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## **CHUMASH** :: Parshas Re'eh - Shishi with Rashi

Moshe teaches the Yidden about more *Mitzvos* they will keep in Eretz Yisroel:

If you lend someone money, and he didn't pay you back yet when a *Shemita* year starts — you need to forgive the loan and he won't owe you money anymore.

A Yid might think that he will lose money if he does that, but the Torah tells us that if we listen to Hashem, none of the Yidden will be poor!

Be careful, don't decide not to lend someone money before a *Shemita* year in case he doesn't pay you back before then! Even if he doesn't pay you back, Hashem will.

Make sure to give *Tzedakah*! Rashi explains how these *pesukim* teach us so much about the *mitzvah* of giving *tzedakah*, like who we need to take care of first, and about how much to give.

If you have a Jewish slave, you need to let him go free after working for you for 7 years. Make sure to give him presents when he goes!

If he DOESN'T want to leave, and wants to stay your slave for longer, you need to pierce his ear by the door, and then he will be your slave until *Yovel*.

## **TEHILLIM** :: 135 - 139

Today's *kapitelach* are *Kuf-Lamed-Hey* to *Kuf-Lamed-Tes*.

In the *brachos* before *Kriyas Shema*, we say that Hashem is constantly creating the world with His goodness — “*Hamechadesh Betuvo Bechol Yom Tamid Maaseh Bereishis.*”

We prove this from a *posuk* in today’s *Tehillim*, “**Le’oseh Orim Gedolim, Ki Le’olam Chasdo**” — “Hashem makes the big lights — because He has so much *chesed*.” The *posuk* says that Hashem MAKES the lights in the sky, not that Hashem MADE them before!

This teaches us an important lesson in *Avodas Hashem*. We need to make sure that our connection to *Yiddishkeit* is ALSO always like a new thing, like the way Hashem creates the world new all the time. We shouldn’t feel like that acting the way a Yid should is boring, it should always be exciting like the way we feel when we get a new prize!

*The Baal Shem Tov explained that we ask Hashem for this in one of the Selichos: “Al Tashlicheini Le’eis Zikna,” “don’t throw us aside in our old age.” We are also asking Hashem not to throw us into a feeling that our Yiddishkeit is old and boring. We ask Hashem to help us that Torah and mitzvos should always feel fresh and new!*

## **TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Ches**

*Did you ever ask Mommy for a candy, and she said “If you help me for 5 minutes”? She wants you to deserve your treat. Hashem also wants US to deserve the very special thoughts that we have during davening.*

*How do we deserve it? By giving tzedakah!*

*But by giving a nickel to Tzedakah, we’re really getting MUCH more than a nickel is worth! The Alter Rebbe gave a *mashal* of planting — the tree that grows is so much more and better than the tiny seed we planted!*

Today we learn how the same thing happens when we give *Tzedakah* — even just the nickel we give is like planting a seed! The “ground” is the place where all of the *Neshamos* come from. When we give *tzedakah*, it’s like planting a seed there. The big beautiful “tree” that grows are the special things we think about in *davening*!

This is ESPECIALLY when we give *tzedakah* for people in Eretz Yisroel — it’s like planting in rich dirt that grows very quickly, so nothing gets in the way of having these special thoughts in our *davening*!

## **HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Ches Menachem Av**

*In today’s Hayom Yom, we learn something that will help prepare us for Chodesh Elul.*

If a person’s body is *chas veshalom* not feeling well, what should they do?

There are two things they should do to become healthy:

- 1) Take medicine to make the sick part of the body feel better.
- 2) Eat healthy foods, rest, drink a lot of water, and sit in the sun, so the whole body gets stronger, which will also make the sick part feel better!

If a *neshama* is sick *chas veshalom*, we should also use the same two ways to make it feel better!

- 1) Do *Teshuvah* to take away the *aveira* that is making the *neshama* not feel good.
- 2) Do lots of *mitzvos* to make the whole *neshama* so strong that it will be easier to correct the *aveiros* too!

