



Rosh Chodesh



This Shabbos is both Rosh Chodesh Nissan and the Shabbos of Parashas HaChodesh, where we read about the preparation of the Korban Pesach. During Shacharis, some congregations say *yotzros*, followed by Hallel. Three Sifrei Torah are taken out. Parshas Tazria is read in 6 aliyos and the leining of Rosh Chodesh, which is read from the second Sefer, replaces the 7th. After Kaddish, Parashas HaChodesh is read from the third Sefer Torah, followed by the Haftarah of Parashas HaChodesh. *Av Harachamim* is omitted. During Musaf, *Ata Yatzarta* is said. *U'Ichparas pasha* is **not** added. *Yotzros* are said by many congregations during Chazaras Hashatz. *Borchi Nafshi* is added at the end of davening.

During the month of Nissan, Tachanun is omitted along with the *Yehi Ratzons* after the Krias Hatorah on weekdays. On Shabbos, *Av Harachamim* at Mussaf and *Tzidkoscha* at Mincha are omitted as well.

One must donate money for *Maos Chittim*. The donation may be given from Maaser. The Bracha of *Birchas Ilanos* should be said during the month of Nissan. Many have the Minhag not to eat matza beginning from Rosh Chodesh Nissan.



Reminders

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chullin

129.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Sunday evening, April 7th. The final opportunity is Thursday leil bedikas chametz, April 18th.

Make sure to call your parents (and in laws), grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

Next on the Calendar



Pesach begins in two weeks, on the evening of Friday, April 19th



Parshah in a Paragraph

TAZRIA: Tumah of childbirth and the accompanying sacrifices • Milah • The three types of *Tzara'as*: *s'eis*, *baheres* and *mispachas* • Signs of impurity • *Tzara'as* on a rash or burn • *Nesek*: *Tzara'as* on the scalp or beard • *Tzara'as* of dull white spots • *Tzara'as* on bald spots • *Tzara'as* of garments

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Parashas Tazria contains 67 pesukim and 7 Mitzvos, 5 positive and 2 negative commandments.

1. Tumah of *Yoledes*
2. Do not enter the Mikdash or eat Kodshim while impure
3. A *Yoledes* shall bring a Korban
4. Show *Tzara'as* to a Kohen
5. Do not remove signs of *Tzara'as*

6. A *Metzora* must separate himself
7. Observe *Tzara'as* of clothing

Mitzva Highlight: "*V'es hanesek lo yigaleiach*" And the *nesek* you shall not shave (Vayikra 13:33) The Torah prohibits removing *Tzara'as* from ones body. The Minchas Chinuch explains that when one experiences any degree of punishment, he should react with introspection, and not dismiss the message.

For the Shabbos Table



Chazal tell us that non-Jews aren't subject to the punishment of *Tzara'as*. Since gossip is surely found amongst all the nations, why wouldn't they receive *Tzara'as* as well which punishes for *lashon hara*?

The Midrash says that Bnei Yisrael is called Adam, while the other nations are not. Rav Meir Shapiro z"l explains that while of course all people are a part of mankind, the Midrash is stating that only Bnei Yisroel can be referred to in the singular. Other nations are individuals grouped together in an external fashion. However, the Jewish nation by definition is essentially one. This singularity and *achdus* is the very identity of Bnei Yisrael. *Lashon hara*, which causes strife and disharmony, is antithetical to the very core of what being part of Am Yisrael is. Thus for the severity of breaking this unity is *Tzara'as* warranted.

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