



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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Torah Portion: [Tazria-
Metzora](#)

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This week we read about the mitzvah to circumcise our boys on the eighth day of life. Lately, circumcision has come under fire. People have begun decrying this ancient practice, claiming it would be better to wait until the boy grows up and decides on his own.

Their point seems to make sense. But then, *brit milah* is not about making sense.

Come what may, Jews will not abandon this mitzvah. In fact, the fact that it is done before the child has attained cognitive awareness and the ability to make rational decisions is deeply rooted in the very meaning of *brit milah*. We recognize that our connection to G d runs deeper than reason. It is our very self, seared into our uniquely Jewish souls.

Rabbi Wilansky



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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Tazria-Metzora

The Parshahs of Tazria and Metzora continue the discussion of the laws of *tumah vtaharah*, **ritual impurity** and purity.

A **woman** giving **birth** should undergo a process of purification, which includes immersing in a *mikvah* (a naturally gathered **pool of water**) and bringing offerings to the Holy Temple. All male infants are to be circumcised on the **eighth day of life**.

Tzaraat (often mistranslated as leprosy) is a supra-natural plague, which can afflict people as well as **garments** or **homes**. If white or pink patches appear on a person's skin (dark pink or dark green in garments or homes), a *kohen* is summoned. Judging by various signs, such as an increase in size of the afflicted area after a seven-day quarantine, the *kohen* **pronounces** it *tamei* (impure) or *tahor* (pure).

A person afflicted with *tzaraat* must dwell alone outside of the camp (or city) until he is healed. The afflicted area in a garment or

home must be removed; if the *tzaraat* recurs, the entire garment or home must be **destroyed**.

When the *metzora* (leper) heals, he or she is purified by the *kohen* with a special procedure involving two birds, **spring water** in an earthen vessel, a piece of **cedar** wood, a scarlet thread and a bundle of **hyssop**.

Ritual impurity is also engendered through a seminal or other discharge in a man, and menstruation or other discharge of **blood** in a woman, necessitating purification through **immersion** in a *mikvah*.



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