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Parashat Tazria, followed by Parashat Metzora, teaches us the importance of careful and lawful speech, to be warned by Hashem regarding the severity of Lashon Hara and all related sins. One who speaks Lashon Hara can be punished with terrible sicknesses. The Tzaraat infliction is not something that a doctor can heal, it may appear on the skin but it is not an ordinary mundane infliction to be treated with physical medicine. The affected is brought before a Cohen, who examines the infliction and declares whether or not this is considered Tzaraat according to Halacha. If it is authentic, then the inflicted is sent out of the camp to live in solitary confinement, in order to rectify his transgression of Lashon Hara and thereby purify his speech once again. The Chafetz Chaim teaches, it is possible to transgress seventeen negative commandments, fourteen positive commandments, and three different curses through the sin of Lashon Hara. Nothing pushes a person away from his Creator more than Lashon Hara. His merits are transferred to the victim, and he takes over the sins of the victim. Such is a very serious consequence, but what's more, our Sages teach us, terrible sicknesses come, without

the ability to gain atonement for relief. Such consequences should shake up and strike fear to the core of the soul, as the Chafetz Chaim teaches: even someone who learns Torah consistently and diligently needs to be strengthened continuously regarding this area of Halacha. The 24,000 students of Rabi Akiva, who excelled in all areas of Torah, were not careful enough regarding the sin of Lashon Hara and perished as a result. Even David Hamelech was punished for the sin of Lashon Hara, causing his descendant line to be limited through Yoash, due to the perishing of King Shaul and his sons, Nov the city of Cohanim, through Doeg Haadomi, even though it was not a direct causality. Therefore, everyone must be very careful to guard his speech, to limit his speech about people, to guard his ears from listening, to not share sinful information even though it may be completely true and accurate, and absolutely not anything false, because the sin would be too heavy to bear. Not just to refrain from sharing the wrong speech, but also to refrain from listening to the wrong speech. The Gemara tells of Rava who would not accept testimony from Rav Papa, a reputable colleague, because the testimony of one witness would not have

been effective, and Rava therefore forbid his testimony from being delivered to the court. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Insights on the Parasha

1- *He shall cloak himself up to his lips; he is to call out, "Contaminated, contaminated!"* The word **Yaateh**, to cloak, is similar to: **Oteh Or CaSalmah**, and **Meil Tzedaka Ye'atani**. He who sinned through his mouth by speaking Lashon Hara must now figuratively gag his mouth with his cloak, so as not to speak further. He must however warn others not to approach him as well, and therefore calls out that he is contaminated, once to inform of his wrongdoing and twice to keep others away.

2- *On the eighth day, the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.* There is a custom to bless the father and baby by linking them with a *'brother of seven, and a father of eight'*. What does this mean? There are a few interpretations: **1-** This is a hint to Avraham and Yitzchak, who were the first to perform Brit Milah in the Jewish nation. Avraham had eight children, including Yitzchak, Yishmael, and the six sons of Keturah, and therefore Yitzchak had seven brothers. **2-** This hints, that if a person is careful with seven, the seven days of Niddah, then he will merit eight, a son upon whom to perform a Milah on the eighth day. **3-** This hints to King David son of Ishai, as Ishai had eight sons, thereby David had seven brothers.

History in Brief

140 years after the Hurban, calendar year 210. The connection between Caesar Antoninus and Rebbe, Rabbenu Hakadosh, was very strong and meaningful, deeply bound by their souls. Rebbe inherited a massive fortune and was wealthy as the king of Israel, to the point that they would say even the manager of his horses' stables was wealthier than Shabur Malka of Persia. From the days of Moshe Rabbenu until the days of Rebbe there had not been such an abundance of Torah knowledge and wealth possessed by one person. Antoninus was likewise exceedingly wealthy, he had found one of three treasures hidden away by Yosef in Egypt, and before even converting he

partnered in thousands of fields with Rebbe, whose fruit was therefore unrequired to tithe and able to be eaten during Shemitah, as the fields belonged to a non-Jew. Every day Antoninus would take large leather sacks, fill them with gold and cover it up with wheat and grain, and instruct his servants to deliver the wheat to Rebbe, until Rebbe explained to Antoninus that he did not need the money. Antoninus advised Rebbe to keep it and give it to his descendants so that future generations can use it in order to bribe Antoninus's descendants in power to govern in the best interests of the Jewish people. Rebbe was a descendant of David Hamelech. Rivka Imenu was already told in prophecy, during her pregnancy with Yaakov and Esav, that there were two kingdoms in her womb, referring to Rebbe from Yaakov and Antoninus from Esav.

Health and Recovery

To properly maintain your health, you need to be careful with the following things: **1 -** If you are stressed or angry, you should not eat. **2 -** Eat only from a small plate, and only while seated near the table. **3 -** Put on the plate the whole portion you wish to eat at the meal, including bread, and do not add to it even if you aren't full afterwards. **4 -** There is no obligation to finish eating everything on your plate! When you eat, always take time to chew before swallowing, and do not read a newspaper or a book. Also do not talk at all, especially not on the phone. **5 -** As long as you are chewing food, place down the eating utensils from your hand. Do not fill the spoon while chewing because your mouth does not have a large capacity, and you will end up swallowing too quickly to make room for what is on the spoon even though the food in the mouth has not yet been chewed well enough. **9 -** Eat large things and do not eat small things because they cannot be chewed properly and also cause hemorrhoids. It's best to ground almonds and nuts, or to soak them in water to soften them. **10 -** If you are still hungry at the end of a meal, stop eating and wait twenty minutes, at which time you can then decide if you really should continue to eat. In most cases

you will decide not to eat anymore because you really are no longer hungry.

