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As we enter the last month of the year as well as beginning to hear the shofar blast,
may we soon hear the Great Shofar and welcome our Moshiach speedily and soon!

In Honor of the Birthday of
My Dear Mommy, a"r

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Please come back right now!!! Moshiach NOW!!!

~ by Miss Esther Rochel Elkaim ~

Mazel Tov **First Lieutenant Meir Minkowitz** (Shliach in Elon, NC)

~ 8th birthday Chof-Zayin Elul ~

Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

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~ 11th birthday Chof-Zayin Elul ~

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Mazel Tov **Sara Chana Kahan** (Shlucha in Medford, NJ)

~ 8th birthday Chof-Zayin Elul ~

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~ 5th birthday Chof-Zayin Elul ~

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Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

CHUMASH :: Parshas Netzavim - Shishi with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden that they have the ability to keep the Torah and *mitzvos*!

Do you think it's too hard to do the *mitzvos*? Do you think that you'll never be able to keep all of them?

No! Moshe tells the Yidden. It's not too hard! It's not like a treasure hiding all the way across the world! It's not only in *Shomayim* for *Tzadikim*! It's not only for when you live in Eretz Yisroel!

Ki Karov Eilecha Hadavar Me'od, Beficha Uvilvavcha Laasoso! Keeping the *mitzvos* is something that you CAN do, wherever you are!

Hashem didn't just give us the Torah and tell us to figure it out, we have the *Torah Shebaal Peh* too, to teach us how to keep it!

TEHILLIM :: 120 - 134

Today's *Tehillim* is the 15 "*Shir Hamaalos*," *kapitelach Kuf-Chof* through *Kuf-Lamed-Daled*. All of these *kapitelach* start with the words "*Shir Hamaalos*" or "*Shir Lamaalos*." We also say three *kapitelach* for *Chodesh Elul* — *Ayin-Tes*, *Pey*, and *Pey-Alef*.

Kapitel Kuf-Chof-Vov is the *Shir Hamaalos* we say before *bentching* on Shabbos and *Yom Tov*, or a day with no *Tachanun*. It talks about when *Moshiach* will come, and it says that *Golus* is like planting a field — a person puts seeds in the ground and cries that Hashem should make it rain. Then he is so happy when his plants grow!

Golus is like that too, we "plant" lots of *mitzvos* and cry to Hashem that they should "grow." When *Moshiach* comes, we see all that our *mitzvos* did, and we are so happy!

That's the *posuk* "**Az Yemalei Sechok Pinu**" — "then our mouths will be full of laughing" — because we will be so happy that *Moshiach* came!

The Rebbe tells us that we need to have lots of *simcha* now, to practice since *Moshiach* is almost here!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Tes

We learned before that *Chachomim* like Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai and the Arizal taught us about a level of Hashem that was even higher than Moshe Rabbeinu's *nevuah*! But there was a very big difference: Moshe Rabbeinu's *nevuah* was in a very clear way, like someone who SEES something with their eyes. But *Chachomim* like the Arizal taught about levels of *Elokus* which they understood in a less clear way.

The main purpose of the Torah is the 613 *mitzvos*. That is how the *Chochmah* of Hashem comes all the way down into *Gashmius*!

Moshe Rabbeinu saw this *Chochmah* in his *nevuah*, very clearly. That is why Moshe Rabbeinu was the one to give us the Torah, because he could see the *Chochmah* of Hashem so clearly and give it over to us properly!

Tomorrow we will IY"H see what Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai and the Arizal revealed to us in *Primius HaTorah*.

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Zayin Elul

Today we learn about the partnership Yidden have with Hashem, with *Gashmius* and *Ruchnius*.

The Alter Rebbe once said something very special about Yidden:

We do something amazing! We live in a *Gashmius* world, but we are still able to live a *Ruchnius* life and stay connected to Hashem by doing what He wants!

It's like we work together — Hashem makes *Gashmius* out of *Ruchnius*, and we take the *Gashmius* and make it

into *Ruchnius* by using it the way Hashem wants us to.

This inyan is very connected with Rosh Hashana, which will be very soon! This is one of the inyonim of Rosh Hashana, that Hashem paskens to give Yidden all of the Gashmius things that we need, and we accept the Malchus of Hashem, to make the Gashmius into Ruchnius.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #128 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #133, #134

Today we learn two mitzvos about who is not allowed to eat Terumah, which is holy!

1) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #133) Anyone who isn't a *kohen* is NOT allowed to eat *Terumah* or *Bikurim*.

This *Mitzvas Lo Saasei* includes not only *Terumah* or *Bikurim* which belong to the *kohen*, but also not to benefit from anything that belongs to the *Beis Hamikdash* or from *korbanos*, called *Me'ilah*.

2) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #134) Even someone who works for a *kohen* is still not allowed to eat *Terumah*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Terumos

In today's Rambam, we continue learning the halachos about who can't eat Terumah.

Perek Zayin: Now we learn about the *mitzvos* we'll learn TOMORROW in *Sefer Hamitzvos* — that a *kohen* without a *bris* or a *kohen* who is *tamei* is not allowed to eat *Terumah*.

Perek Ches: The daughter of a *kohen* is allowed to eat *terumah*... unless she gets married to someone who is not a *kohen*! If a girl from a non-*kohen* family gets married to a *kohen*, she is allowed to start eating *terumah* because of her husband. We learn more *halachos* about this.

Perek Tes: Even though someone who lives in the house of a *kohen* can eat *Terumah*, that doesn't last forever. If the *kohen* is not married to his wife anymore, she can't eat *Terumah* anymore. If the slave goes free, he can't eat *Terumah* anymore either. Animals also can only eat *Terumah* when they BELONG to the *kohen*.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Mechirah - Perek Chof

This *perek* teaches us what we do if people argue about if they sold or bought something. Who needs to prove that it belongs to them? The *halacha* is, "*Hamotzi MeChaveiro, Alav Haraya.*" The one that has it now doesn't need to prove anything — the other person, who wants to take it away from them, needs to prove that it is theirs.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Hakhel

The Torah has 613 *mitzvos*. But many of these *mitzvos* can't be kept during *Golus*! In fact, only 87 *mitzvos* out of the 248 *Mitzvos Asei* are able to be kept properly even nowadays.

Still, even when we can't keep a *mitzvah* the way the Torah teaches, we keep it the best way we can!

For example, there is a *mitzvah* to bring *korbanos* every day. Since we don't have a *Beis Hamikdash*, we can't bring *korbanos* the way the Torah tells us to.

But the *Chachomim* showed us a *Ruchnius* way to keep this *mitzvah*: We can *daven*! Our *davening* is like bringing a *korban* to Hashem.

Shemita is another *mitzvah* that most of us aren't able to keep properly nowadays. During *Shemita*, farmers stop working in their fields, and spend the year learning Torah.

It is only a *mitzvah* in Eretz Yisroel, and most of us don't live in Eretz Yisroel. And even for people who do live in Eretz Yisroel, these days most people aren't farmers and aren't changing how they spend their year during *Shemita*.

Still, we are able to keep this *mitzvah* in a *Ruchnius* way, even if we aren't farmers in Eretz Yisroel, by learning extra Torah during a *Shemita* year!

This year, *Tof-Shin-Pey-Gimmel*, is a *Hakhel* year.

In the year after *Shemita*, the Yidden would have to stop learning Torah all day and go back to working in their fields. So at the beginning of the year, there would be a big *Hakhel* gathering for all of the Yidden. Men, women and children would all come to the *Beis Hamikdash* and hear the king reading the words of the Torah about how to act in Eretz Yisroel. This would give all of the Yidden a feeling of *Yiras Shomayim* which would help them when they go back to work!

Nowadays, we don't have a Jewish king and we don't have a *Beis Hamikdash*. Still, we do the *mitzvah* of *Hakhel* the best way we can! Yidden can gather together and bring out a feeling of *Yiras Shomayim*. This is one way that we can keep the *Ruchnius* idea of *Hakhel* even nowadays.

Now is the time to think about how we can use the *Hakhel* year to unite together and strengthen our *Yiras Shomayim*!

See *Michtav Kloli*, *Chai Elul* 5740

TEFILLAH :: Tekiyas Shofar

In *shuls* around the world, on *Rosh Hashana*, the *Rav* will get up and make a longer speech than usual. He will try to inspire everyone in *shul* to do better with our connection to Hashem and *Kabolas Ol* for the year.

