

THE PARSHA EXPERIMENT: PARSHAT TAZRIA

WHAT DO TUMAH AND TAHARA MEAN TODAY? – PART I

TEACHER'S GUIDE



POINTS TO PAUSE



DISCUSSION TOPICS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BEFORE THE VIDEO 	➔	What do tumah and tahara mean?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0:56 	➔	What does it mean to be pure or impure?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2:46 	➔	What connects them?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5:29 	➔	Why is only the mother tamei?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7:22 	➔	What brush with mortality does a baal kerai experience?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AFTER THE VIDEO 	➔	Why might tumah and tahara matter today?



FROM PRINCIPLE TO PRACTICE

David Block and Immanuel Shalev discuss how the concepts of tumah and tahara are connected to mortality and understanding how fragile life is.

Thinking about our own lives, when have you been reminded of your own mortality? How does this recognition impact you? Why is it important to have reminders of our fragility?

CHECKING FOR UNDERSTANDING

What are some possible meanings of tumah and tahara?

What are some cases of people becoming tamei?

What is the connection between tumah and mortality?



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STUDENT GUIDE

Definitions: As you watch, use the space below to make notes about the meaning of tumah and tahara.

Tumah

Tahara

Graphic: As you watch the video, use the chart below to make notes about tuma and the connection to mortality.

	What is it?	What is the connection to mortality?
Yoledet		
Metzarah		
Baal Keri		
Niddah		
Zav/Zava		
Animals		

במדבר יב:יב	Numbers 12:12
אל-נא תהי, כמות, אשר בצאתו מרחם אמו, ויאכל חצי בשרו.	Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.'