*That’s what we do in Elul! We make a Cheshbon Hanefesh to see the good things we did during the year and make them stronger, and do teshuvah for the things we need to fix.*

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #54 - Mitzvas Asei #156, #197, #198**

In today's *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we learn 3 *mitzvos* about *Pesach*!

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #156*) We need to get rid of *chometz* from our house on *Yud-Daled Nissan*. The *Chachomim* called this *Biur Chometz*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Bo*: בְּיוֹם הָרֵאשׁוֹן תִּשְׁבִּיתוּ שָׂאֵר מִבְּתֵיכֶם  
The details are explained in the beginning of *Mesechta Pesachim*.

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #197*) We aren't allowed to eat *chometz* on *Pesach*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Bo*: וְלֹא יֵאָכֵל חֵמֶץ  
The details are explained in *Mesechta Pesachim*.

3) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #198*) On *Pesach* we can't even eat food that has any *chometz* mixed into it, like beer. We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Bo*: כָּל מִחְמֶצֶת לֹא תֹאכְלוּ

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Chomeitz U'Matzah**

**Perek Beis:** In today's first *perek* we learn *halachos* about *Bedikas Chometz*.

One interesting *halacha* is that if a person sees a mouse go into his house with a piece of *chometz*, and then he sees crumbs on the floor, he needs to look through the whole house until he finds the *chometz*. This is because we say that the mouse probably put the piece of *chometz* down somewhere, and didn't eat it, since when mice are eating they eat every crumb! So if we see crumbs, the piece of *chometz* must be somewhere too!

But if you see a baby go into the house with *chometz*, and you find crumbs, you can say that the baby probably already ate the *chometz*, and these are the crumbs from it — because babies do leave crumbs when they eat! So then, you wouldn't need to check the whole house again.

**Perek Gimmel:** In this *perek*, we finish learning about *Bedikas Chometz*. We also learn about *Bittul Chometz*, making our *chometz* counted as not worth anything, and about *Biur Chometz* — getting rid of the *chometz*.

**Perek Daled:** In the last *perek* of today's Rambam, we learn about the *mitzvah* of not owning any *chometz* on *Pesach*, and how we can sell *Chometz* to a *goy* so it doesn't belong to us on *Pesach*.

## **RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Maaser - Perek Gimmel**

In this *perek*, we learn the *halachos* of when we are allowed to snack from food before taking *maaser*. The *halacha* is that once the food is ready to sell, we aren't allowed to snack from it anymore until we take *maaser* from it.

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Shabbos Mevorchim Elul**

In *Likutei Diburim*, the Frierdiker Rebbe once spoke about how the city of Lubavitch would be different in *Chodesh Elul*.

In many of the Rebbe's *farbrengens* before *Chodesh Elul*, the Rebbe would speak about this famous *sicha*.

The Frierdiker Rebbe said that starting after *Shabbos Nachamu*, they would already start learning extra after davening *Maariv*. By the time *Shabbos Mevorchim Elul* came, you could already "smell" *Elul*, and feel the wind of

*teshuvah blowing in the air. Everyone was waiting to start saying L'Dovid Hashem Ori and to hear the shofar blown.*

*The first sound of the shofar was like an announcement that the gates of Rachmonus were open, since Elul is Chodesh HoRachamim!*

*In Elul everyone felt that they needed to change, to become better. Lying in bed in Lubavitch, early in the morning, you could already hear the shofar being blown at the early minyan. People would feel bad that they were still sleeping, when there was so much to be done! They would think about how special these days are — the days when Moshe Rabbeinu stood on Har Sinai begging Hashem to forgive the Yidden. Nobody wanted to waste these special days of Yemei Ratzon!*

*They would jump out of bed and run quickly to shul, which was already full of Yidden saying Tehillim, learning, and davening.*

Once in a *farbrengen* of *Shabbos Nachamu*, the Rebbe spoke about this *sicha* of the Frierdiker Rebbe. The Rebbe explained that this was not just a story about another city! The city of Lubavitch was like a light for the world, showing and teaching the way things should be. The Frierdiker Rebbe was showing us how we should prepare for *Chodesh Elul*, in every time and in every place.

