



The Parsha Post

SPECIAL HEALTH EDITION: FOCUS ON SKIN CARE

TSARA'AS EPIDEMIC SPREADS

A dreadful skin disease has broken out in Yentaville Township. Standing amid a much-too-loud waiting room full of gossiping patients, Dr. Raffy Cohen, medical expert at Beth-Israel Hospital, reports that this outbreak has reached epidemic proportions.



"We are seeing patients with white spots that look suspiciously like the Biblical disorder of Tsara'as," said Dr. Cohen. "Kudos to our Chief Medical Authority, a.k.a. G-d Almighty, for giving us detailed healing instructions. I am confident that when our Tsara'as patients

follow these guidelines, they will be completely cured."

MEDICAL EXPERTS: TSARA'AS IS NOT LEPROSY

For generations, it has been assumed that Tsara'as is identical to the disease called leprosy. According to Dr. Leibel Lukshenop, the famous medical and biblical expert, this is totally incorrect.

When asked to comment briefly, Dr. Lukshenop responded, "I tell you. It's totally incorrect. False and erroneous. It's a myth. A fable. One big fairytale. Listen... Leprosy is simple and straightforward. Everyone knows that leprosy is a perfectly natural disease caused by Mycobacterium leprae, affecting the peripheral nervous system and skin, characterized by ulcerations, tubercular nodules, and loss of sensation. Tsara'as, on the other hand, is a supernatural spiritual condition that comes as a result of sin – the sin we call Lashon Hara – speaking evil of others, slandering and just yakety-yakety-yak, blah, blah, blah, talking nonsense, yada, yada, yada, talk that seems to be never ending, etc. etc. etc. etc., if you know what I mean, whatever. I think you get the point and I hope I am making myself crystal clear. Personally, I don't understand how people enjoy just babbling away..."

[Due to lack of space, TNS had to cut short the doctor's insightful "brief" remarks.]



MYSTERIOUS SPOTS APPEAR ON CLOTHING

Dry cleaners all over the camp are reporting unusual spots that cannot be removed by chemical cleansers. Spot-testing samples obtained by TNS showed these spots to be red or green.



One sample was locked away for an entire week and didn't appear to shrink or fade, causing investigators to believe that it may be Tsara'as, the Biblical malady that can affect skin, clothing and even homes.

"If anyone sees spots like these," cautioned Dr. Lukshenop, "we urge you to take them directly to a Kohen authorized by the dRc (Desert Rabbinical Council) to diagnose and treat Tsara'as. This is not something that will go away on its own, and it's certainly not something you want to have treated by an amateur, and I have a lot more to say about this..." For a full transcript of Dr. Lukshenop's "brief" remarks, see pages 55-97 of "The World According to Lukshenop."

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