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CHUMASH :: Parshas Mishpatim - Shishi with Rashi

At the time of *Matan Torah*, the Yidden were able to feel *kedusha* in an amazing way!

In today's *Chumash*, Hashem tells the Yidden that this time of *Matan Torah* won't be able to stay. The *Cheit Ha'eigel* will happen and end this special time. Instead, Hashem will send a *malach* to go with the Yidden, and they won't feel Hashem the way they could before.

But Hashem has Eretz Yisroel ready and waiting for them!

If the Yidden do their *avodah*, things will be good for them! If the Yidden listen to Hashem, Hashem will take all of the *goyim* out of Eretz Yisroel so the Yidden can go live there.

The Yidden should not worship any of the idols the *goyim* will leave — instead they should break the idols into pieces! They should *daven* only to Hashem and not to *Avodah Zarah*. Then Hashem will give them a special reward, that their food and their water should be good, and that the Yidden will stay healthy!

TEHILLIM :: 145 - 150

Today is the first day of Rosh Chodesh Adar! We say the last five kapitelach of the whole Tehillim!

The first *kapitel* of today's *Tehillim* is very special! It starts with the words "**Tehillah LeDovid**," which is the third *posuk* of *Ashrei*. It goes in the order of the *Alef-Beis* — one *posuk* for each letter except for *nun*.

Do you know why there is no *posuk* for the letter *nun*?

TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Chof-Hey

Based on what we learned until now about the hidden love for Hashem that helps us do all the mitzvot, we can understand what Moshe Rabbeinu told the Yidden before they went into Eretz Yisroel:

In *Chumash Devarim*, we learn about all the things Moshe Rabbeinu told the Yidden before they went into Eretz Yisroel. One of the *mitzvot* Moshe gave the Yidden to do was to say *Shema* two times a day, so that they will be *Mekabel Ol Malchus Shomayim* and even be ready to have *Mesiras Nefesh* to stay connected to Hashem.

Even though Moshe promised the Yidden that they WOULDN'T need to give up their lives, he told them that they should say *Shema* twice a day and be ready to have *Mesiras Nefesh*. Why?

Moshe Rabbeinu wanted the Yidden to use their *Ahava Mesuteres* to serve Hashem! They didn't need to HAVE *Mesiras Nefesh*, but they needed to REMEMBER that they would be READY to have *Mesiras Nefesh*! That would help them stay away from every *aveira* and stay connected to Hashem always!

This is the end of the explanation that the Alter Rebbe started in *Perek Yud-Ches*, to teach us how to make serving Hashem with feeling, very doable for everybody, “*Karov Eilecha Hadavar Meod.*”

That's because every Yid has the *koach* of *Mesiras Nefesh*, and we just need to remind ourselves of it to be ready to do the *Ratzon* of Hashem no matter how hard it may be!

HAYOM YOM :: Lamed Shevat

Many *Chassidim* considered the day that they came to Lubavitch as their birthday.

The Rashbatz* came to his Rebbe, the Tzemach Tzedek, for the first time on Friday, *Parshas Mishpatim* in *Tof-Reish-Ches* (5608/1848).

Every year, the Rashbatz would stay up all night on Thursday night of *Parshas Mishpatim*, his *Chassidishe* birthday, and put on his *Tefillin* at the same time he went into *Yechidus* for the first time!

* *The Rashbatz was later the Friediker Rebbe's teacher. Read the exciting story of how he came to Lubavitch in “Links in the Chassidic Legacy” — <http://www.sie.org/85430> Like this year, the year the Hayom Yom was written, Lamed Shevat was Friday of Parshas Mishpatim.*

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #293 - Mitzvas Asei #244

Today's *mitzvah* in *Sefer Hamitzvos* (*Mitzvas Asei #244*) is the same as yesterday — that someone who borrows something needs to follow the *halachos* about borrowing.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: וְכִי יִשְׁאַל אִישׁ מֵעַם רֵעֵהוּ

The *halachos* are explained in *Perek Ches* of *Mesechta Bava Metziah*, and *Perek Ches* of *Mesechta Shevuos*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos She'eilah Upikadon

In today's *Rambam*, we learn more *halachos* about borrowing (“*shoel*”), and we also learn about a person who watches something without being paid for watching it (“*shomer chinam*”).