*See Likkutei Dibburim vol. 1, p. 230 (English), and Farbrengen Parshas Va'eschanan 5745*

## **TEFILLAH :: Hodu (Part 2)**

The second half of *Hodu*, starting from the word “*Romemu*,” are 22 *pesukim* from *Tehillim*. These *pesukim* include praise to Hashem, and *pesukim* that ask Hashem to help the Yidden and bring the *Geulah*!

In *Likutei Torah*, the Alter Rebbe explains that these *pesukim* are connected to the *Avos*!

The *Avos* were the ones who began the *Tefillos* of *Shacharis*, *Mincha* and *Maariv*. In *davening*, we often ask Hashem to answer us in their *zechus*.

Each of the *Avos* had a strong *koach* in a certain *midah*. Avraham *Avinu* showed a tremendous level of *Chesed*, kindness. Yitzchak *Avinu* had a powerful level of *Gevurah*, strictness. Yaakov *Avinu* showed the *midah* of *Tiferes* (*Rachamim*), mercy, in a very great way.

These *pesukim* in the second half of *Hodu* connect to these *midos*. For example, “*Va’ani Bechasdecha Batachti*,” “I have trusted in Your *Chesed*,” is the *midah* of *Chesed*. “*Keil Nekamos Hashem*,” “Hashem punishes *resha'im*,” is the *midah* of *Gevurah*. “*Ata Hashem Lo Sichla Rachamecha Mimeni*,” “Hashem, Your *Rachmonus* has not left me,” is the *midah* of *Tiferes*.

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: General Brachos on Foods**

There are three “general” *brachos*, that we use for most foods. (Later *IY”H* we will see that there are exceptions for specific kinds of foods.)

All food fits into three main groups: Food that grows from the ground (like carrots), food that grows on trees (like apples), and food that we get any other way (like chicken or eggs). Depending on where our food comes from, that is the *bracha* we make!

For juicy peaches, which grow on trees, we make a *bracha* of *Ha’etz*, thanking Hashem for letting us enjoy the food that grows on trees. On crunchy celery, which grows from the ground, we make a *bracha* of *Ha’adama*, thanking Hashem for letting us enjoy the food that grows from the ground. For fish, which we don’t get from

the ground or from trees, we make a *bracha Shehakol*, thanking Hashem for letting us enjoy His world, which was all created through Hashem's words.

See *Birchos Hanehenin*, *perek Alef se'if Beis*

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Hashem Will Punish the Goyim**

We have a *hora'ah* from the Rebbe to learn *Inyonei Geulah U'Moshiach*, beginning from *Torah Shebichsav*, and also in all of the other parts of *Torah*. Here we are learning the *pesukim* of *Torah Shebichsav* that tell us about the time of the *Geulah*. We are up to the *sefer Trei Asar*, by the *Navi Yoel*.

The last two *perakim* of *Yoel* are about the *Geulah*, and that Hashem will punish the *goyim* who hurt the *Yidden* during the time of *Golus*.

At the end of the last *perek*, the *Navi Yoel* warns *Edom* and *Mitzrayim* that they will be punished for killing the *Yidden* from *Yehudah*.

The last two *pesukim* speak about what will happen in the end:

וְיִהְיֶה דָּוָד לְעוֹלָם תָּשֵׁב וִירוּשָׁלַם לְדוֹר וָדוֹר

וְנִקִּיתִי דָמָם לֹא נִקִּיתִי נְה' שָׁכֵן בְּצִיּוֹן

***ViYehuda Le'olam Teisheiv*** — *Yehudah*, that they tried to kill, will stay forever

***VeYerushalayim Ledor Vador*** — And *Yerushalayim*, which they tried to destroy, will last for all generations.

***Venikeisi Damam Lo Nikeisi*** — Hashem says, I may forgive them for other *aveiros*, but for the blood of the *Yidden* that they killed, I will not forgive them!

***VaHashem Shochein Betzion*** — This will happen when Hashem rests in *Tzion*, the time of the *Geulah*.

See *Yoel perek Daled pesukim Chof and Chof-Alef*

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