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<u>CHUMASH</u> :: Parshas Vayeilech - Shishi with Rashi

Hashem tells Moshe Rabbeinu and Yehoshua what will happen to the Yidden when they come into Eretz Yisroel:

When the Yidden come into Eretz Yisroel, they are going to be very excited about how nice it is to live in Eretz Yisroel — there is lots of food, and things grow so well.

Then, they will start to serve Avodah Zarah, making Hashem angry.

Hashem will have to punish them, and they will wonder why such hard things are happening to them — but this song, *Haazinu*, will show them that Hashem warned them! And even if things are very hard, the Yidden will NEVER forget the Torah.

So Moshe wrote down the song *Haazinu*, and taught it to the Yidden.

Hashem told Yehoshua to be strong and brave! He will bring the Yidden into Eretz Yisroel.

Then the Torah will tell us what Moshe did with the *Sefer Torah* once he finished writing it, as we will *IY*"*H* see in tomorrow's *Chumash*.

TEHILLIM :: 29 - 34

Today's *Tehillim* is *Chof-Tes* through *Lamed-Daled*. Until *Yom Kippur*, we still add three extra *kapitelach*. Today these are *kapitelach Kuf*, *Kuf-Alef*, and *Kuf-Beis*.

The Frierdiker Rebbe once told this story:

Once when the Mitteler Rebbe was 7 or 8, he *davened* for a longer time than usual — he *davened* "*BaArichus*." After he finished *davening*, someone asked him what took him so long! The Mitteler Rebbe answered that he stopped to think about something that is says in *davening*, and that made it take a long time.

Which part? It was a *posuk* from today's *Tehillim* — *Kapitel Lamed* (*posuk gimmel*)! We say this *kapitel* every day before *Boruch She'amar*: "**Hashem Elokai, Shivati Eilecha Vatirpa'eini**" — "I cried out to You, Hashem and You made me feel better!"

The Mitteler Rebbe was thinking about the word "*Vatirpa'eini*" ("and You healed me"). He was thinking how that word is like the word "*rifyon*" — making something weaker. He thought that the *posuk* could mean "I cried out to You, Hashem, and You made my *Yetzer Hara* not as strong!" He was thinking about how Hashem helps us win over our *Yetzer Hara*!

Very soon, when Moshiach comes, Hashem will take away our Yetzer Hara completely! We will have won the fight with the Yetzer Hara!

Until then, Hashem helps us make it weaker so we will act the way Hashem wants us to.

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof

In this letter the Alter Rebbe is telling us how the *gashmius* world we live in has such a strong *koach* of Hashem — much more than *Gan Eden* or any *ruchniyus* world. We said that the *koach* of *Ein Sof* is in the words (the *Asara Maamaros*) that Hashem used to make the world, and that *koach* makes it become something from nothing every moment.

That is what is special about *mitzvos* too. They are all done with *gashmius* things that were all created with this special *koach* from Hashem.

That's also why we find in *Kabbalah* that the *chayus* of Hashem in *mitzvos* is higher than everything — even more than in Torah! That's because the *chayus* of Hashem that makes the *gashmiyus* that we do *mitzvos* with also has this special *koach* of *Ein Sof* in it, that is greater than everything.

HAYOM YOM :: Hey Tishrei

R' Zushe of Anipoli said that *Teshuvah* has five parts, one for each letter of the word "*Teshuvah*!" Yesterday we learned what the *Tof* stands for. Today, we learn that the *Shin* teaches us to realize that everything is *Hashgacha Protis* — part of Hashem's plan.

The "*shin*" of *Teshuvah* stands for "*Shivisi Havaya Lenegdi Somid*" — "I put *Hayava* (a name of Hashem) before me always."

The name of Hashem "Havaya" shows how Hashem created the world and everything inside of it. The creation

of the entire world and the *chayus* it receives from Hashem is *Yeish Me'Ayin*, something from absolute nothingness.

The *teshuvah* from the letter *Shin* comes from a person thinking about how Hashem is constantly creating the entire world and everything inside of it.

What does that mean?

We should always look around at the world and see Hashem! Someone might look around and think that the world just runs itself, using nature. But we know better, especially if we think about this during *davening* — Hashem is hiding in every part of the world, and making every single thing be there every single second — even right now, today, *Hey Tishrei*!

We know that everything is *Hashgacha Protis*, and Hashem makes everything happen exactly the way it does! This is all part of a big plan — making the world a place for Hashem, which we will see very soon with the true and complete *Geulah*.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #135 - Mitzvas Asei #127, #128, Lo Saasei #152

Today we finish learning the set of halachos in Rambam about Maaser, and we're starting the halachos of Maaser Sheini. So we will learn the same mitzvah again, and then learn some new mitzvos.

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #127*) It is a *mitzvah* to bring **Maaser Rishon**, 1/10th of the food which is grown, to give to the *Leviim*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Korach*: פִּי אֶת מַעְשֵׁר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יָרִימוּ לַה' הְרוּמָה The details are explained in *Mesechta Maasros*.

