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## **CHUMASH :: Parshas Vezos Habracha - Shishi with Rashi**

In today's Chumash, Moshe Rabbeinu finishes giving brachos to the Yidden before he passes away. Moshe Rabbeinu said many beautiful things to the Yidden! Here are some of them:

Because Hashem takes care of the Yidden, they will all feel safe to live in Eretz Yisroel, everyone in their own part. They won't need to all squeeze together into the same place because they are scared of the Goyim!

Moshe didn't need to say more details of the brachos — the Yidden have brachos in EVERYTHING!

Now Moshe finished writing the Sifrei Torah, because he will soon go onto Har Nevo and pass away.

## **TEHILLIM :: 72 - 76**

In Kapitel Ayin-Gimmel, Dovid Hamelech says "**Beheimos Hayisi Imach**" — "I am like an animal with You," and in the next posuk "**Va'ani Tomid Imach**" — "I am always with You."

The Alter Rebbe explains in *Perek Mem-Vov* of *Tanya* that Dovid Hamelech put this in *Tehillim* with *Ruach Hakodesh* on behalf of the Yidden in *Golus*.

*Tzadikim* are able to feel and appreciate the *Ruchnius* that comes down when they do a *mitzvah*. But compared to them, we are like animals who have no idea what is happening!

Still, just because we don't appreciate it doesn't mean it isn't there! Hashem really IS with us when we do a *mitzvah*! Even if we don't understand or see the *Ruchnius* things that are happening, they still are there.

This is especially true now, as we go into the *Yom Tov* of *Sukkos*. We are told that every day of *Sukkos* we have special guests, both the regular *Ushpizin* and the *Chassidishe Ushpizin*. Even though we may not feel that they are coming to visit, it doesn't take away from the fact that these *tzadikim* are really here and celebrating *Sukkos* together with us.

See *Igeres Hakodesh of the Friediker Rebbe*, letter #3246

## **TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof-Alef**

The Alter Rebbe is writing this letter to *Chassidim* who have been giving *Tzedakah* to the *Tzadikim* and *Chassidim* who lived in Eretz Yisroel.

Every city had a *Gabbai* who would collect the *tzedakah* from the *Chassidim*. Once a year, a messenger would come and collect this money from all of the cities, and bring it himself to Eretz Yisroel.

Many *Chassidim* would give whatever amount they were planning to give only at the end of the year.

The Alter Rebbe is telling the *Chassidim* that this is not a good idea! Instead, they should give smaller amounts as soon as they have them — every week, or at least every month.

The Alter Rebbe gives two reasons:

1) First of all, as we learned yesterday, it is important to have *Zerizus* in every *mitzvah*! We shouldn't push off doing *mitzvos*, we should be doing them right away! We learn from Avraham *Avinu* how important this is — his reward from the *Akeidah* came mainly from doing the *mitzvah* with *Zerizus*!

This is especially true for the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*, which saves a person from harm.

2) Second of all, doing a *mitzvah* many times makes a bigger difference than just doing it once!

The Rambam teaches, based on the *Mishnah*, that when a person gives *tzedakah* many times, he becomes more *aidel*! For example, if a person gives \$300 or \$400 one time a year to *Tzedakah*, he gave a lot of *Tzedakah*. But if he gives \$1 every day, he also gets used to giving! This makes him a more *aidel* person and a better Yid.

According to *Chassidus*, it is also better to give *tzedakah* more often. Giving *tzedakah* brings the *Shechinah* out of *Golus*! Every time we do the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*, we are taking the *Shechinah* a little more out of *Golus*!

So to become more *aidel* ourselves, and to bring the *Shechinah* out of *Golus* faster, we need to be giving *tzedakah* much more often!

*That's why Chassidim should give every week or month to the Gabbai Tzedakah, instead of only once a year, to be given to the Chassidim in Eretz Yisroel!*

## **HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Daled Tishrei**

In today's *Hayom Yom*, we learn some of the *Minhagei Chabad* of how to prepare the *Lulav* and *Esrog*:

Our *Minhagim*: We only use 2 *Aravos*, but we can use many extra *Hadassim*! (There were many years when Rebbe used 36!)

Here's how we tie the *Lulav* and *Esrog*: We use five rings — two just on the *Lulav*, hiding a little bit from the *Hadassim* and *Aravos*, and 3 close together (within one *tefach* — about 3 inches) around the 3 *minim*.

It is a *hiddur mitzvah* to put the *Lulav* together on *Erev Yom Tov*, and in the *sukkah*!

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #160 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #139, #112, Asei #65**

Today we learn 3 more *mitzvos* about *Korbanos*:

1) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #139*) A *Kohen* is usually able to eat from a *Korban Chatas*. But a *kohen* can NOT eat from any *Korban Chatas* that has its blood sprinkled inside of the *Kodesh* or the *Kodesh Hakodoshim* (on the *Mizbeiach Haketores*, the *Paroches*, or the *Aron*).

