



Parshat Metzora — Nisan 8, 5779— April 12, 2019

YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Dvar Torah: Ariel Arbely

Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	7:15 pm
Candle Lighting	7:17 pm
Sunset	7:35 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha & Shalosh Seudos	6:00 pm
Shabbos Hagadol Drasha	7:15 pm
Maariv	8:18 pm
Shabbos Ends	8:22 pm

Firstly, I credit to this Dvar to the proper sources: A shiur of HaRav Shmuel Eliyahu Shlita, carrying on the legacy and teachings of HaRav Mordechai Eliyahu Zt'l, with material from Rabbeinu HaArizal and Rabbeinu Yosef Chaim Zt'l (Ba'al HaBen Ish Chai).

This week in Parshat Metzora, we continue our explanation of the spiritual affliction "Tzarat" and the purification process of the Metzora. One would think, that given the severity of the sins associated with Tzarat, as well as the affliction itself, that the Tanach would be replete with mentions of wicked individuals who have been afflicted by it. However, HaRav Shmuel Eliyahu Shlita notes that those who have been afflicted with Tzarat are actually quite high in stature.

Throughout the entire Torah, the only individuals explicitly mentioned contracting Tzarat are Moshe Rabbeinu and Miriam HaNivia (The Gemara also notes Aharon HaKohen)! Additionally, as we look to the "Neviem" we note even more individuals of lofty status contracting Tzarat, including: Gehazi, Naaman and Uzziah. It begs the question, how can

it be that the core references to Tzarat throughout the Tanach are individuals of such lofty stature and potential energy?

The Arizal brings down in the name of the Zohar HaKadosh, that the targum of "Tzarat" is "Machtesh Sguru" (Targum Onkeles) – meaning a closed off cavity/space. The Arizal explains that when there is a powerful source of upper light that is not channeled properly to reveal itself in the world, the result is this closed off, hollow cavity. Tzarat comes to a man of great potential, who in that moment has the potential to redeem Israel, but effectively doesn't (e.g. Moshe arguing at the Burning Bush when Hashem tells him to go redeem Israel). Whether through our thought, speech and action, this is part of our free will challenge in this world.

The Ben Ish Chai explains the line "Gomel Chassadim Tovim" from Tefilat Shmoneh Esreh, paralleling that just as a tree channels its potential into its fruits, so too does Hashem bring out potential energy into positive actuality. As we strive to emulate Hashem, we must also insure that we channel our potential into positive actuality. All the more so as we have entered Chodesh Nisan, the month of redemption. By properly refining our thought, speech and action we can become vessels for Hashem's light in this world for positivity and redemption for all of Am Yisrael. Shabbat Shalom.

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Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon- Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	7:20 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	8:24 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Tues)	9:15 pm