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CHUMASH :: Parshas Balak - Sheini with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, Bilaam asks Hashem again if he can go to Balak. Hashem tells him he can go — but he will have to do what Hashem wants.

When Bilaam got up in the morning, he told Balak's messengers that he wouldn't come, because Hashem won't let. But he didn't tell the truth — he said that Hashem wouldn't let because the messengers weren't important enough. He wanted them to think that he is very special to Hashem!

Balak sent more messengers, very important people. He promised to pay a lot of money. Bilaam told the messengers that really Balak should give him ALL his money, because he would have had to use that money to pay his army. This way he doesn't have to fight!

Still, now he had to tell the truth — he couldn't curse the Yidden unless Hashem let. He told the messengers to stay over, and he would try to ask Hashem again.

Hashem told Bilaam that he could go if he wanted to, but he would have to do whatever Hashem tells him!

TEHILLIM :: 66 - 68

Today's *kapitelach* are *Samach-Vov* to *Samach-Ches*, and all of these *kapitelach* talk about *Moshiach*!

The first *kapitel* of today's *Tehillim*, *Kapitel Samach-Vov*, is the way we will thank Hashem when He brings all the Yidden to Eretz Yisroel.

The first *posuk* starts with the words, “**Lamenatzeiach, Shir Mizmor**” — meaning that this *kapitel* is a song, “**Horiu L’Elokim Kol Ha’aretz**” — the whole world will blow (trumpets) for Hashem! When *Moshiach* will come, all of the nations of the world will believe in Hashem!

To make this happen very soon, we need to prepare! We need to make sure that the Goyim know about the Sheva Mitzvos Bnei Noach, so they will be ready to believe in Hashem.

TANYA :: Igeres Hateshuvah Perek Alef

Yesterday, we learned about the three kinds of *aveiros* a person needs to do *teshuvah* for. Today, the Alter Rebbe teaches us HOW to do *teshuvah*:

The *mitzvah* of *teshuvah* is not very complicated. A person just needs to make a strong *HACHLATA* that he won’t act that way again.

This *hachlata* is not only about the specific *aveira* he did. Since when a person does an *aveira*, he becomes separated from Hashem, it’s not enough to just say that he won’t do THIS *aveira* again, his *hachlata* needs to be that he will do EVERYTHING that Hashem wants — all of the *mitzvos*! This way he will become reconnected to Hashem and his *teshuva* will be complete.

There are also extra things like giving *tzedakah* or fasting which can help, but they are not part of the *MITZVAH* of doing *teshuvah* — as we will *IY”H* see later.

HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Beis Tammuz

We don’t say Tachanun today, because it is the Chag Hageulah of the Frierdiker Rebbe.

Two special things happened on *Yud-Beis Tammuz*:

Today is the birthday of the Frierdiker Rebbe. It is also the day the Frierdiker Rebbe was told that he is free from jail! He was sent to jail, and then to a faraway place called *Kostrama*, for spreading *Yiddishkeit*. But on *Yud-Beis Tammuz*, the Russian government told him he could go!

The Frierdiker Rebbe sent a letter telling *Chassidim* to *farbreng* in honor of this special day. At this *farbrengen*, they should work together to make sure that they are learning the *shiurim* in Torah they should be learning. The Frierdiker Rebbe gives all of the *Chassidim* a *bracha* that Hashem should *bentch* them in *Gashmius* and *Ruchnius*!

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*: כֹּל מִחֶמֶץ 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 Nizkei Mamon - Perek Ches

This *perek* tells us when the *halachos* are different — like for example an animal that is from *hefker* which means that it doesn't belong to anyone, or *hekdash* which belongs to the *Beis Hamikdash*. We also learn the *halachos* of when a *Beis Din* forces someone to pay.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chassidische Yom Tov

As we learned in *Hayom Yom*, today is the day that the Frierdiker Rebbe was freed from jail, where he was put for his work in spreading *Yiddishkeit*. Every year, the Rebbe would have a *farbrengen* in honor of this special *Chassidische Yom Tov*. He would encourage *Chassidim* to take on *hachlatos* to strengthen *Yiddishkeit* too, in a way of *Mesiras Nefesh* like the Frierdiker Rebbe showed us!

