



# CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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April 24-25, 2015 ■ 6 Iyar, 5775 ■ Shabbos Tazria-Metzora, 21<sup>st</sup> Omer  
Candlelighting: 7:46P (Preferably light by 7:25P) ■ Shabbos Ends 8:55P

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## ■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

### MEN

- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » Michael ben Shoshana Gittel (Michael Medved)
- » Yoseif Yitzchok ben Yehudis Chaya (Brother in Law of Yoseif Meir Rich)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

### WOMEN

- » Brocha bas Sora (Mother of Hadassah Klug)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

## ■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **2015 CTC Lag B'Omer Family BBQ & Horseshoe Tournament:** Congregation Toras Chaim invites you to enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner with all the trimmings, activities, and lots of fun for children and adults. Thursday, May 7, 2015, 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the Rich family home, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas, TX 75252. Highlights include:Hamburgers, Hotdogs, salads and more. Pairs Horseshoe Tournament for all ages. Thursday, May 7, 2015, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM
  - **EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT:** Purchase tickets online or by check by **Sunday, April 26** for a huge discount. \$25 Family Max. \$5 Per Person.
  - After Sunday, April 26: Price increases to \$30 Family Max. \$10 Per Person
  - At the door: \$35 Family Max, \$15 per person.
- » **New Shul Configuration:** We are actively getting bids to build out a beautiful Ezras Nashim by opening up the wall in the back of the shul. This includes knocking down the wall that separates the coat room and the Junior Congregation room, and installing a new floor. These are exciting times. We will need everyone's physical, emotional and financial support. Please share any questions, concerns or excitement you may have with Rabbi Rich or Ben Nise.
- » **Upcoming Shabbaton with Rabbi Lazer Brody:** May 15-16, 2015. You may enjoy a private dinner with Rabbi Brody at the Rich home for a donation of \$100/person or \$250/family. Sponsors will be publicly recognized for their great generosity. The Oneg Shabbos/Shiur for men and women will be at the Ekshtut home following dinner.
- » **Cong. Toras Chaim Defense Fund:** Thank you to those who have contributed. We need you to help us overcome our legal challenges and build a playground for our children. [gofundme.com/pfawj4](http://gofundme.com/pfawj4) Please forward to your friends and family.

## ■ 100%! RABBI LABEL LAM

And the person with "Tzaraas" in whom there is the affliction- his garments shall be torn, the hair of his head shall be shaved, and he should cover himself up to his lips; he is to call out, "Tame'!-Tame'!" (Contaminated! Contaminated!) All the days that that the affliction is upon him he shall remain contaminated; he

is contaminated. He shall dwell in isolation; his dwelling shall be outside the camp. (Vayikra 13:45-46)

It struck me as odd that the Torah which is sparing with words should invest the ink to tell us in a double- emphatic expression what the Metzora should declare, "Tame' -Tame'" - "Contaminated-Contaminated!" Why twice? Ok, it is more emphatic that way! There are spiritual dangers associated with coming into contact with a Metzora. He needs to warn people to stay away. Maybe something else is being hinted at here.

There are only a few places where a word or even two different words with the same letters are parked conveniently next to each other like identical twins. One of them we find way back at the dawn of Jewish History. "And HASHEM said to Avram: (Lech Lecha) 'Go for or to yourself from your country, and from your birthplace, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you.'" (Breishis 12:1) The words Lech and Lecha are spelled in Hebrew identically though they pronounced differently and have different meanings. What's the connection to the Metzora shouting Tame' - Tame'?

The numerical value of Tame' is 50! 50 and 50 equals 100! So! So is the numerical value of Lech Lecha 50 plus 50! So! What's the connection? When Avraham is told to leave it is curious that his journey starts with the outer circle "your land" then proceeds inward to "your birth place" and finally closest to home, "your father's house". It's really an inward trek! The idea of Lech Lecha is to go to your-self! Then he is promised broad influence in the affairs of man. The bumper sticker that expresses this seemingly paradoxical ideal best is, "Think global! Act Local!" or as the Talmud states, "Fix yourself! Then Fix others!" It's not just the order. It's the way! Fix the world man, through self-mastery. If you can discover the key to your own heart then you will have fashioned the master key to help many others too.

