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In the merit of my eldest Daughter, Mira, for her 10th Birthday! May we be zoche to dance soon on Tisha B'Av in Yerushalayim!

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Zaidy Deitsch - Yosef Yitzchuk ben Sholom Yeshaya

~ by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren ~

In honor of the birthday of

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Mazel Tov **Yosef Benyomin Gniwisch** (Columbus, OH)

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CHUMASH :: Parshas Devarim - Shishi with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, Moshe Rabbeinu reviews with the Yidden how they captured the lands of Sichon and Og.

Sichon and Og: Moshe Rabbeinu reminds the Yidden how they won over Sichon and Og, the kings of the Emori, even though these kings were SO strong! Hashem told them to fight with these nations, and they did, completely capturing their land.

Part of their land went to *Shevet Reuven* and *Gad*, and part to some of the families of *Shevet Menasheh*.

TEHILLIM :: 39 - 43

Today we say *Tehillim* for *Yom Zayin*, which is *kapitelach Lamed-Tes* to *Mem-Gimmel*.

In the end of *Kapitel Mem-Alef*, it says “**Baruch Hashem Elokei Yisroel, Me’Haolam Ve’ad Ha’olom, Amen VeAmen!**” “Blessed is Hashem, the Hashem of the Yidden, from one world to the other world — *Amen* and *Amen!*”

Chassidus explains what two worlds we are talking about!

There are two kinds of worlds that Hashem created: Hidden worlds, and worlds we can see. For example, there are some things that are easy for us to understand, and there are other things that are very hard for us to understand! (Like some parts of Torah.)

Baruch Hashem — to *bentch* Hashem! That means in this *posuk* to bring Hashem from a hidden world to a world we can see. One way we can do this is by helping someone understand a part of Torah or *Yiddishkeit* that is “hidden” for them, that they don’t know it yet! By teaching other Yidden about Torah and *mitzvos*, it brings Hashem from the hidden world to the world we CAN see!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Gimmel

In *Igeres Hakodesh*, there are many letters where the Alter Rebbe encourages *Chassidim* to give a lot of *tzedakah*! In this letter, the Alter Rebbe explains how special *tzedakah* is and what happens when we give it!

The most important thing that happens we can’t see at all. Hashem “hides it away in a box” close to Him, and keeps that box closed until *Moshiach* comes.

There is something else that happens when we do this *mitzvah*, which is that after the *neshama* finishes its *shlichus* in this world, it gives the *neshama* the tools it needs to feel close to Hashem in *Gan Eden*.

Finally, there is a teeny bit of light that shines from the *mitzvah* in this world. That shine of Hashem’s *chayus* helps keep a Yid safe in the world, that nothing bad should happen in *Gashmius* OR *Ruchnius*.

When we understand this, we will never want to miss a chance to give *Tzedakah*!

HAYOM YOM :: Zayin Menachem Av

Today’s *Hayom Yom* tells us something about the *Tanya* that we are learning now, the beginning of *Igeres Hakodesh*:

The first two letters in *Igeres Hakodesh* were written ten years apart from each other!

There is a *sicha* from the *Frierdiker Rebbe* that tells us the history of the letters we are learning now in *Igeres Hakodesh*. It shows us that the first letter is from when *Chassidus Chabad* just started, and the second letter is from a later time, when *Chassidus Chabad* had a big challenge and came out with *hatzlacha*!

The first letter was written in three sections: The first section was written by the Alter Rebbe when he already had Talmidim, but before he went to Mezritch to learn from the Maggid. There, he wrote about how important it is to learn Shas, in order to strengthen Emunah.

The second section of the letter was written after he came back from Mezritch, when he already knew the purpose of his neshama, which was to start Chassidus Chabad. Here already, the Alter Rebbe speaks about how important it is to work on Avodas HaTefillah.

The third section was written years later, when he already had Talmidim living in different places, and this letter was to make sure that the talmidim were davening properly, according to Chassidus Chabad.

