

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

April 29, 2017 Parsha Tazria-Metzora 26 Nisan 5777



Tazria-Metzora Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 7:32

Mincha- 7:00

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45

Junior Cong.- 10:15

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Mincha- 7:30 pm

Shabbat Ends- 8:36

TAZRIA: NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 7

5 MITZVOT ASEH (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT)

2 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (NEGATIVE COMMANDMENT – PROHIBITION)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 67

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1010

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 3667

METZORAH: NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 11

11 MITZVOT ASEH

0 MITZVOT LO TAASEH

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 90

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1274

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4657

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Vilna Gaon- aka Rabbi Elijah ben Solomon Zalma aka The Gra- knew the entire Torah at age three and was proficient at Gemorah by the time he was 7?!

LUNCH AT THE YOUTH HOUSE WITH NCSY FOR ALL TEENS IN GRADES 8-12- THIS SHABBAT APRIL 29TH PLEASE RSVP WITH YONI.

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SORTS OF SPOTS

Tzaraat is a main part of this double parsha. It is a condition where the skin develops white spots. *Tzaraat* is commonly called leprosy, but that's a mistake. This is a spiritual disease brought upon by *Hashem* and usually for the truly awful sin of *Lashon Hora* (speaking negatively about others). But it doesn't stop with the skin. It could even be found on clothing, houses and household items. This is to awaken a person so that they should examine their deeds and do *Teshuva* (repent). This is a spiritual disease and it takes a *Kohain*, not a doctor, to get a diagnosis and have it cured. There are four degrees of *Tzara'at*, each one is a spot of a different color!

1. Bright white as snow is the most severe it is called *Baheret*.
2. *Sapachat Baheret*, is a milder case of the first. It is compared to the color of the plaster on the walls of the *Kodesh*.
3. Next is a darker white version, *S'ait*, which looks like clear white wool.
4. A milder version of *S'ait*, is *Sapachat S'ait*, which is an eggshell color. Anything darker is not *Tzaraat*.

Fortunately people don't get *Tzaraat* today. But that doesn't mean we should say *Lashon Hara*. It's imperative we don't.

"Quote of the Week"

"Man is wise only while in search of wisdom; when he imagines he has attained it, he is a fool."

-Rabbi Solomon ibn Gabirol

WIN A SPECIAL ISRAEL COLORED FIDGET SPINNER!! AT JUNIOR CONG. THIS SHABBAT APRIL 29



YIDDLE RIDDLE

THE FIRST KID TO TELL YONI THE ANSWER GETS \$3 MM, THE SECOND GETS \$2, AND THE THIRD GETS \$1- NO TELLING THE ANSWER TO EACH OTHER!

**A fascinating theory does exist
Of this great Rav's lineage- what a twist!
Some say from Haman he was descended
A Bnei Brak man whose life the Romans ended**

Last Week:

I only have one sign of being Kosher, but I'm not (technically) mentioned in this week's parsha. I might ask you WHAT am I, but I'll give you a hint and say WHY.

A- A llama (get it?!)



At the Paper Mill

Playhouse- 6/21

Talk to Yoni for more details.

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MIDOT MATTER MOST:

**NO LASHON HARA! REMEMBER:
IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO SAY
TOO LITTLE THAN TOO MUCH!**

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְמ) n.

1. Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.
2. Zoology-behavior by an animal that is not beneficial to or may be harmful to itself but that benefits others of its species.

TORAH GREATS: RAV YEHOSHUA BEN LEVI- 3RD CENTURY CE

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi (RYBL) was an amora (Rabbi of the Talmud) who lived in Israel in the first half of the third century. He headed the school of Lydda in southern Israel. He was an elder contemporary of R' Yochanan bar Nappacha and Resh Lakish, who presided over the school in Tiberias. It is uncertain whether the name "ben Levi" meant the son of Levi, whom some identify with Levi ben Sisi, or a descendant of the tribe of Levi. Rabbi Joshua ben Levi studied under Bar Kappara, whom he often quoted. But RYBL considered his greatest indebtedness to Rabbi Judah ben Pedaiah, from whom he learned a great number of legal rulings. RYBL had a gentle disposition. Though wealthy, he was known for his modesty and piety, and whenever he instituted public fasting and prayer, it was said that his appeals were answered. RYBL was often sent as a delegate to the Roman governor, as it is believed he also had a very pleasant appearance to go with his keen intellect and saintly demeanor. His son married the daughter of R' Yehuda Hanasi (the Prince).

His love of peace prevented him from making any attacks against the theology of the heretics. And he said cursing one of them is not allowed, pronouncing rather Psalm 145:9, "God's mercies extend over all His creatures." His love of justice and his concern that the innocent might suffer on account of the guilty (Babylonian Talmud Yoma 19b) led him to speak against the custom then prevailing of removing from office a reader who, by omitting certain benedictions, had aroused the suspicion of heresy.

RYBL was a favorite hero in legend. He was often made to be the companion of Eliyahu Hanavi in the latter's wanderings on earth. (Pesikta 36a.) He also had legendary dealings with the Angel of Death. (Babylonian Talmud Berakhot 51a.) While yet alive, he was permitted to visit Shamayim and the nether world, and he sent a description of what he saw there to R' Gamaliel through the submissive Angel of Death. Many of the legends relating to R' Yehoshua have been collected in separate small works entitled "Ma'aseh de-Rabbi Yehoshua' ben Levi" and "Masseket Gan 'Eden we-Gehinnom." There is a debate regarding a grave in Tzipori that some believe is the actual resting place of RYBL.