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CHUMASH :: Parshas Haazinu - Shishi with Rashi

Today we are going to finish the song/poem of Haazinu:

Hashem let the *Goyim* hurt the Yidden when they weren't acting good But the *Goyim* didn't have to be so mean — they did more than they should!

Now Hashem is going to need to punish THEM instead "I was only angry with the Yidden for a while," is what Hashem said.

Harninu Goyim Amo — *Goyim*, listen to how great the Yidden are! Even though they suffered in *Golus* near and far

They STILL knew that it was good, they trusted in Hashem And He will take revenge now on anyone who was hurting them!

TEHILLIM :: 140 - 150

Today we are going to finish the whole *Sefer Tehillim*! Since there are only 29 days in *Elul*, we say the *Tehillim* for day 29 AND day 30, *kapitelach Kuf-Mem* to *Kuf-Nun*. We also say three *kapitelach* for *Chodesh Elul*: *Pey-Hey*, *Pey-Vov*, and *Pey-Zayin*.

In *Kapitel Kuf-Mem-Zayin*, Dovid Hamelech talks about the greatness of Hashem and how He runs the world! At the end, he says "*Maggid Devarav LeYaakov*, *Chukav Umishpatav L'Yisrael*." "Hashem tells over His

words to the Yidden, and His mitzvos."

The *Medrash* says about this *posuk* that people will sometimes tell others to do something, even though THEY don't do it! Like a person will say "Eat all the food on your plate" — even though they didn't finish their chicken.

But Hashem does everything that He tells us to do! That's why it says HIS words and HIS *mitzvos* — Hashem does them too!

For example, Hashem puts on *Tefillin*. The *Gemara* tells us that in OUR *Tefillin*, it says how great Hashem is. In HASHEM'S *Tefillin*, it says how special the Yidden are and how proud Hashem is that we make the world into a comfortable place for Hashem!

(We learn about this in the Bar Mitzvah Maamar!)

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Tes

This letter in Igeres Hakodesh is an explanation of inyonim in Chassidus. One of the inyonim explained here is the difference between what a Navi sees and what a Chochom understands about Hashem. Today we will learn the question that starts the explanation.

We learned in Parshas Ki Sisa that Moshe Rabbeinu asked for permission to see Hashem.

Hashem said he would be able to, but only the "back." A person is not able to see the "face" of Hashem.

But if you look in *Kabbalah* and *Chassidus*, you will see that a person CAN understand what the "face" of Hashem means. In fact, if you learn this *Igeres Hakodesh* well, you can learn it right here!

Does that mean that the Arizal, and anyone else who knows *Kabbalah*, knew MORE than Moshe Rabbeinu? How could that be? Doesn't it say in the end of *Chumash* that there will never be another *Navi* as great as Moshe Rabbeinu?

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Tes Elul

Today is the birthday of the Tzemach Tzedek!

In a letter to a chosid, the Frierdiker Rebbe tells him that he needs to be very careful to stay healthy — the Torah warns us about this! Then the Frierdiker Rebbe tells him:

The Alter Rebbe says that we have NO IDEA how precious a Yid's body is to Hashem!

This is also very important to think about Erev Rosh Hashana! Hashem judges us for all of the Gashmius things we will need this coming year — we need to remember how important it is to Hashem that Yidden should be healthy and have everything Gashmius that they need.

<u>SEFER HAMITZVOS</u> :: Shiur #146 - Mitzvas Asei #138, Lo Saasei #227, Asei #139

Today we learn 3 mitzvos, all about Yovel!

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #138*) All land that we buy in Eretz Yisroel needs to go back to the person it belonged to first during *Yovel*. Who is the person it belonged to "first"? The person who got it when the Yidden came into Eretz Yisroel! This way all of the land stays in the same *Shevet* always.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Behar: וּבְכֹל אֶרֶץ אֲחֻוּחְכֶּם גְּאֻלֶּה תִּהְנוּ לָאָרֶץ The details are explained in Mesechta Erchin.

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #227*) When we sell land in Eretz Yisroel, we aren't allowed to sell it forever. We are only allowed to sell it until *Yovel*, and then we get it back.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Behar: וְהָאָרֶץ לֹא תִמְּכֵר לְצְמָתֻת The details are explained in the end of Mesechta Erchin.