Perek Gimmel teaches us what happens if an animal we borrowed dies. If the animal died during the time it was borrowed, the person has to pay! The *Rambam* teaches exactly when the borrowing is considered to have started.

Perek Daled is about a *Shomer Chinam*, who watches something for another person without getting paid for his work.

If you watch something for someone else, you need to be very careful with it — even more careful than if it was yours! The *halacha* is that if you put something that belongs to someone else in a not safe place, and it got lost or stolen — even if it wasn't your fault! — you need to pay for it.

So for example if someone asked you to watch their pencil for a few minutes, and you just left it outside in the playground, it is your fault if it gets lost or stolen.

Perek Hey teaches us what happens if something gets robbed from us while we are watching it for another person.

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Maachalos Asuros - Perek Yud-Beis

Today we learn more about when wine is counted as *Yayin Nesech*. One *halacha* is that if the container of wine is closed, it is not considered *Yayin Nesech* even if a non-Jew moves the container.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Ahavas Yisroel

It says in the *posuk* that when Hashem created Adam *Harishon*, Hashem said, “It is not good for a person to be alone. I will make him an *Eizer Kenegdo*, a helper.”

The Baal Shem Tov explains, if a person was alone, he could make a mistake and think that he is perfect. So Hashem helps us by giving us another person. When we look at another person, we will see the *chisaron* he has, and we think how he is not good.

Really, Hashem makes the other person as our helper, to show us what is not good in ourselves! That way, we will know what we need to fix.

See *Keser Shem Tov siman 302, Chasidim Ein Mishpacha gilyon vov*

TEFILLAH :: Baruch She'amar

“*Boruch She'amar Vehaya Ha'olam...*” We are supposed to say it with a nice tune. It is a beautiful *bracha* that speaks about how Hashem is blessed and praised. We sing it as an introduction to the words of Dovid Hamelech and other words of praise that we will say in *Pesukei Dezimra*.

The *Anshei Kneses Hagedolah*, who put together the *davening*, did not actually write *Boruch She'amar*. It fell in a letter from *Shomayim* with these words written inside!

Boruch She'amar has 87 words exactly. This hints to the *posuk* in *Shir Hashirim* which describes Hashem as “*Rosho Kesem Paz*,” “His head is like the finest gold.” The word “*Paz*” (gold) is the *gematria* of 87. We make the head (*rosh*) of *Pesukei Dezimra* begin with *Paz*, these 87 words of *Boruch She'amar*.

We stand when we say *Boruch She'amar*. (One of the reasons is that since *malochim* are called “*Omdim*,” (standing), we stand to show that this song came from *Shomayim*.)

For reasons of *Kabbalah*, we hold the two front *tzitzis* when saying *Boruch She'amar*. At the end of the *bracha*, we pass them over our eyes and kiss them.

See the Alter Rebbe's *Shulchan Aruch, siman nun-alef se'if beis*

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Learning Your Kapitel on Rosh Chodesh

There is an old *minhag* that on every *Rosh Chodesh*, we learn one *posuk* with Rashi (and other explanations) from your *kapitel Tehillim*. If your *kapitel* has less than 12 *pesukim* (or less than 13 in a leap year), you can learn the same *pesukim* over again. If your *kapitel* is long, learn a few *pesukim* every *Rosh Chodesh*.

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: What Will the World Be Like?

Nowadays when we do a *mitzvah*, we need to remember to do it, remember the *halachos*, overcome our *Yetzer Hara*, and ignore what the world says about it.

When *Moshiach* comes, it will be much easier, it will come naturally! Everything in the world will remind us to do the *mitzvos* right, there will be no *Yetzer Hara*, and the *goyim* will help us to serve Hashem!

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