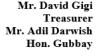
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Next Friday: Candles. Shabbat. Ki Tisa		17:44
Tetzaveh 5780 (Exodus 27:20-30:10) Mar 1, 2020 by Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig GOOD MORNING! Many people	once had a friend to	a cavalier attitude. I cell me "I never repeat cefully the first time!"
know that the three "cardinal sins" of	•	ware that man's first
Judaism are 1) murder 2) idol worship and 3) illicit sexual relations. But I am	· ·	God by eating from
fairly certain that very few people know		vledge, but the first precedes even that! In
the sin that Jewish tradition (Arachin		e find that the snake
15b) considers as severe as the three of) to eat from the Tree
them combined: the sin of gossip - also	· ·	telling her that the
known as "loshon hora" or evil speech.		ited man from eating
Loshon hora - gossip - is insidious, and yet the almost uncontrollable desire	from the Tree is be	ecause God knew that it, then man would

Tetzaveh 5780 (Exodus 27:20-30:10)

Loshon hora - gossip - is insidious, and yet the almost uncontrollable desire to repeat it is universal. In fact, the Talmud laments that nearly everyone some one is guilty of form gossip (Bava Basra 165a). Unfortunately, it is so prevalent that

Thus, the first instance of gossip is from the snake in the Garden of Eden and was the first evil act in the world. (Thirty years ago I remember reading a column

DESIGNED & PRINTED BY: DAVID GIGI - 07722 207 307 - any query call Ghassan Cohen 07989 387 881 from "Dear Abby" discussing all the terrible aspects of gossip and one of her points was that even the very name "gossip" hisses - which is unsurprising considering the original source.)

The snake, being dissatisfied with his place in the world, desired to be with Eve and wished to do away with Adam. The snake was aware that God had told Adam that he would die if he ate from the Tree of Knowledge (Genesis 2:17). So he plotted to do away with Adam by getting him to eat from what God had forbidden him to eat. Thus the original sin of *loshon hora* was utilized to try and eliminate a rival.

According to Jewish tradition (See Ramban Genesis 2:7) speech is the attribute that makes man absolutely unique in the animal kingdom. In Judaism, man isn't referred to as a rational animal; rather man is called a "medaber - a creature of speech." Speech isn't merely communication, which many animals have mastered to varying degrees. The power of speech is that people can articulate ideas and thoughts that are reflective of their individuality and express them in a myriad of ways; to convey love, gratitude, empathy, and a host of other concepts.

After the Jewish people received the Torah on Mount Sinai they sinned with the incident of the Golden Calf. This transgression drove a wedge between them and God. In order to restore this relationship, God offered them the opportunity to build a home for Him to dwell within their midst. This "home" was known as the Tabernacle, and as we discussed last week, the entire nation participated in its construction.

This was a place for the Jewish people to commune with God and bring Him sacrifices to express their desire to reconnect.

In this week Torah reading, we find a fascinating insight into the sin of loshon hora and what drives people to commit this very destructive sin. The Jerusalem Talmud points out that not only were the sacrifices that they brought an atonement for their sins, but even the clothes worn during the services by the priestly caste. known as Cohanim (which plural is the of Cohen), served as an atonement. The Talmud goes on to explain which clothes atoned for which sin.

One of the garments worn by the high priest was called "me'il" - it was a four cornered robe of sorts made of wool dyed sky blue and ringed along its bottom hem with thirty six golden bells. The purpose of these bells was to announce the comings and goings of the high priest as he entered the different rooms of the Tabernacle. The Talmud says that this particular clothing atoned for the sin of loshon hora. As the Talmud puts it "a clothing that makes sound will atone for the sin of sound (i.e. gossip)."

this requires deeper But a explanation. How is it that so serious a transgression is merely reduced to being a "sin of sound"? One would hardly think that the damage caused by evil speech should be reduced to merely being a ordinance! violation of a noise Moreover, in Judaism, in order to receive atonement there has to be a connection between the atonement and the sin, how do little tinkling bells indicate a lesson learned or offer any kind of atonement?

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As previously mentioned, the snake, who introduced the concept of gossip into the world, was driven by his dissatisfaction with his role in the world. He wanted more, and in fact he hoped to replace Adam as the primogenitor of mankind. But instead of developing himself he focused on destroying Adam so that he himself could rise.

