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Parshah Metzora in a Nutshell
(Leviticus 14:1–15:33)

Last week's Parshah described the signs of the metzora (commonly mistranslated as "leper")—a person afflicted by a spiritual malady which places him or her in a state of ritual impurity. This week's Torah reading begins by detailing how the recovered metzora is purified by the kohen (priest) with a special procedure involving two birds, spring water in an earthen vessel, a piece of cedar wood, a scarlet thread and a bundle of hyssop.

A home can also be afflicted with tzaraat by the appearance of dark red or green patches on its walls. In a process lasting as long as nineteen days, a kohen determines if the house can be purified, or whether it must be demolished.

Ritual impurity is also engendered through a seminal or other discharge in a man, and menstruation or other discharge of blood in a woman, necessitating purification through immersion in a mikvah. ❖

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Halachic Zmanim
Shabbos, April 13
Daylight Savings Time
Earliest Tallis 5:22 AM
Latest Morning Shema 9:37 AM
Earliest Mincha (Gedola) ..1:31 PM
Plag Hamincha6:15 PM
Earliest Evening Shema8:03 PM

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Shabbos Parshas Metzora

Erev Shabbos – Apr. 12 – Nissan 7

Candle Lighting.....7:15 pm
Mincha7:15 pm

Rosh Chodesh

Shabbos – Apr. 13 – Nissan 8

Shacharis.....9:30 am*
Torah Reading 10:35 am
Rabbi Neubort's Drasha..... 11:10 am
Kiddush12:10 pm
Gemara (2-31 Summit)6:15 pm
Mincha7:15 pm
Rabbi's Drasha.....7:35 pm
Shabbos Ends8:16 pm

**Latest morning Shema is 9:37 AM. Be sure to recite the Shema at or before that time (even if at home).*

Weekday Schedule

Minyan

Shacharis.....6:15 am
Mincha1:45 pm
Maariv.....9:15 pm

Classes

Chassidus, Mon-Fri5:55 am
Halachah, Mon-Fri1:40 pm
Torah Studies Mon. 7-8:00 pm
Tuesday Talmud9:30-10:00 pm
Wednesday Mishna 8:30-9:15 pm

What is Shabbos HaGadol

The Shabbat which precedes Passover is called Shabbat HaGadol, the Great Sabbath, for many and varied reasons, as we shall explain below.

There are also many special customs associated with this Shabbat. It was in Egypt that Israel celebrated the very first Shabbat HaGadol on the tenth of Nissan, five days before their redemption. On that day, the Children of Israel were given their first commandment which applied only to that Shabbat, but not to future generations: On the tenth day of this month [Nissan]... each man should take a lamb for the household, a lamb for each home (Exodus 12:3).

This mitzvah of preparing a lamb for the Passover offering four days before it was to be brought, applied only to that first Passover in Egypt, and the Torah does not tell us that we must continue to do so before every future Passover. Nevertheless, the people continued to do this to make sure that their lambs had no blemishes which would preclude their being sacrificed.

Many miracles were performed for the Children of Israel on this first Shabbat HaGadol. The Torah commanded them to take their lambs and tie them to the bedpost. When they did so, their Egyptian neighbors saw this and asked: "What is the lamb for?"

The Children of Israel answered: "It is to be slaughtered as a Passover sacrifice as G-d has commanded us."

The Egyptians, for whom the lamb was a deity, gnashed their teeth in anger but could not utter a sound in protest.

Many other miracles as well were performed in connection with the Passover offering, we therefore refer to this day as Shabbat HaGadol.

Why We Celebrate Shabbat Hagadol instead of the 10th of Nissan

Why do we commemorate the miracle on the Shabbat before Passover rather than on the tenth of Nissan, the date on which it actually took place? We see that the Torah itself mentions only the date rather than the day of the week.

It is because the miracle is closely connected to Shabbat. The Egyptians were aware that the Children of Israel observed Shabbat and did not busy themselves tending animals on that day, so when the Egyptians saw them taking lambs and binding them to their bedposts on Shabbat, they were surprised and decided to investigate what was happening.

The Children of Israel were in great danger when they were confronted and were saved only by virtue of a miracle. We therefore commemorate this miracle on Shabbat rather than on the tenth of the month of Nissan.

Moreover, had it not been Shabbat, the Children of Israel would not have needed a miracle to save them. They would have been able to deceive the Egyptians by diverting their attention or making up some kind of explanation. On Shabbat, however, they would not do so, for, as our Sages said, "Even an ignorant man will not tell lies on Shabbat." Thus, we see that they were endangered because of their observance of Shabbat, and they needed a miracle to save them.

A further reason why we recall the miracle on Shabbat rather than on the tenth of the month is that, forty years later, Miriam died on that day and the well which accompanied the Children of Israel and provided them with water in the wilderness, disappeared. When the anniversary of Miriam's death falls on a weekday, some observe it as a fast for the righteous.