What does this have to do with the Metzora? He too is sent out of three concentric rings of society. He finds himself in isolation! Literally, that is where he finds himself. How did he get there? What was his tragic flaw? It's no secret that the Metzora identified and spoke about the faults in other without having improved himself first. Life is a self-portrait to a great extent. In psychology it is known as projection. As the poet says, "A man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest..." This is the mindset that invites the speaker of Loshon Hora to justify his negative speech by wanting to save a world he perceives is riddled with fault. He is affectively thinking local, about his own self-interest while acting on the global! Rather than trying to change the world through himself, he is ultimately failing in trying to change himself through world!

It's like the old bad joke: A wife calls her husband, who is on his way home. She is in a panic, brimming with concern. "Dear, please be careful. I just heard on the news that there is a maniac driving the wrong way on the highway!" "What are you talking about!?" he answers in a cavalier tone, "There are thousands of people driving on the wrong side of the highway!" He cannot succeed! He comes face to face with a real life lesson! King David observed truthfully, HASHEM is good and straight therefore He instructs sinners along the way. (Tehillim 25:8) Lech Lecha! There are 50 levels of Tuma- Contamination! There are 50 levels of Kedusha- Holiness! The Metzora has hit bottom! He is stuck! He is down 100 levels, 100 degrees from his potential. Lech Lecha says Keep on going, growing, changing and improving for the sake of the world! You can climb to the heights of holiness!

There's another old bad joke. Question: How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: One, but the light bulb has got to want to change! The Metzora is on the bottom now acknowledging his wrong, announcing he is ready for a dramatic change. Can he make it to the top? 100%

## ■ PARSHA Q&A: TAZRIA - METZORA

### TAZRIA

1. When does a woman who has given birth to a son go to the mikveh? 12:2 - At the end of seven days.

2. After a woman gives birth, she is required to offer two types of offerings. Which are they? 12:6 - An olah and a chatat.
  3. What animal does the woman offer as a chatat? 12:6 - A tor (turtle dove) or a ben yona (young pigeon).
  4. Which of these offerings makes her tahor (ritual purity)? 12:7 - The chatat.
  5. Which of the sacrifices does the woman offer first, the olah or the chatat? 12:8 - The chatat.
  6. Who determines whether a person is a metzora tamei (person with ritually impure tzara'at) or is tahor? 13:2 - A kohen.
  7. If the kohen sees that the tzara'at has spread after one week, how does he rule? 13:5 - The person is tamei.
  8. What disqualifies a kohen from being able to give a ruling in a case of tzara'at? 13:12 - Poor vision.
  9. Why is the appearance of tzara'at on the tip of one of the 24 "limbs" that project from the body usually unable to be examined? 13:14 - The tzara'at as a whole must be seen at one time. Since these parts are angular, they cannot be seen at one time.
  10. On which days is a kohen not permitted to give a ruling on tzara'at? 13:14 - During the festivals; and ruling on a groom during the seven days of feasting after the marriage.
  11. In areas of the body where collections of hair grow (e.g., the head or beard), what color hair is indicative of ritual impurity? 13:29 - Golden.
  12. In areas of the body where collections of hair grow, what color hair is indicative of purity? 13:37 - Any color other than golden.
  13. If the kohen intentionally or unintentionally pronounces a tamei person "tahor," what is that person's status? 13:37 - He remains tamei.
  14. What signs of mourning must a metzora display? 13:45 - He must tear his garments, let his hair grow wild, and cover his lips with his garment.
  15. Why must a metzora call out, "Tamei! Tamei!"? 13:45 - So people will know to keep away from him.
  16. Where must a metzora dwell? 13:46 - Outside the camp in isolation.
  17. Why is a metzora commanded to dwell in isolation? 13:46 - Since tzara'at is a punishment for lashon hara (evil speech), which creates a rift between people, the Torah punishes measure for measure by placing a division between him and others.
  18. What sign denotes tzara'at in a garment? 13:49 - A dark green or dark red discoloration.
  19. What must be done to a garment that has tzara'at? 13:52 - It must be burned.
  20. If after washing a garment the signs of tzara'at disappear entirely, how is the garment purified? 13:58 - Through immersion in a mikveh.
- METZORA**
21. When may a metzora not be pronounced tahor? 14:2 - At night.
  22. In the midbar, where did a metzora dwell while he was tamei? 14:3 - Outside the three camps.
  23. Why does the metzora require birds in the purification process? 14:4 - Tzara'at comes as a punishment for lashon hara. Therefore, the Torah requires the metzora to offer birds, who chatter constantly, to atone for his sin of chattering.

