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CHUMASH :: Parshas Eikev - Shishi with Rashi

Moshe is still *farbrenging* with the Yidden, so they will behave in a way that they can STAY in Eretz Yisroel!

Moshe tells the Yidden about how special Eretz Yisroel is! Even though Mitzrayim is very beautiful, Eretz Yisroel is MUCH nicer!

In Mitzrayim, everyone waits for the Nile River to flood to water the fields, but in Eretz Yisroel, Hashem sends rain from *Shomayim*.

Then Moshe reminds the Yidden that if they listen to Hashem they will get rain and Hashem will take care of them, but if they don't, Hashem won't send rain. Everyone will be hungry because nothing will grow, and they will have to leave this very special place, Eretz Yisroel...

So Yidden! Listen to what Hashem says and you can live in Eretz Yisroel forever!

In today's Chumash we have the second of the three paragraphs of Shema, which starts with the words "Vehaya Im Shamo'a"! If you learn it inside, you will know what it means every time you say it in davening!

TEHILLIM :: 104 - 105

Today's *kapitelach* are *Kuf-Daled* and *Kuf-Hey*.

In today's *Tehillim*, in *Kapitel Kuf-Hey*, it speaks about the history of the events that led all the way up until when the Yidden went into Eretz Yisroel. It tells how Hashem promised the land to Avraham, how the Yidden had to go down to Mitzrayim because of the hunger, how Hashem took the Yidden out of Mitzrayim, and the *nissim* that happened until they came to Eretz Yisroel. It is very interesting to see how the whole history is recorded in this one *kapitel*!

The end of the *kapitel* is "**Vayitein Lohem Artzos Goyim**," "Hashem gave the Yidden the land of the nations," that Hashem took Eretz Yisroel away from the *Goyim* and gave it to the Yidden, who Hashem planned for it to belong to from the beginning.

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Zayin

"Ashreinu Mah Tov Chelkeinul!" This letter of the Alter Rebbe starts off with those words. It teaches us something very important about having chayus in the mitzvos we do!

There are two parts of Torah, **Niglah** and **Nistar**.

Niglah is the part of Torah that teaches us the *mitzvos* we need to do, which is mainly what our *Guf* (body) needs to do.

Nistar helps us learn about Hashem who gave us the Torah, and how we need to serve Hashem with our *Neshama*. First that was called *Kabbalah*, and only special people learned it. Then parts of it were called *Chassidus*, which is for EVERYONE to learn!

Besides for teaching *Kabbalah* to all of the Yidden, *Chassidus* answered some very hard questions that even people who knew *Kabbalah* had before!

One question is how Hashem can be so great that everything is like NOTHING next to Hashem, but at the same time, Hashem is EVERYTHING, and everything is Hashem!

The Alter Rebbe was the first to explain how it can be. He explained that it is called "*Ohr Ein Sof*," with a *mashal* of the sun. (The Rebbe Rashab tells us how special this explanation is, and how it makes many confusing things in *Kabbalah* make sense!)

The Alter Rebbe uses *Ohr Ein Sof* in many places to explain lots of parts of Torah!

In this letter, the Alter Rebbe will explain how it gives us a *chayus* to keep the *mitzvos*!

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Alef Menachem Av

Today we learn how EVERY *Chossid* needs to be a *Shliach* for *Chassidus*!

Even when we're busy with other things, we need to be thinking about how we can help *Chassidus* and *Chassidim*. And whenever we meet someone, we should try to inspire them to learn *Chassidus* or come to a *farbrengen*.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #168 - Mitzvas Asei #161, Lo Saasei #140

Today we learn two *mitzvos*:

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #161*) It is a *mitzvah* to count *Sefiras Haomer*. Even though the *mitzvah* is to count both the days and the weeks, that is a detail of the *mitzvah* and it is not counted as two separate *mitzvos*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וּסְפַרְתֶּם לָכֶם מִמַּחֲרַת הַשָּׁבֹת

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #140*) If an animal was supposed to be a *korban*, and then someone made it *posul* on purpose, or if it became *posul* after *shechting* it, we are not allowed to eat it.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Reeh*: לֹא תֹאכַל כָּל תוֹעֵבָה

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Mesechta Bechoros*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Temidin U'Musafin - Pesulei HaMukdashin

In today's *Rambam*, we finish learning about the *Yom Tov korbanos*:

Perek Tes: We learn about the *korbanos* of *Rosh Hashana*. We also learn about the order *korbanos* need to be brought in.

Perek Yud: In this *perek* we learn about the special *korbanos* of *Yom Kippur* and *Sukkos*. We also learn about the *Nisuch Hamayim* — the water that was poured on the *Mizbeiach* when the *Korban Tomid* was brought on *Sukkos*, along with the wine that was usually poured!

