either his father or his mother, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace; they shall be excommunicated in the sight of their kinsfolk. He has uncovered the nakedness of his sister, he shall bear his guilt. 18 If a man lies with a woman in her infirmity and uncovers her nakedness, he has laid bare her flow and she has exposed her blood flow; both of them shall be cut off from among their people. 19 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister or of your father’s sister, for that is laying bare one’s own flesh; they shall bear their guilt. 20 If a man lies with his uncle’s wife, it is his uncle’s nakedness that he has uncovered. They shall bear their guilt: they shall die childless. 21 If a man marries the wife of his brother, it is indecency. It is the nakedness of his brother that he has uncovered; they shall remain childless.

22 You shall faithfully observe all My laws and all My regulations, lest the land to which I bring you to settle in spew you out. 23 You shall not follow the practices of the nation that I am driving out before you. For it is because they did all these things that I abhorred them 24 and said to you: You shall possess their land, for I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey. This statement introduces the closing admonition of this section.

24. flowing with milk and honey A well-known characterization of the land in biblical literature. It is depicted as abounding in milk-producing herds, flocks, and fruit trees, especially the date palm. The Hebrew word for “honey” (d’vush) usually refers to the nectar of trees. The word translated as “flowing” also means “oozing,” which links this section with the verses concerned about bodily discharge.
and honey. I the LORD am your God who has set you apart from other peoples. 25 So you shall set apart the pure beast from the impure, the impure bird from the pure. You shall not draw abomination upon yourselves through beast or bird or anything with which the ground is alive, which I have set apart for you to treat as impure. 26 You shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and I have set you apart from other peoples to be Mine. 27 A man or a woman who has a ghost or a familiar spirit shall be put to death; they shall be pelted with stones—their bloodguilt shall be upon them.

who has set you apart from other peoples. So you shall set apart the pure beast from the impure: The people Israel, by bringing the dimension of holiness not only into its ritual life but also into its ways of eating, dress, and sexual mores, will be a model for all humanity of how people can refine and transcend their animal nature and achieve holiness.

26. You shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy. The parashah concludes (in this penultimate verse) as it began.

HALAKHAH U’MA-ASEH.

26:26. be holy... I have set you apart... to be Mine: Beyond the specifics of Jewish law, we are obligated to act in a way that reflects well on God, the Jewish people, and our traditions ( kiddush ha-Shem) and to refrain from acting in a way that would bring dishonor to God, our people, and its traditions ( hillul ha-Shem). (MT Foundations of the Torah 5:1,10-11).