

## Empathy

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In this week's Parshiot, Parshat Tazriah and Metzora, we learn about Tzaraat. Tzaraat is a disease which can afflict someone who has done one of three aveirot through his speech. The three types are: Loshon Harah (saying something bad about someone even though it is true), Motzi Shem Ra (something said that is negative and not true) and Rechilut (telling someone the things other people may say about them). After being diagnosed with tzaraat, by a Kohen, the individual is sent away from everyone else. What can we learn from this? Since the metzora, someone who has tzaraat, separated others, then he should be separated from them. This separation allows the metzora time to think about what he has done. We see that a person can and should learn by trying to feel and understand the pain they have caused others. Take the time to think about how others are feeling and you are likely to make better choices.

### Parsha Questions

- 1) Who does a person, who thinks he has tzaraat, go to? (A Kohen)
- 2) Where does a person who has tzaraat live? (Outside the community)
- 3) Who does a person, who thinks their clothing has tzaraat, bring his clothing to? (A Kohen)
- 4) What do you do to the clothing if the clothing has tzaraat and the spot gets bigger? (Burn the clothing)

- 5) What do you do to the clothing if the clothing has tzaraat and the spot gets lighter? (cut out the area of tzaraat and only burn the piece of clothing with tzaraat)
- 6) In order to clean the metzora's clothing, where do you dip them? (In the mikvah)
- 7) What must a metzora call out when people come near him? (Tamei Tamei)
- 8) What must a metzora cover? (his face)
- 9) What does the metzora have to bring to help make him pure? (Korbanot)
- 10) What does a metzora have to tear? (His clothes)