24. In the purification process of a metzora, what does the cedar wood symbolize? 14:4 - The cedar is a lofty tree. It alludes to the fact that tzara'at comes as a punishment for haughtiness.
25. During the purification process, the metzora is required to shave his hair. Which hair must he shave? 14:9 - Any visible collection of hair on the body.
26. What is unique about the chatat and the asham offered by the metzora? 14:10 - They require nsachim (drink offerings).
27. In the Beit Hamikdash, when the metzora was presented "before G-d" (14:11), where did he stand? 14:11 - At the gate of Nikanor.
28. Where was the asham of the metzora slaughtered? 14:13 - On the northern side of the mizbe'ach.
29. How was having tzara'at in one's house sometimes advantageous? 14:34 - The Amorites concealed treasures in the walls of their houses. After the conquest of the Land, tzara'at would afflict these houses. The Jewish owner would tear down the house and find the treasures.
30. When a house is suspected as having tzara'at, what is its status prior to the inspection by a kohen? 14:36 - It is tahor.
31. What happens to the vessels that are in a house found to have tzara'at? 14:36 - They become tamei.
32. Which type of vessels cannot be made tahor after they become tamei? 14:36 - Earthenware vessels.
33. Where were stones afflicted with tzara'at discarded? 14:40 - In places where tahor objects were not handled.
34. When a house is suspected of having tzara'at, a kohen commands that the affected stones be replaced and the house plastered. What is the law if the tzara'at: returns and spreads; does not return; returns, but does not spread? 14:44-45 - It is called "tzara'at mam'eret," and the house must be demolished; 14:48 - the house is pronounced tahor; 14:44 - The house must be demolished.
35. When a person enters a house that has tzara'at, when do his clothes become tamei? 14:46 - When he remains in the house long enough to eat a small meal.
36. What is the status of a man who is zav (sees a flow): two times or two consecutive days; three times or three consecutive days? 15:2 - He is tamei; he is tamei and is also required to bring a korban.
37. A zav sat or slept on the following: a bed; a plank; a chair; a rock. If a tahor person touches these things what is his status? 15:4-5 - Only a type of object that one usually lies or sits upon becomes a transmitter of tumah when a zav sits or lies on it. A tahor person who subsequently touches the object becomes tamei and the clothes he is wearing are also tamei'im. Therefore: tamei; tahor; tamei; tahor.
38. What does the Torah mean when it refers to a zav who "has not washed his hands"? 15:11 - One who has not immersed in a mikveh.
39. When may a zav immerse in a mikveh to purify himself? 15:13 - After seven consecutive days without a flow.
40. What is the status of someone who experiences a one-time flow? 15:32 - He is tamei until evening.

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- » NQ Daf HaYomi Succah for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 6:30-8:00A)
- » Supercharge Your Sundays for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins. with R' Noach Klug)
- » Marriage Chaburah for men (Monday 7:15-8:00P)
- » Marriage Chaburah for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)