The second letter in Igeres Hakodesh was written after Chassidus Chabad had a big challenge against it, and had hatzlacha! This letter was written after the Alter Rebbe came out of prison on Yud-Tes Kislev, which was when Chassidus Chabad proved that it would last!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #154 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #68, #165, Asei #31, Lo Saasei #77, #78

Today we learn more mitzvos about keeping the Beis Hamikdash holy:

1) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #68) A Kohen is not allowed to go into the part called the Kodesh unless he has a reason to do avodah there. The Kohen Gadol also is not allowed to go into the Kodesh HaKodoshim even on Yom Kippur, unless it is to do the Avodah.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Acharei: וְאֵל יִבְא בְּכָל עֵת אֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ

2) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #165) A Kohen is not allowed to leave the Beis Hamikdash in the middle of his avodah. A Kohen Gadol is not allowed to leave the Beis Hamikdash during his avodah even if he finds out that a close relative passed away.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Shemini: וּמִפְתָּח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לֹא תֵצֵא

3) (Mitzvas Asei #31) We need to take people who are tamei out of the Beis Hamikdash.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Naso: וַיִּשְׁלְחוּ מִן הַמִּחָנֶה כָּל צָרוּעַ וְכָל זָב וְכָל טָמֵא לִנְפֹשׁ

4) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #77) A person who is Tamei is not allowed to go into the Beis Hamikdash.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Naso: וְלֹא יִטְמְאוּ אֶת מִחְנֵיהֶם

The details are explained in the beginning of Mesechta Shevuos, and in Mesechta Horios, and Mesechta Kerisus, and in places in Mesechta Zevachim.

5) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #78) Certain people who are Tamei are not even allowed onto the Har Habayis, the mountain where the Beis Hamikdash stands!

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Ki Seitzei: לֹא יִבְא אֶל תוֹךְ הַמִּחָנֶה

The details are explained in the beginning of Mesechta Keilim.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Biyas HaMikdash

In Rambam, we learn about today's mitzvos:

Perek Beis: A kohen is not allowed to go into the Kodesh without a good reason, and the Kohen Gadol is not allowed to go into the Kodesh Hakodoshim except on Yom Kippur to do the Avodah. We also learn what happens if a kohen is an avel, mourning for someone who passed away.

Perek Gimmel: People who are *tamei* are not allowed to come into the *Beis Hamikdash*. One *halacha* is that if a person who is *tamei* comes in by climbing over the roof, or in a box flying in the air, he doesn't get *Kareis*, but he does get *Makas Mardus* — *malkos* from the *Beis Din*.

Perek Daled: We learn about how a *kohen* who is *tamei* is not allowed to do ANY *avodah* in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shecheinim - Perek Daled

In today's Rambam, we learn halachos about neighbors. There are some things you CAN do even if your neighbors don't like it, and other things that you CAN'T do because they bother someone else.

In this we learn about upstairs and downstairs neighbors who share a house or part of a mountain garden. One *halacha* is that if the house falls down, the person downstairs HAS to build his part of the house so that the upstairs neighbor can build his. If he doesn't, the upstairs neighbor can build the bottom floor and live there himself until his neighbor pays him back for all of his work.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Zayin Menachem Av

The Rebbe teaches us that *Zayin Av* is a day when we need to work even harder to bring the *Geulah*.

The *Gemara* tells us that on *Zayin Menachem Av*, the *Goyim* came into the *Beis Hamikdash* to make the *Churban*.

Why does the *Gemara* tell us this?

It isn't just to tell us a story, or to help write a history book. It definitely isn't written to make us feel bad by telling us sad things!

The *Gemara* is a part of Torah, and the purpose of Torah is to teach us how we should act. So if the *Gemara* tells us about *Zayin Av*, it must be because we need to know it in order to do something because of it!

