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“This shall be the law of the Metzorah”

Why, asked R’ Shmuel of Sochotchov, does the verse state, “This shall be the law of the Metzorah,” and not, “This is the law of the Metzorah?”.

The tzara’as affection, answered the Rebbe, is brought about by the sin of haughtiness. Once he is afflicted, however, and individuals begin to distance themselves from him, he feels contrite and humbled. But this feeling of humility must accompany him for the rest of his life. Even after he is healed, let him not return to his previous state of arrogance; rather, he must ingrain the lesson he has learned as a Metzorah and remain humble until his very last day.

“On the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.”

Question: Why is the ceremony called *brit milah*?

Answer: There are 613 *mitzvot* in the Torah; one of them is the *mitzvah* of circumcision. On the eighth day, the child fulfils the *mitzvah* of *milah* but still has 612 *mitzvot* to fulfil. The word “*brit*” whose numerical value is 612, reminds the child of all the remaining *mitzvot*.

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No Temple, says the prophet, can contain the Divine Presence which fills the universe. God looks for humility and sincerity in man and will severely punish the hypocrite who brings sacrifices yet, outside the Sanctuary, indulges in loathsome idolatrous rites. The faithful will be rewarded with peace and joy and the exiles brought back to Jerusalem by the nations as a tribute in God’s Sovereignty. From one new moon to another all mankind will come to worship the Lord.

The additional reading of the Law is taken from Numbers dealing with the sacrifices offered on the Sabbath and the New Moon.

מזל טוב
Wedding anniversaries

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those who are commemorating a
yahrzeit during the coming week.**

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