS CHOMETZ THAT HAS BEEN ABSORBED INTO A VESSEL BEFORE PESACH CONSIDERED "PERMITTED" OR "FORBIDDEN"?
הגעלת כלים
היתרא בלע או איסורא בלע?

*Marei Mekomos can be found on the Bima
This Shabbos afternoon at 4.20pm*

KIMCHA D'PISCHA

RABBI AUERBACH IS COLLECTING TZEDOKA TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE IN NEED FOR PESACH

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OR FROM RABBI AUERBACH

THANK YOU!

The community offer a very big "Yasher Koach" & warm "Thank You" to **Rabbi Avi Ziskind** for the tremendous chizuk & inspiration that he provided to the greater community this past week at the Yarchei Kallah and Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim!

THIS SHABBOS!! PRE-PESACH PROJECT LEARNING PROGRAMME

COLLECTIVELY LEARN THE ENTIRE
MISHNAYOS PESACHIM
(FOLLOWED BY A SIYUM)

In memory of the late
Rav Shimshon Dovid Pincus zt'l
לעילוי נשמת
שמשון דוד בן חיים אברהם זצ"ל

YORTZEITS THIS WEEK

- **Sheila Connack** for her late father
- **Alter Chamey** for his late mother
- **Eitan Presberg** for his late father

SECURITY ROSTER OVER PESACH!

We highly encourage the entire community to help with the **security roster** over Pesach. **The more people who volunteer will lighten the burden on the entire Kehilla.** Please contact Des Goldberg on 083 444 8252 to assist.

SECURITY TIP: Train your employees NEVER to open the gate/door for anyone unless you have informed them

to expect visitors or contractors. This includes 'would be' officials carrying clipboards and wearing reflective clothing.

MAZELTOV TO THE WINNERS OF THE R1M RAFFLE 2016!

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| ■ 1 CARAT DIAMOND EARRINGS VALUED AT R45,000 | GARY LEWENSTEIN |
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