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If a person has Tzaras out of all three camps he must stay,
Because if he enters a house it becomes Tamei,
Unless he is asked to leave and is out of sight,
In the time that it takes to kindle a light.

This example is used to describe this short time frame,
To teach us the power of a Shabbos candle flame,
For reasons three,
It has the power to block the spread of this intense impurity.

1. It is a Mitzvah, that is top rate,
2. A physical light it does create,
3. Its mission is to foster peace in the home,
So that no one will stumble on a stick or stone.

1. Only a candle used for a Mitzvah so holy,
Can guarantee peace and harmony,
Because a candle on any other night, can also bring to light,
Negative traits and things that aren't good and right.

2. Every Mitzvah creates a light we know,
But we don't see it's affect in our world so low,
But when the Mitzvah creates a physical light,
The spiritual light affects the darkness of the Galus night.

We know that this is true,
 From the days when the Bais Hamikdash were in view.
 At that time, the nations of the world knew,
 That amongst the Yidden dwelled Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

Because of the western flame specifically,
 That stayed lit miraculously,
 Although in the Kodesh it was lit,
 And most people never got to see it.

There were 9 other miracles that everyone could see,
 In the courtyard of the Beis Hamikdash and in Yerushalayim city,
 But a Mitzvah that creates a physical light - it is a fact,
 Makes the greatest impact!

3. Every Mitzvah that we do,
 Is meant to bring peace between the world and Hakadosh Baruch Hu,
 Every Mitzvah reveals that Hashem is our Creator and King,
 And we are meant to serve Him with every physical thing.

The Mitzvah of Shabbos candles, is best of all,
 Because to our unique mission it's a clear call,
 To bring peace into the home Shabbos was given,
 Which is the cure for the Metzora who spoke Lashon Hara which caused friction.

The Mishna says that Shabbos candles prevent people from tripping and falling,
 Over wood and stone which can be used for idol worshipping,
 Because when we light candles, from modern day idols our families we protect,
 Hashem recreates the world at every moment they will never forget!

Now we understand and see,
 That lighting Shabbos candles is such an unbelievable opportunity,
 Therefore even before a girl is fully grown,
 She should join her mother and light a candle of her own!

This will ensure that when she does marry,
 She will build for her family,
 A home on the foundation,
 Of Torah and Mitzvos to continue the Jewish nation.

It is necessary for all Jewish daughters to light for another reason
It used to be that who children would marry was the parents' decision,
Since the mother lit Shabbos candles every week, she had the Zechusim,
To ensure that her daughters would marry Talmidai Chachimim.

But now that the girls decide who they will marry,
Their own Zechusim they need to carry.
Therefore from when they reach the age of education,
They should begin lighting Shabbos candles even if it's not their family custom.