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Tzav*: וְכֹל חֲטָאת אֲשֶׁר יֹבֵא מִדָּמָה אֶל אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לְכַפֵּר בְּקֹדֶשׁ לֹא תֹאכַל בְּאֵשׁ תִּשְׂרֶף

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #112*) A bird that is brought for a *Korban* doesn't get *shechted* with a knife, it gets *shechted* with a very sharp fingernail! This is called *Melikah*. It is a *mitzvah* for the *Kohen* to make sure not to cut off the whole head when he is *shechting* it.

This *mitzvah* is learned from a *posuk* in *Parshas Vayikra*: וּמָלַק אֶת רֵאשׁוֹ מִמּוֹל עֶרְפוֹ וְלֹא יִבְדִּיל

3) (*Mitzvas Asei #65*) We need to follow all of the *halachos* about how to bring a *Korban Asham*. We learn this *mitzvah* from the *posuk* in *Parshas Tzav*: זֹאת תּוֹרַת הָאֲשָׁם

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Maaseh HaKorbanos**

In today's *Rambam*, we learn more about bringing *Korbanos*.

**Perek Daled:** We learn about WHEN *Korbanos* are allowed to be brought (during the day) and also what we need to think about when we bring the *Korban* — *Kavana*!

**Perek Hey:** This *perek* teaches us WHERE we bring *Korbanos*, and how we give the different parts of the *Korban* to Hashem.

**Perek Vov:** We learn EXACTLY how to bring a *Korban Olah*!

## **RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Chomeitz Umatzah - 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*.

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Mivtzoyim**

Once in the city of Rostov, they couldn't get very many *Esrogim* for *Sukkos*. They only had one or two *Esrogim* for the whole town!

One person who was lucky enough to have an *Esrog*, shared it with everyone so that everyone could do the *mitzvah*. Of course, when a lot of people touch an *Esrog*, especially if they have wet hands (like if they went to the *Mikvah* before!) it makes the *Esrog* turn brown!

Someone came over to that Yid, and asked him why he was letting everyone use his *Esrog*. “Don’t you know that the *mitzvah* is to have a beautiful *Esrog*? Why are you letting everyone use it and turn it brown?”

The Yid answered, “The most beautiful *Esrog* is one that is used by so many Yidden!”

Many people spend a lot of money on *Esrogim*, to buy one that is very beautiful. That is very nice and is certainly a *hiddur mitzvah*, but the REAL beauty of an *Esrog* is when we bring it on *mitvzoyim* and help so many Yidden who don’t even know they need a *Lulav* and *Esrog*, so that they could do the *mitzvah*! THAT is when we have a real beautiful *Esrog*!

*Are you ready for your mitvzoyim this Sukkos? How many Yidden are you planning on helping this year to do this special mitzvah?*

## **TEFILLAH :: Amidah for Shalosh Regalim**

On the *Shalosh Regalim*, including *Sukkos*, we don’t say the regular *Shemoneh Esrei*. There is a special *Amidah* for the *Shalosh Regalim*.

The way it is set up is similar to Shabbos. There are three *brachos* at the beginning mentioning the praises of Hashem and the *zechus* of the *Avos*, three *brachos* at the end thanking and praising Hashem, and one *bracha* in the middle about the *inyan* of the *Yom Tov*.

We start the middle *bracha* with *Ata Vechartanu*. Before speaking about the special *Yom Tov*, we first speak about how Hashem chose US to give it to! We say that Hashem picked us to be His nation. Hashem loves us and wanted us specifically. Hashem raised us up above the other nations, made us holy with His *mitzvos*, and gave us the *zechus* to carry Hashem’s name — to be HASHEM’s nation.

*We will IY”H see the rest of the middle bracha over the next two shiurim.*

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Erev Sukkos**

On *Erev Sukkos*, there is an *inyan* to give a lot of *tzedakah*.

The Mitteler Rebbe writes in a *maamar*, “*Tzorich Lefazer Maos L’aneyim B’Erev Sukkos*” — “You should generously give money to the poor on *Erev Sukkos*.”

There were many years when the Rebbe encouraged us to keep this special *minhag* of adding in giving extra *tzedakah* on *Erev Sukkos*, and also on *Chol Hamoed*.

*See Shevach Hamoadim, Kitzur Hilchos Sukkos*

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Talking about Moshiach**

When Moshe Rabbeinu was born, Yidden were very happy. Among each other, they spoke about the fact that Amram, the Jewish leader of the time, had a baby boy Moshe!

When Moshe was taken to Parao’h’s palace, the Yidden were very worried. Their holy leader Amram’s son was taken away!

When Moshe ran away from Mitzrayim, Yidden didn't forget about him. They always remembered him and spoke about him, until Hashem had *Rachmonus* and listened to what the Yidden were *davening* for. Then the *Geulah* came through Moshe Rabbeinu.

The same is true with this last *Golus*. We need to constantly talk about and think about *Moshiach*, and he will come!

See *Sefer Hasichos Tof-Reish-Tzadik-Tes* p. 330

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