Mussar: Return to Hashem

When a person sins, he is distancing himself further from the true and just path. He sits in darkness and loses touch with Hashem. If he continues to sin, he will soon find himself in total darkness, completely closed off from Hashem's light. This results in a broken person who cannot realize goodness in his life. Everything seems bitter and he is in doubt whether Hashem exists or not. This shell of depression and hopelessness he has entrapped himself in only gets stronger and thicker the more he transgresses and he soon loses all focus and touch of purpose and meaning in life. He has nothing to hold on to and he is falling quickly down a dark and endless hole. He curses himself and others and complains about everything. He soon thinks death is an escape route and an opportunity to be free. Even if he hears awaking words, he does not know how to apply it. There is but one resolution to his problem: The person must break through the depression, laziness, and unwillingness to continue and begin to fight by thinking about the goodness Hashem has given him and be happy and joyous. Only with joy can one begin to heal himself and open the gates to his future. Talk, pray, and pour out your heart and soul to Hashem to guide you, for He hears all. "*Hashem is close to those who call out to Him*" – when? – "*When they call out to Him with truth*". Fortunate are those that give others happiness and reasons to rejoice, for they are healing souls and giving hope. With this, a person can remove their shells of darkness that block out Hashem's holy light, Amen.

Rishon LeSion:

R' Ben-Zion Uziel 1880-1953

After many great Hachamim were exiled from Yerushalayim during World War I, R' Uziel tried to return to Yerushalayim. A ruling official within the Ottoman Empire was willing to grant his request for reentry, however they wanted something in return, in order to prove his allegiance to their government. They wanted

him to find two Jewish spies who had worked for the British government during World War I, and turn them over to their government who will handle them accordingly. R' Uziel did not want to comply with this request. This caused the official to become very angry with him, and he demanded that within a week he should change his mind and bring forth the Jewish spies. The Rav would never change his mind, and fortunately within the week Great Britain had already taken over control of Yerushalayim, and the Jewish people rejoiced. The Jews of Yaffo and Tel Aviv were finally able to return home after being exiled a hard year earlier. R' Uziel also return to Yaffo where he rejoiced with his congregations. The non-Jewish residents of the areas were not happy that the Jews had returned, but R' Uziel worked hard over time to gain their peace and understanding, to live as neighbors without problems.

Story

After the Rebbe and the boy Mordechai spoke together for a long time, quoting words of Chazal, Divre Torah, discussing Gemara and Halacha, the Rebbe then turned to the boy and asked what he was going to do with his new ability of speech. With tears running down his cheeks, Mordechai promised to always use his speech for holy things, to pray, to learn Torah, to serve Hashem and to sing His praises. The Rebbe declared that the world is fortunate that he is now able to speak and do good. He blessed the boy with success in all his endeavors, and he blessed the father as well. The father and son then quickly left, on their journey back home, to share the news of the wonderful miracle with their family and friends. This whole story was now being told over by Mordechai and his father to their visitor, Yeshaya, the wealthy man who likewise had a son that never spoke a word in his life, just like Mordechai before his miraculous salvation. After hearing the story, Yeshaya wanted to quickly travel with his son to this Rebbe Moshe to likewise experience a miracle for his son. Perhaps the silence would not be eternal after all! They thanked and blessed their host for his hospitality and for sharing his

miraculous story, and quickly made their way to travel to the city of the Rebbe.

Laws: Pesah

1 – After performing the Bedikat Hametz on the night of the 14th of Nissan, any Hametz left over to eat the following morning should be secured in a designated place, out of the reach of children, so that it should not get lost and require additional searching and cleaning. The next morning, after eating, whatever remains is burned at the time that Hametz becomes forbidden.

2 – Women as well are obligated to fulfill the commandment to destroy their Hametz. Therefore, if a man is not destroying it for her, a woman must destroy her Hametz herself and recite in the day of the 14th the Kal Hamira three times only after burning the Hametz.

3 – In the day, after burning the Hametz, one recites the Kal Hamira paragraph that includes his proclamation that any Hametz, whether he saw it or not and whether he burnt it or not, should be considered insignificant to him like the dirt of the earth. The night before however, he only proclaimed insignificant what he did not see or burn.

4 – After breakfast on the 14th of Nissan, you should brush, floss, and rinse your teeth very thoroughly. Dentures should be cleaned well in warm water.

5 – Hametz that was rendered undistinguishable before Pesah when it was mixed within a ratio of 1/60 may be eaten during Pesah, since it is not considered Hametz to be prohibited on Pesah when even the smallest amount of Hametz is forbidden to consume. However, this applies only when the Hametz had become mixed inadvertently, and only after it had already become mixed can the law be so. However, one may not mix the Hametz within a ratio of 1/60 with intention.

6 – Pain relief pills may be used during Pesah, but not if they are flavored.

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