

Shabbat Tazria-Metzora

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May 3, 2025 / 5 Iyar, 5785

20th Day of the Omer

Bat Mitzvah: Eden Canarick

Annual Torah Reading:	Leviticus	12:1 – 15:33	page 649
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Weekly Torah Reading – Tazria-Metzora

Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. This double portion begins with the laws of ritual purity pertaining to a woman who recently gave birth.
2. Included in that section is the law of circumcision being performed on the eighth day.
3. When one speaks badly of another person, that person would contract a leprosy-like disease known as *Tzara'at*. Those who are afflicted with *Tzara'at* must be isolated from the rest of the community.
4. The Torah goes into great detail about the skin condition of *Tzara'at*, which could appear on one's body, clothes, or house.
5. Much of the first parsha, Tazria, is focused on the details of how one contracts *Tzara'at*, while the second portion, Metzorah details the process one must go through to reenter the community after the fact.

Drash – A Closer Look at the Parsha

“So long as he has the affliction, he shall be impure. He shall dwell alone, outside the camp” (Leviticus 13:46).

Rashi: “Our rabbis taught, ‘Why should only this type of ritually impure person dwell alone? Because by speaking badly of others, he caused separation between husband and wife, between one person and another. It’s fitting that he should be separated.’”

Why must a person with *Tzara'at* be isolated from other people? According to Rashi, *Tzara'at* is brought on by the crime of Lashon Hara—speaking badly about others. When one spreads gossip maliciously, the victims are those spouses, friends, and neighbors who find themselves in conflict with one another. Rumors divide people, and so the punishment fits the crime. Just as the slanderous person tries to divide others, so too is he separated from the rest of the community.

Shabbat Shalom שַׁבָּת שְׁלֹום

SERVICE TIMES:

Friday Evening 6:15pm, **Shabbat Morning** 9am

Sunday morning 9am, **Monday-Thursday evenings** 7pm,

Wednesday morning 7:30am

Yasher Koach to Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg and Cantor Israel Singer for leading services. Cantor Israel Singer, Jake Becker and Eden Canarick for reading Torah and Eden for chanting the Haftorah.

Baruch Haba to our scholar in residence Wendy Sachs.

Thank You

Thank you to Dr. Rica Rabinowitz and Steve Leeman for serving as our Gabbaim. Thank you to Louann Reed for serving as our Parnas and Craig Besnoy and Wendy Weiss for serving as our Shabbat Greeters.

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to the Canarick family on Eden becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Sponsors

Thank you to the Canarick family for sponsoring the bima food baskets with a donation to the Closter Food Pantry and for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of Eden's Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you to Marty & Ruth Kornheiser for co-sponsoring Kiddush in honor of Marty's 85th birthday.

Thank you to Joyce Rothschild for sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Joyce's husband, Larry Rothschild z"l and her father Ben Wolff z"l.

Thank you to Gun Elisabeth, Kamilla and Annika Dronge for sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Mark Dronge z"l.

Announcements

Antisemitism on College Campuses: What you should know before you go **Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM.** TE Teens (9th–12th grade) and parents are invited to a special event with the ADL, offering tools to navigate antisemitism on college campuses and featuring new data shared by David White, ADL's Associate Regional Director of Jewish Outreach. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Sisterhood Book Club **Thursday, May 12th at 7:30 PM.** "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

Hazak at TE: 18 Months After **October 7th Tuesday, May 20th at 11:30 AM.** Join Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner for a meaningful conversation, 18 months after October 7th, as we examine its enduring impact on Israel, the Jewish people, and our collective memory. This thoughtful dialogue will offer insight, perspective, and space for shared understanding.

Annual Congregational Meeting **Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 PM.** Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. At this meeting we will ask you to approve our annual budget, and elect our new Board Members. Our clergy and lay leaders will also highlight many of the Temple's achievements and activities during the past year.

Wardrobe and Color: Projecting the Best Image of You **Thursday, May 29th at 7:30 PM.** Join Laura Tappan, certified image consultant and certified color analyst as she discusses what the colors you wear mean for your image, tips on curating your closet and how to make a fabulous first impression. \$18 per person* (*One attendee will win a gift certificate for a full color consultation with Laura!) [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Blue Jeans & BBQ Friday, May 30th at 7:15 PM. Join us for our annual end-of-year BBQ as the 5785 year comes to a close. \$25 per adult, \$12 per kid. The event and services will take place outdoors (Weather Permitting). [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Shem Tov Award Friday, May 30th at 6:15 PM. Join us as we honor Allie Jesner (Youth Shem Tov) & Dr. Rica Rabinowitz (Shem Tov) award recipients, the service will be followed by a celebratory dessert oneg. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

TE's Annual NY Boulders Baseball Game **Thursday, June 19th at 7:00 PM.** Join us for Temple Emanu-El's Annual NY Boulders Baseball Game. Includes admission to the covered Sunset Deck on the Suite Level, with seating and lots of room to walk around. As well as Kosher food and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the event. \$60 per adult, \$30 for children (12 & under). Register [HERE](#) by Friday, June 13th!

Please visit the Temple Emanu-El website for more information and to join us virtually: <https://tecloster.org>