In the year *Tof-Shin-Lamed-Ches*, the Rebbe said in a *sicha* that *Yud-Beis Tammuz* is a special *Yom Tov* for children! Why? The main *gezeira* from the Russian government was against learning Torah and teaching *Yiddishkeit* to small children. The Frierdiker Rebbe put everything in danger to make sure that *Yiddishkeit* for children was the way it should be!

Since the Frierdiker Rebbe had *Mesiras Nefesh* for children, it gives a special *koach* to kids to make sure their *Yiddishkeit* is strong! This is especially true with the *mitzvah* of *Ahavas Yisroel*, which can sometimes be harder for children.

On *Yud-Beis Tammuz* 5748 (*Tof-Shin-Mem-Ches*), the Rebbe said that he has a new idea! Everyone, even kids, should write down three special things in *Yiddishkeit* or *Chassidus* that they did over the past year!

It's good for everyone to do this, because even if someone can't find three things, they'll make sure to have them for next year!

Can YOU think of three things you did over the past year that would make the Rebbe proud?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

TEFILLAH :: Gad Gedud

At the end of *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah*, we say many *pesukim* that are connected to the reasons for saying *Shema* at night. Some *pesukim* are about asking Hashem for protection; that we should sleep well and get up well. Other *pesukim* speak about how we give our *neshama* to Hashem at night, and ask Hashem to take care of it and return it to us in the morning. We repeat some of these *pesukim* three times, like other important *pesukim* in *davening*.

Towards the end of these *pesukim*, we ask Hashem to bring us the *Geulah*, and then all of the *kelipos* will be taken away from the world.

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah

Every night, we say *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah* before we go to sleep.

According to *halacha*, we are allowed to say it once we are already in bed, lying down with pajamas.

Still, it is better to be sitting up or standing when we say *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah*.

It is our *minhag* to say *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah* when we are still wearing our clothes! Men should wear a hat and jacket, and a married man should even wear his *gartel*.

By being dressed and standing up, we show that the *avodah* of *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah* is very important.

See *Piskei Teshuvos* vol. 2, p. 991 and *Shemiras Mitzvas Hayom* p 304

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Bilaam's Nevuos

In this week's *parsha*, *Parshas Balak*, we have the famous *nevuos* of Bilaam about *Moshiach*!

The Rambam uses *pesukim* from these *nevuos* to show that the Torah speaks about *Melech Hamoshiach*. The Rambam explains that Bilaam would first say something about the first king of the Yidden, Dovid Hamelech, and then speak about our final king, *Moshiach*!

Here is the part of Bilaam's *nevuah* that the Rambam explains:

אַרְאֶנּוּ וְלֹא עֵתָהּ אֲשׁוּרְנֶנּוּ וְלֹא קָרוֹב דָּרֶךְ כּוֹכַב מִיַּעֲקֹב וְקִם שֶׁבֶט מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל וּמִחַיַּי פִּאֲתֵי מוֹאָב וְקָרָקֶר כָּל בְּנֵי שֵׁת: וְהָיָה אָדוֹם יִרְשָׁה וְהָיָה יִרְשָׁה שְׁעִיר אִיִּבִי

Arenu Velo Ata — (I see it, but not now) — this is talking about Dovid Hamelech

Ashurenu Velo Karov — (I see it, but not very soon) — this is talking about *Melech Hamoshiach*.

Darach Kochav MiYaakov — (A star will go out from Yaakov) — this is talking about Dovid Hamelech

Vekam Shevet MiYisrael — (And a stick will get up in Yisrael) — this is talking about *Melech Hamoshiach*.

Umachatz Paasei Moav — (He will crush all of the princes of Moav) — this is talking about Dovid Hamelech, who fought against Moav and won

Vekarkar Kol Benei Sheis — (He will get rid of the family of Sheis) — this is talking about *Melech Hamoshiach*, who will rule the entire world.

Vehaya Edom Yereisha — (Edom will be destroyed) — this is talking about Dovid Hamelech, who made Edom into his servants

Vehaya Yereisha Se'ir Oivav — (and Seir will be destroyed) — this is talking about *Melech Hamoshiach*, who will judge Eisav (who is also called Seir).

May we see the fulfillment of this *nevuah*, and all of the other *nevuos* of the *Geulah*, *bekarov mamosh*, Amen!

See *Parshas Balak*, *perek Chof-Daled*, *pesukim Yud-Zayin and Yud-Ches*, and *Rambam Hilchos Melachim perek Yud-Alef*

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