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April; 21 - 27, 2018  
6 - 12 Iyar 5778  
Parshat Tazria - Metzora

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Friday, April 20

Candle Lighting  
7:29 pm

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:00 pm

Earliest Shema Friday night  
8:35 pm

Latest Shema Shabbat morning  
9:26 am



**BARUCH HABA**

**David Levy**  
*Israel's Consul General  
for Quebec and Atlantic Canada  
as part of Israeli Shabbat*

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**IN APPRECIATION TO**

**The Hofman family**  
*for leading services  
and **Bobby Shaul**  
for leining*

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**MAZAL TOV**

**Sue & Philip Malewski**  
*on the birth of their granddaughter*

**Arie Jade Malewski**  
*granddaughter of*

**Rhonda & Gary Bromberg**  
*daughter of*

**Laura Bromberg & Ronnie Malewski**

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**Heidi, Susan & Michael**  
**and 11 grandchildren**  
*in memory of **Dr. Allan Small Z"l***

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Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 21 6 Iyar	April 22 7 Iyar	April 23 8 Iyar	April 24 9 Iyar	April 25 10 Iyar	April 26 11 Iyar	April 27 12 Iyar
Omer 21	Omer 22	Omer 23	Omer 24	Omer 25	Omer 26	Omer 27
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary	7:00 am Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit
9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium	8:00 am Shacharit	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi
10:00 am Youth Groups	8:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
11:15 am David Levy Israeli Shabbat Lecture				8:00 am Shacharit	10:00 am Pirke Avot Chapter 3 Rabbi Perton	
6:25 pm Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	7:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
6:55 pm Hilchot Tefillah Rabbi Michael Wolff	7:20 pm Duplicate Bridge	7:20 pm Duplicate Bridge	7:20 pm Duplicate Bridge	7:00 pm Jewish Studies for Women Ora Rubinstein	7:00 pm Jewish Studies for Women Ora Rubinstein	 7:38 pm Candle Lighting
7:25 pm Mincha Seudah Shlishit	8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat	8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat	8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat	8:00 pm Shiur Rabbi Gimple	8:00 pm Shiur Rabbi Gimple	
8:26 pm Maariv						
 8:36 pm Shabbat ends						

# TAZRIA - METZORA

APRIL 21, 2018 • 6 IYAR 5778

HERTZ P. 459 HAFTARAH P. 477 ~ STONE P. 608 HAFTARAH P. 1172

The central theme of Parshat Tazria-Metzora is the unique case of tzara'at (usually translated as leprosy) in its various manifestations. Some tzara'at appears in human flesh. Some affects a person's hair or facial hair, and other types can appear in other parts of the body. Tzara'at can even spread to clothes and houses.

Rabbi David Stav relates the following: 'Of all special halakhot concerning tzara'at, I would like to focus our attention on one particular law. A major symptom of tzara'at in human beings is a white rash appearing on a person's skin. Once someone discovers the rash, he approaches the priest, who would need to determine if the white rash is enough to classify the individual as being afflicted with tzara'at: "And if the tzara'at (tzara'at) has spread over the skin, whereby the tzara'at covers all the skin of the [person with the] lesion, from his head to his feet, wherever the eyes of the priest can see it, then the priest shall look [at it]. And, behold! the tzara'at has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce [the person with] the lesion clean. He has turned completely white; he is clean." [Lev. 13:13] In other words, if the lesion was only the size of two hands, the person would be considered unclean, whereas if the lesion were to cover the individual's entire body, he would be clean.

How could it be that a lesion appearing in just one part of a person's body would make him impure, and indicate the existence of some form of a disease, while a lesion or disease that had spread over the individual's entire body would lead to the opposite conclusion – that the person is clean?! If we attempt to understand tzara'at as an ordinary disease, these verses seem puzzling to us. It turns out that the Torah wants to stress the spiritual and ethical aspect of tzara'at manifested in this halakha, as well as in other places. Tzara'at is meant to warn us of various facets of an individual's moral decay, including haughtiness and arrogance, envy, gossip and slander of others, etc. Warnings and instructions are meant to be given in the appropriate amounts. At some point, a person becomes either unable or unwilling to receive a message because it is conveyed too forcefully, or because it is so intense, and the message itself loses much of its effect. Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch put it best: "Quarantine and seclusion (i.e. the isolation a leper is compelled to endure) distance a person from the Temple and from the society around him. The purpose [of these measures] is to lead to repentance and rectification of character traits. However, it is not hoped that this is what they will achieve, unless moral goodness had still been retained in the person's consciousness, and can wage war against evil. Therefore, if absolute evil had suddenly emerged, i.e. '[it] had appeared all over', or even if the entire became smitten with tzara'at – during the time a person had been in seclusion through quarantine this is what is meant: the days of isolation had removed any foundations of morality from his heart, so that this isolation does not lead the individual to rectifying his character traits. This is why the declaration of impurity is nullified. Rebuke is worthwhile as long as a person still hopes he is capable of correcting his negative traits and bettering his situation. However, if a person senses that he's in dire straits, there is no reason to impose any more punishments, and it would be better to simply state that the person is pure." This is why our rabbis say the following: "The son of David will not come until the kingdom is converted to heresy. ...Rava said: What verse [proves this]? It is all turned white: he is clean." [Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 97a] It would be wonderful if we would merit salvation on account of a surge of the benevolence that exists in each and every one of us. However, at times, benevolence emerges in humanity and in individuals only once the evil within all of us is negated. When a person witnesses the embodiment of absolute evil, he suddenly realizes why benevolence is so vital. This is why everything becomes pure when everything turns white.'

Prepared by Devorah Abenheim

## Jewish Studies for Women



**Wednesday, April 25 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm**  
**Led by Ora Rubenstein.**  
**An in depth study of the book of Breishit**

## Hebrew Reading

**Wednesdays April 25 – June 6 at 7:30 pm**  
**Level two**

**Advance Registration Required**

**<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/hebreading5778.spring> 514-489-8411**

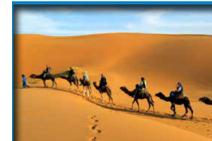
## Pirke Avot - Ethics of Our Fathers



**Thursday, April 26 at 10:00 am**  
**With Rabbi Perton**  
**Chapter 3**

**Light Refreshments**

## Spring Lecture Series on the 10 Lost Tribes



**Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 pm**  
**With Rabbi Perton**  
**Where Are They Now?**

## Community Wide Torah Dedication for IDF

**Save the Date**

**Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 pm**  
**Chief Rabbi of Israel and other Dignitaries**  
**Full details to follow**

## Lag B'Omer Members BBQ



**Thursday, May 3**  
**from 5:00-7:00 pm.**  
**At the Home of**  
**Raizie & Rabbi Perton**  
**5623 Melling**

## Beit Midrash for Women In memory of Sheva Honig Z"L



**Sunday, May 13 at 10:00 am**  
**Rabbi Yamin Benarroch**  
**Breakfast will be served**

**please RSVP <https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/bmw.may2018>**

