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CHUMASH :: Parshas Eikev - Sheini with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu is continuing to *farbreng* with the Yidden and speaking to them, to get them ready to go into Eretz Yisroel. He reminds them that all of the *brachos* they will have there are all from Hashem, and remembering this will help make sure the Yidden have the *zechus* to stay in Eretz Yisroel!

When you come into Eretz Yisroel, you will build houses and become rich. You might make a mistake and think that you have all of these things because you are special and smart! You might say **"Kochi Ve'Otzem Yadi Asa Li Es HaChayil Hazeh!"** "It was MY *koach* that made me have all of these good things!"

But the truth is that it is HASHEM who made all of the *nissim* in the *Midbar*, and it is the same HASHEM who will give you the *koach* to have *hatzlacha* in the things you are doing! **"Vezacharta Es Hashem Elokecha, Ki HU**

Hanosein Lecha Koach Lasos Chayil! “Remember HASHEM, because HE gives you the *koach* to succeed!”

If you forget and think about *Avodah Zarah* instead (*chas veshalom*), Hashem will not be happy. You will lose the special *zechus* to live in Eretz Yisroel!

Now you are going into a land with very strong kings. They are much stronger than you — but you don’t have to be afraid, because Hashem is with you and will help you conquer the land!

TEHILLIM :: 83 - 87

Today’s *Tehillim* is *kapitelach Pey-Gimmel to Pey-Zayin*.

Every single *kapitel* in today’s *Tehillim* has a special *niggun* which was made in honor of the Rebbe’s *Yom Huledes*! Can you find the *niggun* in each one?

In *Kapitel Pey-Daled*, the *posuk* says “**Yeilchu Mechayil El Choyil, Yeiro’eh El Elokim BeTzion.**” This means that people who trust in Hashem go from strength to strength, and they go before Hashem in Yerushalayim.

The Rebbe tells us that *Yeilchu Meichayil El Choyil*, when we are always doing better than before, brings *Yeiro’eh El Elokim BeTzion*, that we will be able to go to the *Beis Hamikdosh*! When we keep trying to do better, every single day and every single hour, we will bring *Moshiach*!

Chassidus says that there is a new *chayus* from Hashem that comes into the world, not just every day, but every hour! When that *chayus* comes, we get more opportunities to grow in *Yiddishkeit*! We need to make sure to use that new energy to do more!

See *Yechidus to Bar/Bas Mitzvah* 26 Nissan 5751

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Hey

We are learning about the meaning of the words of the *Zohar* that *tzedakah* “makes Hashem’s name.”

Hashem’s name is written with a *Yud* and a *Hey*. Each of these letters does something different:

The *Yud* of Hashem’s name gives *chayus* to *Olam Haba*, which is more *ruchniyus’dik*, and the *Hey* gives *chayus* to *Olam Hazei* (here!), where Hashem is more hidden and we can’t feel the *chayus* as much.

In the beginning, there were no *Yidden*, and Hashem gave His *chayus* WITHOUT anyone doing anything! But after Adam *HaRishon* was created, and especially after the *Yidden* became Hashem’s nation, Hashem needs US to do *mitzvos* so He will give *chayus* to the world.

What *mitzvah* especially has this *koach* for Hashem to give *chayus* to the *Hey*, so that *Olam Hazei* will be able to exist?

You guessed it! The *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*!

Because when we give *chayus* to another person by giving *tzedakah*, Hashem ALSO gives *tzedakah* — He gives *chayus* to the world!

HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Zayin Menachem Av

Yesterday we learned that *Chassidus* is like fire.

Why is this? The Tzemach Tzedek explained:

Fire is hot — it has lots of *chayus*! *Chassidus* is like fire because it gives *chayus* to the Torah that we learn.

How?

Even when the *neshama* is in *Gan Eden*, it learns the same *halacha* that it learns in the world! But since there is no *Gashmius* there, it can learn only the *Ruchnius* of the *halacha*. The *Chassidus* we learn in this world also teaches us the *Ruchnius* of the *halachos*!

When a Yid knows that his *neshama* will learn the same thing in *Gan Eden* as it is learning now, it gives the person a special *chayus*.