3) (Mitzvas Asei #139) A house in a city in Eretz Yisroel that had a wall around it when the Yidden first came into Eretz Yisroel is different than other land. These houses CAN be sold forever. They can only be bought back for one year, and they don't go back to the original owner in Yovel.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Behar: 'וְאִישׁ כִּי יִמְכֹּר בֵּית מוֹשַׁב עִיר חוֹמָה וְגוֹ' The details are explained in Mesechta Erchin.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Shemitah VeYovel

In today's Rambam, we learn more about Shemitah, and start learning about Yovel!

Perek Tes: In the *Shemitah* year, anyone who lends money needs to forgive the loan. That's called *Shemitas Kesafim*. We learn that there is a way for a *Beis Din* to take over the loan, called *Pruzbul*, so that the loan will be paid back even after *Shemitah*.

Perek Yud: We learn about *Yovel* — when it is, and what are the *mitzvos* that we do during that year! The Rambam gives an exact calculation of when the years of *Yovel* were, and when the Yidden stopped counting them.

Perek Yud-Alef: In this *perek*, we learn about fields in Eretz Yisroel: Even when we sell them, they go back to the person who sold them during *Yovel*. This is called *Sedei Achuzah*. These are the *dinim* of the first two *mitzvos* in today's *Sefer Hamitzvos*.

RAMBAM - PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Eruvin - Perek Ches

Can a person make TWO Eruvei *Techumin* in different places to be able to go further on Shabbos? Can I make an *Eruv* for next Shabbos but not this Shabbos? What about making an *Eruv* in different places for each day of *Yom Tov*? The Rambam answers all of these questions in today's *perek*.

The Rambam ends off this *perek*, and the whole *Hilchos Eruvin*, by telling us that the two days of *Rosh Hashana* are considered one long day.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chassidishe Yom Tov

Today is the Tzemach Tzedek's birthday!

In the time of the Tzemach Tzedek, the *Chassidim* were hoping more than ever before that *Moshiach* would come. The Tzemach Tzedek made *shalom* between the *Chassidim* and *Misnagdim*, and explained how *Niglah* and *Chassidus* fit together.

With all of that Achdus, Chassidim were sure that Moshiach must be coming right away!

Our Rebbe also made Achdus with all kinds of Yidden, and showed us how all parts of Torah are really connected! So

TEFILLAH :: Maariv of the Night of Rosh Hashana

Today is *Erev Yom Tov*, so we don't say *Tachanun*! We also don't blow the *shofar* after *davening*, like we usually do during *Chodesh Elul*. One of the reasons why is so that we separate between the *shofar* blowing of *Elul* which is a *minhag*, and the *shofar* blowing on *Rosh Hashana* which is a *mitzvah*. It is a *minhag* to have extra *kavana* and *daven Mincha*, the last *tefillah* of the year, with extra *kavana*!

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The Rebbeim would always have a very special davening on the first night of Rosh Hashana. In Tof-Shin-Nun-Beis, the Rebbe asked us that we also try to make our davening on the first night of Rosh Hashana extra special!

It is our *minhag* that after *davening* on the first night of *Rosh Hashana*, we wish each other personally, "**Leshana Tova Tikaseiv Veseichaseim**!" "You should be written and sealed for a good year!" (For a girl, we say "**Leshana Tova Tikaseivi Veseichaseimi**.")

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Erev Rosh Hashana

Here are some halacha newsletters for Rosh Hashana: Halacha Newsletter by Rabbi Lesches (Melbourne) and Day By Day Halachic Guide by Badatz of Crown Heights

Some of the things we need to do Erev Rosh Hashana are:

- An extra-long *Selichos*
- Hataras Nedarim (it's not our minhag for women to do it)
- We DON'T blow the Shofar
- Give extra Tzedakah
- Write a Pa"n we ask the Rebbe to ask Hashem for us that we should have a $Shana\ Tova$ (The Rebbe is like the "head" of all Yidden, and since the head sometimes feels pain from the body more, and since the head is closer to Hashem, we make sure to ask the Rebbe the head to ask Hashem for a $Shana\ Tova$ for each of us and for all Yidden together.)
- Make a hachlata

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Moshiach Down Here

The Frierdiker Rebbe once said that in a higher *Ruchnius'dike* world, *Moshiach* already came. They are already celebrating there! But here in this world, Hashem is waiting for Yidden to do *teshuvah* so that *Moshiach* can come.

The Rebbe also told us similar words, that *Moshiach* is already here and all we need to do is open up our eyes! Each of us just needs to do our part to prepare to greet *Moshiach B'poel Mamosh*!

See Sefer Hasichos Tof-Shin-Alef p. 81, Sefer Hasichos Tof-Shin-Nun-Alef and Nun-Beis in many places

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