Now we start learning a new set of *halachos*, about what makes *korbanos posul*:

Perek Alef: One example of how a *korban* can become *posul* is if even a part of the animal was outside of the *Azara* when it was *shechted*.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shluchim VeShutfin - Perek Daled

In this *perek*, we start learning about how people can become partners in business.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chof Av

It is very interesting that of all of the *Torah* we still have from R' Levi Yitzchak, the Rebbe's father, was from the *seforim* that were written during his *Golus*!

The Rebbe says that teaches us something very important — one of the ways that makes our *Torah*, and especially *Chassidus*, last — is when it comes from *Mesiras Nefesh*! When we learn *Torah*, especially when it is very hard for us, that will make sure that it will stay with us forever!

TEFILLAH :: Ve'al Kein

In *Shemoneh Esrei*, we ask Hashem that all of the enemies of Torah *Yiddishkeit* should be stopped. But we need to make sure that we end off our *davening* with the right kind of attitude to these kinds of people.

It is not good *midos* to want Hashem to take revenge on our enemies, we want them to stop being enemies! We ask Hashem to fix the world to follow what Hashem wants, “*Lesaken Olam Bemalchus Shin-Daled-Yud*.” Then, nothing will go against Hashem, and no one will be the enemy of Yidden or *Yiddishkeit*.

Here is an example of changing an enemy into a friend:

R’ Shmuel Hanagid was a great Talmid Chacham who lived in Spain. (He lived during the same time as the Me’or Hagolah, Rabbeinu Gershom.)

He wrote very beautifully both in Hebrew and in Arabic, and the vizier (prime minister) heard about him. R’ Shmuel ended up helping and giving advice to the vizier.

When the vizier died, the caliph (ruler) of Spain appointed R’ Shmuel as the new vizier! The Yidden started calling him R’ Shmuel Hanagid, R’ Shmuel the prince.

A certain Arab storekeeper was very jealous of R’ Shmuel. Every time R’ Shmuel would pass his spice store, the Arab would start screaming at him and saying not nice things. R’ Shmuel just ignored him, because he felt that punishing him might make things harder for the Yidden.

Once, R’ Shmuel was walking with the caliph, and they passed this spice store. The Arab didn’t notice the caliph, and screamed at him as usual. R’ Shmuel wanted to ignore him, but the caliph was very upset that someone was insulting his vizier! He ordered R’ Shmuel that he should have the Arab’s tongue cut out of his mouth as a punishment.

R’ Shmuel didn’t want to punish the man. He found out that the Arab was very poor, and that was why he was so jealous. He started sending him presents, and sure enough, the Arab stopped yelling his not nice words.

A few weeks later, R’ Shmuel and the caliph again passed the spice store. The Arab ran out of his store and began praising and blessing R’ Shmuel Hanagid.

The caliph was very angry! “Didn’t I order you to have this man’s tongue cut out?”

R’ Shmuel Hanagid answered, “I did! I cut out his not nice tongue and replaced it with a good, kind one.”

(See Iyun Tefillah, Mesechta Shel Tefillah; for story see “The Rise of the Sefardim” from “The Miraculous Journey” by R’ Yosef Eisen)

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Kavod of a Sefer Torah

One of the ways we show *kavod* for a *Sefer Torah* is by standing up when the Torah is being carried.

When the *Sefer Torah* is being brought to the *Bimah* or to the *Aron Kodesh*, we need to stand up out of *kavod*, and stay standing until the Torah is resting on the *Bimah* or inside the *Aron Kodesh*.

If the Torah is being carried somewhere else, we need to stand up until we can’t see it anymore.

See Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, siman Chof-Ches, se’if Gimmel

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Fifteen Neviim About Moshiach

In one of the *nevuos* of the *Navi* Hoshea, Hashem says that He bought the Yidden with 15 silver coins.

The *Metzudas Dovid* explains that this is talking about Hashem's promise about the *Geulah*! Hashem sent His promise about *Moshiach* to the Yidden through fifteen *Neviim* who clearly speak about the *Geulah*:

- 1) Dovid Hamelech (in many *kapitelach* of *Tehillim*)
- 2) Yeshaya
- 3) Yirmiyah
- 4) Yechezkel
- 5) Hosheia
- 6) Yoel
- 7) Amos
- 8) Ovadiah
- 9) Micha
- 10) Chavakuk
- 11) Tzefania
- 12) Daniel
- 13) Chagi
- 14) Zechariah
- 15) Malachi

See Hosheia perek Gimmel posuk Beis with Metzudas Dovid

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