

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Tazria

FRIDAY NIGHT

- » Candles 7:37 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM

SHABBOS DAY

- » Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- » The World of Tefilla with Rabbi Avraham Chaim Bloomenstiel 6:40 PM
- » Mincha 7:25 PM
- » Sunset 7:56 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 8:38 PM
- » Shabbos Ends 8:46 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "IF YOU WANT PEACE, YOU DON'T TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS. YOU TALK TO YOUR ENEMIES."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)
- » Yitzchak ben Yocheved (BIL of Moshe Bush)
- » Yehudah ben Yehudis Basya (Friend of Dovid Teitlebaum)

Women

- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » Tali bas Aviva (Daughter of Aviva Bass)
- » Chantza Rachel bas Sarah (Mother of Rabbi Feigenbaum)
- » Shayna Leah bas Zelda Rivka (Linda Fern)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Rena Esther bas Yaffa Gita (Friend of Yael Bodenheimer)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

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CTC WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH

For Men

- » Gemara Bava Kama, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Dirshu Amud HaYomi: Sunday - Friday, 12 - 1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the Zoom Link
- » **Mincha, Sun - Thur, 7:15 PM**
- » Marriage Chabura for men, Sun, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Hilchos Pesach (Through Pesach), Mon - Thur, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Sun - Thur 8:00 - 8:15 PM
- » Gemara Bava Basra, Sunday - Thursday, 8:30 - 9 PM
- » **Maariv, Sun - Thur, 9 PM**

For Women

- » Parsha Shiur for Women with Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer, Sundays, Cancelled Through Pesach

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REBUILDING PROJECT by Marshall Lestz.

(We are excited to share this column with you each Shabbos in the spirit of helping to repair our relationships and thereby contribute to rebuilding the Beis HaMikdash.)

IT'S ALWAYS TEA TIME

EVERY single morning when we wake up, the same thing is always on the menu: Tea.

And there are always two varieties of tea being offered... There's Positivitea. And Negativitea.

Most people don't choose, so more times than not they automatically get served the Negativitea. Whoa boy. I've had my fair share of that before and IT TASTES BITTER! And I've also discovered it's always served the same way—in a big glass that's half empty. (I don't know why they do that.) And when you're drinking your Negativitea, people tend to avoid you. Except there are usually one or two guys who actually like talking to you. They're usually drinking Negativitea too. And they're really friendly—I mean, they LOVE sharing their Negativitea with you. And of course, you don't mind sharing yours with them because you never run out. Literally! It's like the more you drink or the more you share the more you have! But as strange as that sounds, Negativitea never fills you up! And to make matters worse ... it's got a really BAD aftertaste. Uch!

On the other hand, we can always choose Positivitea. It's much more refreshing, incredibly satisfying, and unlike Negativitea, it always comes served in a glass that's half full! (So bizarre!) Oh, and this tea really draws people to you. Everyone's like, "Oooh, what are you drinking? I'll take some of that." And strange as it sounds, just like Negativitea, you can share it with as many people as you want and it just keeps flowing. On occasion, it does run low, and sometimes there are just a few drops left in the glass. But man, when you drink those last couple of drops, or someone shares some of their Positivitea with you, it fills you right back up and literally gives you a boost. It must contain an energy supplement or something. I've also noticed it improves your vision!... Everything somehow just looks ... clearer.

Friends, it might sound like Positivitea is some magical elixir that you drink and then suddenly everything is great. But it's not. Positivitea is made from the fruits of gratitude, self-esteem, seeing the good, and trusting in Hashem. We may not be able to exclusively drink Positivitea all day long—that's a lot to expect. But perhaps a better goal would be trying to become more aware of our drinking habits, and to ACTIVELY CHOOSE which tea to drink. That way we can work on sipping a little more Positivitea and a little less Negativitea each day.

May Hashem help us to drink wisely, and share generously. And may our cups always runneth over, with Positivitea.

Have a grateful, joyful day, everybody.
Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana was Thursday night, April 11th. The final opportunity is Monday night, April 22nd.

Chodesh Nissan began this past Monday night, April 8th. For the duration of the month, Tachanun, as well as the Yehi Ratzons recited after Kerias Hatorah, are omitted from the weekday davening. On Shabbos, Av Harachamim (before Mussaf) and Tzidkoscha (after Minchah) are omitted as well. The Kel Malei recited by one who has a yahrzeit is also not said. Fasting and hespeidim are generally prohibited as well.

The berachah of Bircas Ilanos (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) should ideally be said during the month of Nissan. Many have the minhag not to eat matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan (some do not eat matzah beginning from Shushan Purim).

One must donate money for Maos Chittin, money which will be used to provide the needy with food during Pesach. The donation may be given from maaser funds.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael continues, each person should increase reciting tehillim and performing other mitzvos as a zechus for the many Acheinu Beis Yisrael 'in travail and captivity' as well as for the soldiers in battle.

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Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 44 • Yerushalmi: Terumos 101 • Mishnah Yomis: Nazir 2:7-8. • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 84a-86a.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

Shabbos Hagadol is next Shabbos, Parashas Metzora, April 20th.

Leil Bedikas Chametz is on Sunday evening, April 21st.

Pesach begins on Monday evening, April 22nd.

TAZRIA: Tumah and taharah brought about by childbirth and the accompanying offerings • Bris Milah • Types of Tzara'as include S'eis, Baheres and their Mispachas subcategories, Shechin and Michvah (Tzara'as on skin healed from a rash or burn), Nesek (Tzara'as on bald spots in one's scalp or beard), Karachas and Gabachas (Tzara'as on widely bald areas on the front and back of one's head) • Laws of the Metzora's exclusion from the Jewish camps • Tzara'as of garments

Haftarah: The Parasha discusses the laws of tzara'as. The haftarah (Melachim II 4:42 - 5:19) relates the episode when Elisha healed Na'aman who was afflicted with tzara'as.

Parashas Tazria • 67 Pesukim • 5 Obligations • 2 Prohibitions

1) Tumah of Yoledes. 2) Do not enter the Mikdash or eat Kodashim while impure. 3) A Yoledes shall bring a korban. 4) Show tzara'as affliction to a kohen. 5) Do not remove signs of tzara'as. 6) A Metzora must separate himself from the population. 7) Observe tzara'as of clothing laws

Mitzvah Highlight: The Torah prohibits removing tzara'as signs from one's body. The Minchas Chinuch explains that when one experiences any degree of punishment, he should react with introspection, and not dismiss the message.

“והנה לא הפך הנגע את עיניו”

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

The simple meaning of this pasuk is that the appearance of the

tzara'as on the garment has not changed. The Chidushei HaRim offers another, homiletic interpretation.

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

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