That's why *Chassidus* is compared to fire — because when we learn it, it lights a fire in our *neshama* and brings excitement to our learning.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #164 - Mitzvas Asei #84, #85, Lo Saasei #90

Today we learn 3 *mitzvos* about bringing *korbanos*:

1) (Mitzvas Asei #84) We are only allowed to bring *Korbanos* in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Reeh*: וְשֵׁם תַעֲשֶׂה כֹל אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִי מְצַוְךָ

2) (Mitzvas Asei #85) If someone who lives outside of Eretz Yisroel promises to bring a *korban*, it is a *mitzvah* for him to bring it. He needs to bring his *korban* to the *Beis Hamikdash* even though Eretz Yisroel is very far away and it is very hard for him to get to Yerushalayim!

We learn this *mitzvah* from another *posuk* in *Parshas Reeh*: כֹּךָ קִדְשִׁיךָ אֲשֶׁר יִהְיוּ לְךָ וּנְדָרֶיךָ תִּשָּׂא וּבָאתָ אֵל הַמִּקְדָּשׁ

3) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #90) It is *asur* to *shecht* any animal that is supposed to be for a *korban*, outside of the *Beis Hamikdash*.

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Acharei*: אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁחַט שׁוֹר אוֹ כֶּשֶׁב אוֹ עֵז בַּמִּחְנֶה אוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁחַט מִחוּץ לַמִּחְנֶה וְאֵל פֶּתַח אֶהְיֶה מוֹעֵד לֹא הִבֵּיאוּ לְהַקְרִיב קָרְבָּן לִּי לִפְנֵי מִשְׁכַּן ה' דָּם יִחָשֵׁב לְאִישׁ הַהוּא דָם שָׁפָךְ וְנִכְרַת אֶהְיֶה מוֹעֵד לֹא הִבֵּיאוּ לְהַקְרִיב קָרְבָּן לִּי לִפְנֵי מִשְׁכַּן ה' דָּם יִחָשֵׁב לְאִישׁ הַהוּא דָם שָׁפָךְ וְנִכְרַת

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Yud-Gimmel* of *Mesechta Zevachim*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Maaseh HaKorbanos

In today's *Rambam*, we learn more about promises to bring *korbanos*, and about not bringing *korbanos* outside of the *Beis Hamikdash*.

Perek Tes-Zayin: Sometimes a person makes a promise to bring a certain kind of animal for a *korban*. What if he wants to (or needs) to change? There are times when we are allowed to do it differently than we said, but other times when we can't! For example, if someone promises to bring a BIG animal, he can't bring a little one. But if he says he will bring a little one, he CAN bring a big one.

Perek Yud-Zayin: We need to be careful to bring the *korban* just like we said — so if someone promises to bring flour in ONE container, he can't bring it in two smaller containers. We also learn about how much wine or oil a person should bring if they promised to bring it as a present for Hashem: It needs to be at least the amount that would be brought as the *Mincha* or *Nesech* of a *korban*!

Perek Yud-Ches: It is a *mitzvah* not to bring a *korban* outside of the *Beis Hamikdash*.

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shecheinim - Perek Yud-Daled

This *perek* finishes the *halachos* about neighbors. We learn that the *Ben Hametzer* is only for the NEXT-door neighbor. We also learn about the reason for the *halacha*, that a person should act like a *mentch* (“*Ve’asisa Hayashar Vehatov*”) and give the opportunity to buy to the one who could use it in the best way.

Mazel Tov! We have now finished learning Hilchos Shecheinim!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Leben Mit Der Tzeit

In today’s *Chumash*, *Sheini* of *Parshas Eikev*, Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden about the *Midbar* that they traveled through.

The Rebbe tells us that Moshe Rabbeinu wasn’t only talking about the *Midbar* that the Yidden went through on their way to Eretz Yisroel. He was also hinting to the long *Golus* that the Yidden are going through now! This last *Golus* before *Moshiach* comes is compared to a desert.

The way Moshe Rabbeinu tells us about the *Midbar* also teaches us what this *Golus* is all about, and shows us how we can fix the *Golus* and bring the *Geulah*!