In a *Michtav Kloli* for *Rosh Hashana*, a letter from the Rebbe addressed to every Jew, the Rebbe gave a lesson to everyone who is giving a speech on *Rosh Hashana*, and for every Yid to tell themselves:

Don't get too excited about the big problems in the world, and how the world needs to change. The main thing is to change OURSELVES, and that will change the world!

This is one of the messages of the *shofar*: The *shofar* is not a very musical instrument. We blow a very simple sound. We don't blow many *shofros* at the same time, we only blow one — one sound at a time.

On *Rosh Hashana*, we also need to follow this lesson of the *shofar*. Don't think you need to do something big — make one simple, practical *hachlata* at a time to make your connection to Hashem stronger throughout the year.

When we change ourselves and make ourselves better, that will bring the *Geulah* for the whole world!

See *Michtav Kloli* for *Rosh Hashana*, 5723 and 5731

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Pruzbul

We are coming to the end of 5782, which is a *Shemita* year. Before *Rosh Hashana*, we make a *Pruzbul*.

What is *Pruzbul*?

In a *Shemita* year, the Torah tells us that we need to let the land rest. We don't plant or work in the fields. This is called *Shemitas Karkaos*. This is only kept in Eretz Yisroel.

There is another part of *Shemita* that we need to keep anywhere in the world: *Shemitas Kesafim*. In a *Shemita* year, all loans are forgiven, and don't have to be paid back anymore.

Unfortunately, some people didn't want to give loans to each other anymore, because they might not get paid back! The *Chachomim* wanted to make sure that Yidden felt comfortable lending money to each other. So the *Chachomim* set up a *Pruzbul* so that the person can still get his loan paid back, even after *Shemita* passes. This gives the loan to the *Beis Din*, so it can still be collected during or after *Shemita*.

According to the Alter Rebbe, the loans are forgiven right at the beginning of the year. So if any man or woman lent money, they should be sure to make a *Pruzbul* before *Rosh Hashana* at the beginning of *Shemita*.

But in case of loans made DURING the year of *Shemita*, and also to fulfill the opinion that *Pruzbul* is done at the END of the *Shemita* year, we do *Pruzbul* again now, before *Rosh Hashana* at the end of *Shemita*.

The best way to make a *Pruzbul* is to say the words to a *Beis Din*, which men do during *Hatoras Nedarim* on *Erev Rosh Hashana*. If someone can't do that, they can sign a form with the text of the *Pruzbul*. (You can fill out a *Pruzbul* form online at Chabad.org/pruzbul.)

For more details and exactly how to do *Pruzbul*, see *Day to Day Halachic Guide by the Badatz of Crown Heights*

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Nevuah

Over the past few months, we have been learning many of the *nevuos* about *Moshiach*! We finished learning the last *sefer* of *Navi*, Malachi, and the *nevuos* he said about the *Geulah*.

Malachi lived in the time of the second *Beis Hamikdash*. After Malachi, *nevuah* left the Yidden, and there were no more *Neviim*.

The Rambam tells us, based on the *nevuah* of Bilaam, that *nevuah* will come back to the Yidden! The Rambam explains that Bilaam's *nevuah* even tells us the date that *nevuah* will return!

Bilaam said:

Ka'eis — Like this time,

Ye'amar L'Yaakov Ul'yisrael — It will be said to Yaakov and Yisrael:

Ma Pa'al Keil — “What has Hashem planned?”

The Rambam explains that “*Ka'eis*,” “like this time,” means that this will happen after the same amount of years as the year Bilaam said this. Bilaam's *nevuah* was said in the year 2488, the year that the Yidden entered Eretz Yisroel!

Bilaam was saying in his *nevuah* that another 2488 years later, *nevuah* will return to the Yidden! This means the year 4976.

That is actually what happened! Around that year, there were great *tzadikim* who saw the future and said true *nevuah*! For example, R' Shmuel *Hanavi*, the father of R' Yehuda Hachassid, R' Elazar the author of the *Rokeach*, the Ramban, the Raavad, R' Ezra *Hanavi*, and R' Yehuda Hachassid. They all said *nevuah* and did

many *nissim*!

This also brought back *nevuos* about the *Geulah* in our time, which we will *IY”H* learn about tomorrow!

See *Likutei Sichos chelek Beis*, p. 588 and sources there

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