

THE BEREKHU

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BAREKHU ET ADONAI HA'ME'VO-RAKH

BLESS THE LORD, WHO IS TO BE BLESSED

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BARUCH ADONAI HA'ME'VO-RAKH LA OLAM VA'ED

BLESSED IS ADONAI, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER

תזריע

Tazria

Hebrew for “Childbirth”

VAYIKRA / LEVITICUS 12:2 – 13:59

Reading LEVITICUS 13:55 - 59

Blessing The Reading Of The Torah

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheynu, melekh ha-olam,
Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe**

**Asher bechar banu mik-kol ha-am-mim venatan la-nu et
Torato,**

Who chose us from all the people and gave us His Torah

**Baruch ata Adonai, no-tein Ha-Torah
Blessed are you, Lord, giver of the Torah**

Blessing over the reader of Torah

May He who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless
XXXXXXXXXX because he has come up for the honor of God, for the
honor of the Torah and for the honor of the Shabbat. In this merit
may the Holy One, Blessed be He, protect and deliver XXXXX from
all trouble and distress, from all affliction and illness, and may He
send blessing and success to all his endeavors, together with all
Israel and all his brethren;
and the congregation says,
In Yeshua's Name
Amen.

Leviticus 13:55 - 57

55 "Then the kohen is to reexamine it, after the mark has been washed, and behold, if the mark has not changed its color and has not spread, it is unclean. You are to burn it in the fire, whether the rot is inside or outside.

56 If the kohen looks, and sees the mark has faded after it has been washed, then he is to tear it out of the garment, or the leather, or weaving, or texture.

57 But if it appears again in the garment, either in the weaving, the texture, or in anything made of leather, it is spreading. You are to burn with fire whatever has the mark.

Leviticus 13:58 - 59

58 The garment, or weaving, or texture, or whatever leather item it is that you have washed, if the mark has departed from it, is to be washed a second time, and will become clean.”

59 This is the Torah for a mark of tza’arat in a garment of wool or linen, either in the weaving, the texture, or in anything of leather, to pronounce it clean or to pronounce it unclean.



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Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11 – 34:55

- Yah Establishes the 1/2 Shekel for the tabernacle
- Golden Calf incident
- Moshe breaks the original tablets
- Yah forgives the people but says there will be consequences
- Moshe prepares the new tablets
- Moshe is granted a vision of the 13 attributes of YHWH
- Moshe's face shines so bright after being in Yah's presence that Moshe has to wear a veil

Vayakhel Exodus 35:1 – 38:20

- The people are again reminded to keep the Sabbath
- Moshe commands the people in the building of the Mishkan
- The people donate materials for the Temple
- A team of wise-hearted artisans are assembled for the construction of the furnishings and the Temple

Pekudei Exodus 38:21 – 40:38

- There is an accounting of the gold, silver and copper donated for the make of the Mishkan,
- Betzalel, Aholiav and their assistance make the priestly garments according to the specs given by Moshe in Parashah Tetzaveh
- Mishkan is completed and brought to Moshe, who erects and anoints it
- Aaron and his four sons are initiated in to to priesthood.
- The Divine Presence of YHWH comes to dwell in the Mishkan, signified by a cloud appearing over the Mishkan

Vayikra Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26

- Yah calls Moshe from the Tent Of Meeting and gives him the laws of karbanot, the animal sacrifices and meal offerings that are to be brought in the Sanctuary
- The “ascending offering” (olah) that is wholly raised to Yah by the fire atop the altar;
- Five varieties of “meal offering” (minchah) prepared with fine flour, olive oil and frankincense;
- The “peace offering” (shelamim), whose meat was eaten by the one bringing the offering, after parts are burned on the altar and parts are given to the kohanim (priests);

Vayikra Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26

- The different types of “sin offering” (chatat) brought to atone for transgressions committed erroneously by the high priest, the entire community, the king or the ordinary Jew;
- The “guilt offering” (asham) brought by one who has misappropriated property of the Sanctuary, who is in doubt as to whether he transgressed a divine prohibition, or who has committed a “betrayal against Yah” by swearing falsely to defraud a fellow man.

