



## **Tazria, [Leviticus 12:1 - 14:9](#)**

**The Torah** continues with the laws of physical and spiritual purity. The focus of this portion is upon *tzora'as*, a supernatural physical affliction sent to warn someone to refrain from speaking badly about others. The disease progressively afflicted home, clothes and then one's skin -- unless the individual corrected his ways and followed the purification process stated in the Torah.

**There are** two types of speech transgressions: 1) *Lashon Hara* (literally "evil tongue") -- making a derogatory or damaging statement about someone even though you are speaking the truth ... and 2) *Rechilus* (literally "tale bearing") -- telling someone the negative things another person said about him or did against him. To subscribe to daily lessons in *Shmirat HaLoshon*, proper speech -- go to: [PowerOfSpeech.org/daily-learning](http://PowerOfSpeech.org/daily-learning) -- or buy a copy of Rabbi Zelig Pliskin's book [Guard Your Tongue!](#)