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Dvar Torah - Dealing with Adversity

What is our approach to financial setbacks? How do we react to a parking ticket on our windshield or flashing lights in our rear view mirror? We tend to bemoan our "bad luck," and make a feeble and short-lived commitment to use more caution in the future.

The Torah tells us that there is another reaction we should have to adversity, and if we take this lesson to heart we may never look at loss quite the same way.

In *Parshas Metzora*, the Torah tells us that the plague of *tzora'as* can not only afflict one's body, but one's clothes and home as well. The *Da'as Zekeinim* asks why this plague should affect a house; surely the stones and beams of the house have done nothing wrong! The *Da'as Zekeinim* explains that it is a tremendous benefit for *Klal Yisroel* to have this Divine retribution upset one's home, because in doing so, Hashem is sending a warning sign to the home's owner, "You have sinned; do teshuva and save yourself!" Hashem sends the plague on the sinner's belongings as a message to improve his

ways even though this individual committed sins which should have resulted in direct negative results for the sinner. Hashem is only sending the plague on the sinner's possessions when it is the sinner who truly deserves it!

Please Join Us!
Wednesday, April 21
The Community-Wide
Internet Safety Program
Please mark your calendars
and plan to join us this
most important event!
7:30 P.M. at the Julius Littman
Performing Arts Theater
17011 NE 19th Avenue
North Miami Beach

We see from here the tremendous love Hashem has for us. Even though we may be deserving of direct harm and a strict consequence, Hashem waits patiently for our *teshuvah*. He sends us warnings by way of afflicting our belongings, when in truth, it is we who deserve the affliction. It is our task to heed the warning signs and improve ourselves.

This is the proper response to many of life's adversities. Let us view that unexpected roof leak, auto repair or tax bill as a sign that all is not right with our *mitzvos bein adam l'Makom* or *bein adam l'chavairo*. Let us use these misfortunes to galvanize our efforts and effect a *teshuvah gemura*.

Dvar Halacha – The קוצר מלאכה of by Yehuda Gruberger, Grade 11

One of the prohibited activities on Shabbos is קוצר - harvesting. קוצר only applies to severing something that grows. A *toldah* of harvesting is cracking off a branch, as opposed to cutting it.

The *Rabbanan* prohibited one to climb a tree on Shabbos because you might break a branch, leaf, or fruit off a tree while climbing it. In addition to climbing, one cannot use a tree in other manners. The prohibition regarding using a tree includes leaning on it, putting

something on it, or tying anything to the tree. The exception for this prohibition is that one is permitted to use the part of the tree that is within three *tefachim*, or about 9 inches, of the ground.

Can one smell flowers or fruits still attached to a tree? The *halacha* is that one is permitted to smell a flower because there is no concern he will come to detach it. Fruits, however, cannot be smelled, because you may come to pick them and eat them.

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