Tzav Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36

- Yah instructs Moshe to command Aaron and his sons regarding their duties and rights as kohanim who offer the korbanot (animal and meal offerings) in the Sanctuary.
- Instructs that the fire on the altar must be kept burning at all times.
- In it are to be burned the wholly consumed ascending offering; veins of fat from the peace, sin and guilt offerings; and the “handful” separated from the meal offering.
- The kohanim eat the meat of the sin and guilt offerings, and the remainder of the meal offering.
- The peace offering is eaten by the one who brought it, except for specified portions given to the kohen.
- The holy meat of the offerings must be eaten by ritually pure persons, in their designated holy place and within their specified time.
- Aaron and his sons remain within the Sanctuary compound for seven days, during which Moses initiates them into the priesthood.

Sh'mini Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47

- On the 8th day Aaron and his sons begin to officiate in the Mishkan
- a fire issues forth from Yah to consume the offerings on the altar, and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.
- Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before Yah, which He commanded them not" and die before Yah. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy.
- Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right.

Sh'mini Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47

- Yah commands the Kosher law
- We are given some of the laws of ritual purity, including the purifying power of the mikvah and the wellspring. Thus the people of Israel are enjoined to “differentiate between the impure and the pure.”
- Mikveh is a pool of water meeting specified qualifications
- **The people are told to differentiate between the pure and impure**

Tazria Leviticus 12:1 – 13:59

- Continues with the of laws of tumah v'taharah, purity and impurity
- A woman giving birth should undergo a process of purification, which includes immersing in a mikvah and bringing offerings to the Holy Temple.
- All male infants are to be circumcised on the eighth day of life.
- Tzara'at is a skin disease, not necessarily leprosy.
- Afflicts skin, furnishings and homes, must be identified by the priests as pure or impure
- The person afflicted must stay outside the camp away from others until cured
- If the condition recurs, the home, clothing and furnishings must be destroyed

- Mostly inaccurately translated as leprosy
- The common teaching, Midrash, is that it is caused by Lashon Hara, gossiping, slandering etc.
- In Parsha Beha'alotecha, Numbers 12, Miriam is stricken with leprosy after she and Aaron speak ill against Moshe
- More of a spiritual condition with an outward manifestation
- If there is raw wounds the person is unclean
- If the skin is white in every place effected the person is clean

Numbers 8:1 – 12:16 Beha'alotecha

Miriam and Aaron speak against Moshe and
Miriam was stricken with tzara'at

Beha'alotecha

- Miriam and Aaron speak against Moshe
- Adonai becomes angry and calls the three of them to the Tent Of Meeting
- Adonai descends in the Pillar of Cloud
- Meets them there and judges Aaron and Miriam accordingly
- Miriam is stricken as soon as Adonai ascends from their meeting
- Miriam is sent outside of the camp for seven days as prescribed by Adonai
- The entire camp sits and waits, unable to move, until she is ***pure*** again

Parsha Beshalach - Miriam The Prophetess

Exodus 15

20 Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing,

21 as Miriam sang to them:

Sing to Adonai, for He is highly exalted!

The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!

Leviticus

- Midrash tells us that sometimes man's physical afflictions are consequences of his actions, and that Tzara'at is a consequence of slander.
- It can appear on the walls of the home, garments and skin
- If the appearance on the walls is ignored then it will spread to the garment
- Left unchecked it will then spread to the skin
- When it can no longer be cleaned from the walls and garments, those items must be destroyed with fire

Spiritual Sense Of Pure

Tamei – Impure

Tahor – Pure

Clean

- Free from dirt, dust, or any unwanted substance
- Associated with hygiene and cleanliness
- Can refer to something free from anything harmful or unwanted
- “Can Refer to Kosher Foods”

Pure

- Free from any impurities or contaminants
- Associated with being unadulterated and uncontaminated
- Can refer to something free from any moral or ethical impurities

Matthew 23:25 - 28

25 “Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and uncontrolled desire.