Have you ever noticed what happens when a crowd suddenly hears a large noise? Everyone instinctively turns around to look for the source of the sound. Sound has a way of attracting attention. The Talmud is teaching us a very deep lesson here.

This self-serving intent of the snake is the same motivation that drives people to speak *loshon hora*. The person speaking *loshon hora* is looking to attract attention to himself and be compared favorably to the person who is the subject of the gossip. Their deep personal dissatisfaction with themselves is ameliorated by pushing others down. Essentially the offender is saying "look at me!" It is therefore precisely a sin of the principle of sound!

How then does the robe offer an atonement? The robe also serves to call attention to the wearer. The difference is that the sound of the tinkling of the bells is there to pay respect to the presence of *Hashem*. Meaning, the high priest is cognizant that the presence of God is immanent and that he is a visitor. The bells serve to announce his movements and serves to respect the presence of others. Thus, this atones for the sin of gossip, which essentially is trying to aggrandize oneself at the expense of another.

In fact, from the bells on the bottom of the robe of the high priest we learn that even when entering one's own home (when there are others within it), the proper etiquette is to knock on the door first. In other words, you're supposed to announce your arrival prior to entering. Meaning, you are calling attention to yourself to pay respect to the personal space of others (spouse, children, etc. within) and not just barge into their space. In this way, we learn to manage our own egos and respect the space of others.

Lastly, we should all remember that there are three things a person can talk about: 1) ideas 2) things and 3) other people. The highest level of conversation is to discuss ideas and concepts. That is the subject matter where we should strive to maintain the majority of our conversations. The next level down is to talk about things (e.g. cars, wealth, experiences, or current events), it is acceptable but not preferable.

The third category, that of talking about people, should be avoided in almost all circumstances, unless you are trying to prevent harm from befalling others. Most importantly we should consider choosing our friends based upon these guidelines of what they like to discuss, as it absolutely will tell you what quality of person they are.

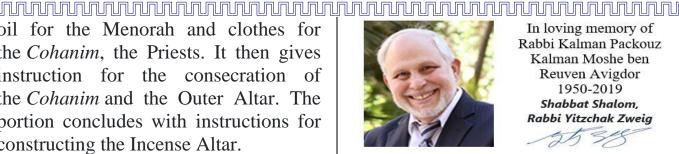


TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Tetzaveh, Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

The Torah continues this week with the command to make for use in the *Mishkan*, the Portable Sanctuary --

oil for the Menorah and clothes for the Cohanim, the Priests. It then gives instruction for the consecration the Cohanim and the Outer Altar. The portion concludes with instructions for constructing the Incense Altar.



In loving memory of Rabbi Kalman Packouz Kalman Moshe ben Reuven Avigdor 1950-2019 Shabbat Shalom, Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig

Seuda Shelishit: sponsered by The Rahimian family הי"ו, in the memory of the late Helen Rahimian (Yehudit Beruchiah Mauziah bat Yoseph ע"ה, the daughter of Mrs Homa Sarah Rahimian and the sister of Robbie, David, Ellian, and Jennifer הי"ו. We wish the family long life. On Sunday there will be Mincha & Arbit at the Synagogue at 17:45 followed by Berachot as a memorial Service for Helen נ"ה. Siyum Masecet Brachot by Rabbi Asher Sebbag.

Purim & Fast Timing: Mon. 9th Mar. Taanit Esther Start at 05:10 terminates at 18:29. Mincha & Arvit at 17:30 followed by megila reading by Michael Joshua. Followed by Seuda.

Children party: Mon. 9th Mar. 16:30-19:00 Keriat megila, art & crafts. come with your costume and get a mishloch manot.

Purim: Tue. 10th Mar. Shahrit 06:45 and the Megila reading by Michael Joshua. also at 10:00 at 20 Golders Gardens NW11 (Rabbi Home) a second reading by Rabbi Asher Sebbag.

Security Alert: Please be very vigilant when you leave the Synagouge. Do not stand in groups and chat, go home without gathering on the main road. Be safe and alert.

Kolel every Sunday: We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

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