



The Parsha Post

AROUND THE WORLD WITH DETECTIVE HOLMES

Investigators are trying to solve the mystery of the name of the fifth Parsha of the Book of VaYikra. "We know that most people call this Parsha 'Metsora,'" clarified Detective Shimon Holmes, "but it does not appear to be quite so elementary. Why would a Parsha be named for a dreaded disease? There must be another name..."



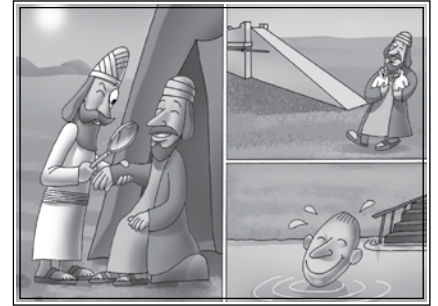
Detective Holmes traveled the world and made three revealing discoveries:

- 1 In Iraq (formerly known as Bavel) Holmes uncovered a 1,000-year-old manuscript from Rabbi Saadya Gaon where he referred to the Parsha as "Zos Tihiye" – the first unique words of the Parsha, meaning "this shall be."
- 2 In Italy, Holmes discovered a 300-year-old diary of the famous traveler, Rabbi Chaim Yosef Dovid Azulay, a.k.a. the Chidah. In each new entry he would begin with the name of the Parsha, such as Kislev 23, Parshas VaYeishev. Holmes noticed that during the week of Parshas Metsora, however, he would write Parshas Teharah, meaning "purification," a befitting name for the Parsha that deals with the purification of the Tsara'as sufferer.
- 3 Detective Holmes concluded his research at the Shazak headquarters in Chicago. Holmes discovered a Shazak manuscript (it was under the Out of Egypt book) which sheds light on the common name, Metsora. Being that Holmes could not decipher the cryptic handwriting, Rabbi Moscovitz, Executive Producer of Shazak (who could read his own handwriting), clarified, "Metsora sounds like Motsi Ra, 'removing bad.' That's what Parshas Metsora is all about – the removal of one's bad past and the beginning of a new journey filled with goodness and kindness!"

TSARA'AS SUFFERER REHABILITATED

Talkalot Tsara'as Update:

It had been a long process involving weeks of isolation, a ritual involving two birds, running water, branches of hyssop and cedar, a red string, temple



sacrifices, and a very patient Kohen, but Tuli Talkalot has been cleared of Tsara'as. As news spread, his family and friends gathered to welcome him home.

"It was ahem... an interesting experience," said Tuli to TNS disease and disaster reporter Oyvadya Oyvei. "I spent a lot of time alone, which allowed me to think, and now I am completely rehabilitated... ready to rejoin society. Ready to come home. Ready to live a kinder, gentler and quieter life."

ANTIQUE TREASURE FOUND IN CONDEMNED HOME



An ancient Cana'anite home dating to the Amorite Period was condemned several weeks ago due to the appearance of suspicious spots on the

walls. During the partial demolition process, construction workers came across a pile of dusty coins and other precious artifacts. Archeologists believe they had been hidden by the original homeowners of Cana'an. "I can hardly believe it," said the owner of the house, Berel Balabos. "I am so thankful to HaShem, who told us that our house needed to be taken apart. And this all came from talking too much. I'm speechless!"

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