26 O blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, so that the outside may become clean as well.

27 “Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.

28 In the same way, you appear righteous to men on the outside, but are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

A Matter Of The Heart

Matthew 15

16 “Are you also still lacking understanding?” Yeshua said.

17 “Don’t you grasp that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and then is ejected into the drought(sewer)?

18 But the things that proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and those things make the man unholy.

A Matter Of The Heart

Matthew 15

19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, and slander.

20 These are the things that make the man unholy; but to eat with unwashed hands does not make the man unholy."

A Matter Of The Heart

Matthew 6

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in or steal.

21 For where your treasure is, *there will your heart be also.*

Matter Of The Heart

Psalms 119

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought You—let me not stray from Your mitzvot.

11 I have treasured Your word in my heart, so I might not sin against You.

A Matter Of The Heart

Psalms 119

12 Blessed are You, YHWH. Teach me Your statutes.

13 With my lips I rehearse all the rulings of Your mouth.

14 I rejoice in the way of Your testimonies above all wealth.

A Matter Of The Heart

Psalms 119

15 I will meditate on Your precepts, and regard
Your ways.

16 I will delight in Your decrees. I will never forget
Your word.

A Matter Of The Heart

Proverbs 4 - Ways of Wisdom and Wickedness

20 My son, pay attention to my words— incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart.

22 For they are life to those who find them and health to their whole body.

A Matter Of The Heart

Proverbs 4

23 Guard your heart diligently, for from it flow the springs of life.

24 Put away perversity from your mouth, and keep devious lips far from you.

25 Let your eyes look directly ahead, and fix your gaze straight in front of you.

A Matter Of The Heart

Proverbs 4

26 Clear a level path for your feet, so all your ways will be firm.

27 Do not turn to the right or to the left. Divert your foot from evil.

A Matter Of The Heart

Hebrews 9

11 But when Messiah appeared as Kohen Gadol of the good things that have now come, passing through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands (that is to say not of this creation),

12 He entered into the Holies once for all—not by the blood of goats and calves but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

14 how much more will the blood of Messiah—who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God—cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

A Matter Of The Heart

Romans 12

1 I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service.

2 Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

A Matter Of The Heart

2 Corinthians 7

1 Therefore, since we have these promises, loved ones, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of YHWH.

A Matter Of The Heart

1 Peter 1

22 Now that you have purified your souls in obedience to the truth, leading to sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from a pure heart.

23 You have been born again—not from perishable seed but imperishable—through the living and enduring word of Yah.

24 For, “All humanity is like grass, And all its glory like a wildflower. The grass withers, and the flower falls off,

25 But the Word of Yah endures forever.”

And this is the word that was proclaimed as Good News to you.

Words To Live By

Matthew 4

1 Then Yeshua was led by the Ruach into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 After He had fasted for forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.

3 And when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are Ben-Elohim, tell these stones to become bread."

4 But He replied, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Words To Live By

Psalms 119

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106 I have sworn and confirmed to observe Your righteous rulings.

Words To Live By

John 8

12 Yeshua spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



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Parashah Metzora Aliyah or Reading

מִצְרָע - Leper or One Being Diseased

Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

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| • 1 st Day | Leviticus 14:1 – 12 | Haftarah |
| • 2 nd Day | Leviticus 14:13 - 20 | Malachi 3:4 - 24 |
| • 3 rd Day | Leviticus 14:21 - 32 | |
| • 4 th Day | Leviticus 14:33 - 53 | |
| • 5 th Day | Leviticus 14:54 – 15:15 | Gospels |
| • 6 th Day | Leviticus 15:16 - 28 | Matthew 17:9 –13 |
| • 7 th Day | Leviticus 15:29 - 33 | |



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