The first thing Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden about the *Midbar* is that it was a *Midbar Gadol V’Norah* — a great and mighty desert. This shows us the first problem that *Golus* can give us: To make us think that the parts of the *Golus* are special and important. Really, a *Midbar* isn’t so great and special — it’s just a *Midbar*! Even though many parts of *Golus* SEEM so important, like being rich or famous — it’s just a *Golus*!

This also shows us the first way to FIX the *Golus*: By being a proud Jew! Don’t look at the *Golus* as so important, because there is nothing more special than being a Jew and keeping Torah and *mitzvos*!

See Likutei Sichos chelek Beis, Parshas Eikev (p. 371)

TEFILLAH :: Aleinu

Aleinu is the last part of *davening*, in *Shacharis*, *Mincha*, and *Maariv*. We use this *tefillah* to help us go from *davening* into the *avodah* we do afterwards!

The first paragraph of *Aleinu* has two main messages:

- 1) It reminds us that we are different
- 2) It gives us a feeling of *bittul* to Hashem

We remind ourselves that even when we go out into the world after *davening*, we are different than all of the other nations. A Yid is connected to Hashem and it can be seen in everything he does during the day!

Aleinu also speaks about how Hashem is the *Aibershter*, the King of the entire world, and nothing exists aside for Him. Thinking about this will give us the *bittul* we need to do our *avodah* properly.

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Adding in Learning Torah

At this time of year, the nights start getting longer. The *Chachomim* tell us that nights are for learning, so at this time of year, we need to add in learning Torah! They promise that when we spend more time learning, Hashem will give us more time to live!

Learning Torah is very important for everyone. One thing that happens when we learn Torah is that we are trying to understand Hashem's *Chochma*. When our mind is used to thinking with Hashem's *Chochma*, it will help us use that *chochma* every time we have to make a decision! This will help us always choose to do what Hashem wants.

So now is the time to make a *hachlata* to join a *shiur* in person, over the phone or online, start a *shiur*, or make a *chavrusa*.

See *Farbrengen Parshas Va'eschanan Tof-Shin-Nun*

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Hashem Always Loves the Yidden

The *Navi* Hoshea lived at the time of the first *Beis Hamikdash*.

The Yidden in the times of Hoshea were not following Hashem. They were serving *Avodah Zarah* and not listening to Hashem. In the first *perek* of Hoshea, the *Navi* gives the Yidden *tochacha* for not staying strong in serving Hashem.

In the second *perek*, we see that Hashem always loves the Yidden, no matter what. We will see this love revealed in the times of the *Geulah*!

וְהָיָה מִסְפַּר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּחֹל הַיָּם אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִמָּד וְלֹא יִסָּפֵר וְהָיָה בְּמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יֹאמַר לָהֶם לֹא עַמִּי אַתֶּם יֹאמַר לָהֶם בְּנֵי קָל־הִי

Vehaya Mispar Bnei Yisrael — The amount of Yidden will be

Kechol Hayam — Like the sand by the sea

Asher Lo Yimad Velo Yisafer — Which can't be measured or counted!

Vehaya Bimkom Asher Yei'amar Lahem Lo Ami Atem — And instead of the Yidden being called "Not My nation,"

Yei'amar Lahem Bnei Keil Chai — They will be called "Children of the living Hashem!"

In a short *maamar* of the Alter Rebbe, this *posuk* is explained:

The word the *posuk* uses to say "instead of" is "*Bimkom*," which can also mean "in the place." The Alter Rebbe explains that in the same place where the Yidden were called "Not My nation," because of the *aveiros* they did, they will be called "*Bnei Keil Chai*," children of Hashem.

Where is that place? Right here in the *Gashmius'dike* world!

This *posuk* is saying that when *Moshiach* comes, the Yidden will do a complete *teshuvah*. Then, there will be nothing stopping *kedusha* from shining right here in *Olam Hazei* like it shines in *Ruchnius'dike* worlds!

Because of this *teshuvah*, we will be able to see Hashem in this *Gashmius'dike* world the way Hashem can nowadays only be seen in *Olam Ha'Atzilus*!

See Hoshea perek Beis, *posuk alef*; *Maamarei Admor Hazakein Haketzarim* – Hosafos, *Maamar Peleg Elokim*

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