We learned before that especially during the Three Weeks, we need to learn extra Torah and give more *tzedakah* in order to bring the *Geulah*. When the Nine Days start, we work even harder, making *siyumim* and being even more careful with *Ahavas Yisroel*. On *Zayin Av*, the *Gemara* says, the *Churban* was already starting. This is a message to us that today, we need to put in even MORE effort to bring the *Geulah*! We should take on new *hachlatos* and do something MORE to change the *Golus* into *Geulah*!

One year, in a *sicha* from *Zayin Menachem Av*, the Rebbe said that especially today we need to beg Hashem extra hard to bring *Moshiach*! We should add in *Achdus* by learning Torah and giving *Tzedakah* together with other *Yidden*.

See sicha Zayin Menachem Av Tof-Shin-Mem-Tes

TEFILLAH :: Shir Shel Yom - Yom Shishi

The song the *Leviim* would sing in the *Beis Hamikdash* on *Yom Shishi* is *Kapitel Tzadik-Gimmel*. It starts with the words "*Hashem Malach Ge'us Lavesch*," "Hashem has ruled, He has worn majesty."

On *Yom Shishi*, Hashem created all of the animals (the birds and fish were created on *Yom Chamishi*), and the first people, Adam and Chava!

Once Adam was created, he recognized that Hashem ruled over the world, and told all of the creations to come and bow before Hashem! Now, once there was a person, Hashem was able to be a King. That's why we say this

Shir Shel Yom on Yom Shishi, because the first day that “*Hashem Malach*,” Hashem ruled, was on *Yom Shishi*.

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Learning Torah on Tisha B'Av

Learning Torah makes a Yid happy! Like it says in the *posuk*, “***Pekudei Hashem Yesharim, Mesamchei Lev***” — “Hashem’s laws are upright, they make a person happy!”

Usually, that’s a wonderful thing, to be happy all of the time and to learn as much Torah as we can!

But on *Tisha B'Av*, we are mourning for the *Beis Hamikdash*. Getting involved in happy Torah learning will make us forget our sadness about the *Churban*.

Still, we have a *mitzvah* to learn Torah all the time. So what should we do?

We should learn parts of Torah that talk about the *Churban*, so we won’t forget about it. We learn *Eicha*, or *Iyov*, or part of the *Gemara Gittin*.

Reading books or newspapers just because we enjoy them is not allowed on *Tisha B'Av*. It will also keep a person from remembering that he is sad about the *Churban*. We are only allowed to read and study about the *Churban* or other sad times for Yidden.

See also Piskei Teshuvos vol. 6, p. 106

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Who Will Build the Third Beis Hamikdash?

There are two opinions about who will build the third *Beis Hamikdash*. Will it be *Moshiach* who tells the Yidden to build it, or will it come down from *Shomayim*?

The Rebbe gives a few explanations to show us that BOTH are true! Here is another explanation:

We learn about how the third *Beis Hamikdash* will be built from the *Navi Yechezkel*. Hashem gave Yechezkel a *nevuah* where a *malach* showed him around the third *Beis Hamikdash*, measuring all the different parts so he would know exactly how it should look!

But some parts of this *nevuah* are hard for us to understand. The Rambam tells us that Yechezkel’s words are “*aino mefurash umevuah*,” they are not explained fully. That means that we can’t just follow Yechezkel’s instructions and build the *Beis Hamikdash Hashlishi*.

But there are many parts that we DO understand! Some of these parts were already built once before according to Yechezkel, in the second *Beis Hamikdash*. We know exactly how they should look, and we can follow the *Navi*’s instructions to build them just right!

The Rebbe says that these are the parts of the *Beis Hamikdash* that *Moshiach* will tell us to build. We will build whatever we can understand.

And then what about the rest, the parts that aren’t so clear?

Hashem will send down all the rest of the *Beis Hamikdash* from *Shomayim*, and we will have the complete *Beis Hamikdash Hashlishi*, which will last forever!

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