We read part of the Passover Haggadah on Shabbat HaGadol, beginning from the paragraph that begins with the words "Avadim hayinu" ("We were slaves") until the words, "lechaper al kol avonotaynu" ("to atone for all of our sins"). One reason for this is that the redemption began on Shabbat HaGadol. Another reason is to familiarize the children with the contents of the Haggadah, in fulfillment of the mitzvah of You shall tell your children on that day. Yet another reason is that the reading from the Haggadah on Shabbat HaGadol is like a rehearsal for the Seder night, and helps us to become more familiar with the text. ❖

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The Search for Chometz (Thursday evening, April 18, 2019)

The process of creating a chametz-free environment comes to its climax the night before Passover. We conduct a veritable "search and destroy" mission to find any remaining chametz in our home and eradicate it. The search is traditionally conducted with a beeswax candle, using a feather, wooden spoon, and a paper bag for collecting any chametz found. It is customary to place ten pieces of bread throughout the house to be "found" during the search. These should be wrapped in paper or some other flammable wrapping (but not silver foil, as it does not burn), and perhaps then in plastic bags to prevent crumbs. It's a good idea to write down the locations of the hiding places, in case some of the pieces aren't found.

On the evening before Passover, as soon as the sun is down, gather the household together, light the candle, and recite the following blessing:

**Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi
E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom
A-sher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov
Ve-tzi-vo-nu Al Bee-ur Cho-metz.**

Or, in translation:

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us by His commandments, and has commanded us concerning the removal of *chametz*.

Next, hold the lit candle and search for chametz in every room, as well as any other area of the home that may have chametz, such as the basement, attic, garage, or car. Even once a house is thoroughly cleaned, there is often still a bagel crust or a Cheerio hiding in some overlooked cranny.

When you're done, take all the chametz that was found in the search, wrap and seal it securely, and place it in a conspicuous spot. This chametz will be joined with all remaining chametz in your home, and burned the next morning. Food intended to be sold or eaten later should similarly be carefully put aside.

When you've completed the search, and done your best to get rid of any possible chametz, gather the family back together and recite the "Kol Chamira" declaration, translated below, nullifying all unknown chametz and relinquishing it from your ownership.

All leaven or anything leavened which is in my possession, which I have neither seen nor removed, and about which I am unaware, shall be considered nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.

For more information, please go to www.Chabad.org

Haftorah in a Nutshell – Parshas Metzora

II Kings 7:3-20

This week's haftorah discusses the story of four men stricken by tzara'at, a skin ailment caused by sins — one of the main topics of this week's Torah reading.

Haftorah's backdrop: King Ben-Hadad of Aram besieged Samaria (the Northern Kingdom of Israel). The resulting famine was catastrophic, reducing many to cannibalism. King Jehoram of Israel wanted to execute the prophet Elisha, considering that his prayers could have prevented the entire tragedy. Elisha reassured the king: "So has G-d said, 'At this time tomorrow, a seah of fine flour will sell for [merely] a shekel, and two seahs of barley will sell for a shekel in the gate of Samaria.'" One of the king's officers present scoffed at the prophecy: "Behold, if G-d makes windows in the sky, will this thing come about?" Elisha responded, "Behold, you will see with your own eyes, but you shall not eat there from."

Now, four men suffering from tzara'at dwelled in quarantine outside the city. They too were hungry, victims of the famine. They decided to approach the enemy camp to beg for food. They arrived only to find a deserted camp. For "G-d had caused the Aramean camp to hear the sound of chariots and the sound of horses, the sound of a great army. And they said to one another, 'Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us.'" The entire enemy army fled, leaving behind their tents, horses, donkeys and provisions.

The four men went to the city and reported their findings to the gatekeepers who, in turn, informed King Jehoram. Though originally thinking that this was an ambush planned by the enemy, the king sent messengers who confirmed the miracle. The people swarmed out of the city and looted the enemy camp, thus breaking the famine and fulfilling Elisha's prophecy.

And the officer? The king placed him in charge of the city gates. He was trampled to death by the rampaging crowds — after seeing the fulfillment of the prophet's words... ❖

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Monday-Friday
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THE MITZVAH OF
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1:40-1:45 PM
Monday-Thursday
Currently learning
HILCHOS TEFILLAH
Laws of Prayer

9:25-9:30 PM
Sunday-Thursday
Currently learning
HILCHOS KRIS HA-TORAH
Laws of Reading the Torah



MISHNA

8:30-9:10 PM
Wednesday
Currently learning
MISHNAYOS,
tractate SHEKALIM
Chapter 3



TALMUD

9:30-10:00 PM
Tuesday
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TALMUD, tractate
SUKKAH p. 17a



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Monday, April 29, 2019

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Identifying Your Unconscious Self
We all make mistakes. Period. That's a fact of life. So why does the Torah require atonement for an inadvertent sin? Explore the pathways of consciousness exemplified in the Torah's prescription for sin. You'll be surprised to learn that you may not be who you really think you are.

Monday, May 6, 2019

ALLOCATION, ALLOCATION, ALLOCATION

Everything Has a Time and Place: Use Wisely
What if you were as strong as Samson, rich as Jeff Bezos, and beautiful as Cinderella? An interesting question, but completely irrelevant to you. A curious mix of the yearly donations to the Temple and an announcement about forbidden mixtures packs a powerful punch about staying—and thriving—in your lane.



Cause and Effect: A Soul-ar Panel on Social Activism
With Rebbetzin Rivky Bergstein
Wednesday, May 15, 7:15 PM

In recent decades, many social causes have gained widespread popularity. Among them are a strong commitment to individual and employee rights, a just but compassionate criminal justice system, and a mandate to actively aid the disadvantaged. Is the Jewish version of tikun olam different from secular social activism? What are our responsibilities as Jews vis-à-vis another's welfare and dignity? How do I prioritize between important causes?

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