We also learn two mitzvos about Maaser Sheini:

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #128*) It is a *mitzvah* to take **Maaser Sheini**, another 1/10th of the food that grows. This food is brought to Yerushalayim and eaten there. (This *mitzvah* is kept only in the time of the *Beis Hamikdash*, and only in Eretz Yisroel.)

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Re'eh*: עַשֵּׁר הְּעַשֵּׁר הִעַדָּ הַיּצֵא הַשָּׁדֶה שָׁנָה שָׁנָה שָׁנָה אָעָשִׁר הְעַשֵּׁר הְעַשֵּׁר אָת כָּל הְּבוּאַת זַרְעֶךָ הַיּצֵא הַשָּׁדֶה שָׁנָה שָׁנָה אָניח מון עַשֵּׁר הַעַשּׁר אַת פָל הָבוּאַת זַרְעֶדָ הַיּצָא הַשָּׁדָה שָׁנָה אָניח מון אַ געשיר הַעַשּׁר אַת פָל הַ

3) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #152*) If someone couldn't bring the food all the way to Eretz Yisroel, he can sell the food and use the money to buy different food in Yerushalayim and eat it there. This *mitzvah* is that the money can ONLY be used to buy food. We are **not allowed** to use the money to buy anything **that is NOT food** — even if it's for a *mitzvah*.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Ki Savo: וְלֹא נְחַתִּי מִמֶנוּ לְמֵת

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Maaser - Maaser Sheini VeNeta Reva'i

In today's Rambam, we finish learning the set of *halachos* about *Maaser*, *perakim* **Yud-Gimmel** and **Yud-Daled**, and then start learning about *Maaser Sheini*.

Perek Alef: *Maaser Sheini* is only done in certain years. How do we calculate which year something was grown in? We count from the *Rosh Hashana* for plants (that's the regular *Rosh Hashana*), and from *Chamisha-Asar Bishvat* if it's a tree!

We also learn what happens if food from one year gets mixed with food from another year!

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Mechirah - Perek Chof-Zayin

In this *perek*, we learn about what is included when selling other things, like boats, carriages, or animals. The Rambam tells us at the end that in general we go by the *minhag* of the place where we live, to know what people usually mean when they sell something. But if there is no *minhag*, we follow what the *Chachomim* teach us in these *perakim*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

The Rambam tells us that the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, from *Rosh Hashana* through *Yom Kippur*, are very special days. Hashem is extra close to the Yidden during this time! That's why it is so much easier to do *teshuvah* now.

This special closeness that Hashem has to us during these days is called in *Kabbalah* and *Chassidus*, "*Kiruv HaMaor El Hanitzutz*."

What does this mean?

A *mashal* for the closeness of Hashem to the Yidden is the way a big flame comes close to small sparks, and the sparks then become part of the big flame. During the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, Hashem comes close to us, like big flames of fire coming closer to small sparks. Just like the sparks join together with the big flames, our *neshamos* are drawn to come closer to Hashem.

This special closeness Hashem has to Yidden during this time helps us do *teshuvah* — to help our *neshama* come closer to Hashem and want to live the way Hashem wants from us!

<u>TEFILLAH</u> :: Avinu Malkeinu

Each day during the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, we add the special *tefillah* of *Avinu Malkeinu* in *Shacharis* and *Mincha*. In *Avinu Malkeinu*, we ask Hashem to *bentch* us with a good year!

(We say the sections for the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah* that have the word "*Chadeish*", not the sections for a *Taanis*, with the word "*Bareich*.")

But on *Erev Shabbos* at *Mincha* time, when we don't say *Tachanun* (or any other time we do not say *Tachanun*, like at a *bris*), we do not say *Avinu Malkeinu*.

See Shevach Hamoadim, Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Buying Lulav and Esrog

"Zrizin Makdimin Lemitzvos!" We should hurry to do mitzvos!

It is a *minhag* not to wait, but to buy the *Daled Minim* (*Lulav* and *Esrog*), in the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*! During these days, Hashem is counting up all of our *mitzvos* to make sure that we deserve a good year. We want Hashem to also count the precious *mitzvah* of *Lulav* and *Esrog* with those *mitzvos*!

But if you know you will be able to get a better set after Yom Kippur, you should wait until then to buy it.

See Shevach Hamoadim, Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

In the year Tof-Shin-Mem-Tes, the Rebbe spoke about what would happen if Moshiach comes during the Aseres Yemei Teshuvah:

If Moshiach comes during the Aseres Yemei Teshuvah, we will celebrate Yom Kippur differently than usual!

In honor of the *Chanukas Beis Hamikdash*, which will last at least seven days, we will all be celebrating! We will eat and drink with big *seudos* like on *Yom Tov*!

At the times of *Bayis Rishon*, this is just what happened. *Yom Kippur* was in the middle of the seven days of celebration when the *Beis Hamikdash* was finished, and the Yidden did not fast! They were busy celebrating the *Chanukas Habayis* of the *Beis Hamikdash* and preparing the *Avodah* to be done there.

If that's what happened with the FIRST *Beis Hamikdash*, imagine how great the *simcha* will be with the THIRD *Beis Hamikdash*, that we know will be even greater! What a happy *Yom Kippur* that will be!

See Sefer Hasichos Mem-Tes, vol. 1, p. 12

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