

## Purifying Metzora

Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Tumat Tzaraat, Chapter 11*

📖 | Purifying a *metzora*<sup>5</sup>, Metzora should shave off hair as part of purification process.<sup>6</sup>

### 🔔 Reminder

Pack on Weights and Measures  
Pack on Purification



### Procedure

- 📖 | • New earthenware container – *Mipi Kabalah*
- 📖 | • Mayim chayim ('living waters') as *Parah Adumah* ¼ *log*
  - 2 sparrows that are kosher.
    - 1 slaughtered over the water in earthenware vessel.
    - 1 set free.
- 📖 | • *Etz Erez* (cedar branch) 1 *amah* long – *Mosheh Misinai*
- *Ezov* (hyssop – regular) not less than 1 *tefach* long – *Mosheh Misinai*
- *Shani Tolaat* (crimson strand) weighing – 1 *shekel* – *Mosheh Misinai*
  - One bird slaughtered and blood poured onto living waters in earthenware container.
- 📖 | • This bird is now buried in the presence of afflicted person – *Kabalah Misinai*.
- Tie cedar and hyssop together with the crimson strand and place tips of wings and tail of living bird next to them.
- Dip all 4 in water and blood.
- Sprinkle 7 times on back of hand of afflicted person.
- Send away living bird.
- Priest shaves all the hair of the afflicted person, using only a razor, until entire flesh is smooth.
- *Metzora* garments are laundered.


4 fundamental items  
dependant on each  
other

### 🔔 Reminder

Pack on Impurity of Clothes



- *Metzora* goes to *mikveh*. (Now some of his restrictions are lifted.)
- Counts 7 days. (At this stage is allowed back into town.)
- On 7th day Priest shaves him a second time. He then launders his garments and goes to *mikveh* again. (Further restrictions removed.)
- Waits till evening (further restrictions removed).
- Next day brings his Offering and is then pure.

 **Reminder**

*Mechusrei Kaparah* (period after mikveh and sunset, before achieving atonement with Sacrifices)  
*Sefer Korbanot, Hilchot Mechusrei Kaparah, Chapter 1*



The purification of a *metzora* takes place in *Eretz Yisrael* and *Diaspora*, whether *Bet Hamikdash* standing or not. (This is because the purification is independent of the Offerings).