

## Emor, Leviticus 21:1 - 24:24

**This week's** portion sets forth the standards of purity and perfection for a Cohen; specifies the physical requirements of sacrifices and what is to be done with blemished offerings; proclaims as holidays the Shabbat, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

**It reminds** the Jewish people to provide pure olive oil for the Menorah and designates the details of the Showbread (two stacks of 6 loaves each which were placed on the table in the portable sanctuary and later in the Temple once a week upon Shabbat).

**The portion** ends with the interesting story of a man who blasphemed God's name with a curse. What should be the penalty for this transgression? Curious? <u>Leviticus.</u> <u>24:14</u>.