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CHUMASH :: Parshas Haazinu - Sheini with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu is continuing to speak to the heavens and the earth. He wants them to remind the Yidden in the future about how Hashem has always taken care of the Yidden, so they will realize how foolish it is to not behave properly.

Yidden, remember this, it's important for you:
When people made Hashem angry, what did He do?
Those people were punished, I'm sure you know
Since they didn't follow the path they should go.

(Of course, very soon, when *Moshiach* will be
He'll reward us with so much GOOD — just wait and see!)

When the world was full of *Resha'im*, from far and wide
Hashem made a *Mabul*, and all of them died.
But when people worked together, all of them
To build a tall tower to fight with Hashem —

They were all *Resha'im*, they also deserved to die!
But Hashem didn't do it — do you know why?
He let them live, because later WE came
All of the Yidden, from the family of *Sheim*.

Instead Hashem sent them to many destinations
Each with a new language, to be 70 nations!
(Like the 70 Yidden who later went down, you see
To Mitzrayim, until Hashem set us free.)

Just because Hashem loves us, he let them live
So later to us the Torah He'd give!

We come from Yaakov, from the *Avos* number three
Like a rope made of THREE strings, as strong as can be!

No other nations wanted the Torah, they were glad to forsake it
But even in a huge *Midbar*, we were happy to take it!

And there in the *Midbar*, we were safe indeed
Hashem took care of us and gave us all we need.
It was like a big eagle who flies through the sky
And keeps its family safe from everyone nearby.

It doesn't scare its family, it warns them when it's near
And carries them high on its back — they have nothing to fear.
Of course Hashem takes even BETTER care than them!
How lucky we are to be the nation of Hashem.

TEHILLIM :: 119 (first half)

Today's *shiur Tehillim* is the first half of *kapitel Kuf-Yud-Tes*. Since this *kapitel* is so long, we will finish it tomorrow! We also say the three *kapitelach* for *Chodesh Elul*: *Ayin-Gimmel*, *Ayin-Daled*, and *Ayin-Hey*.

The last *posuk* of today's *Tehillim*, which starts with a *Lamed*, is "***Lechol Tichla Ra'isi Keitz, Rechava Mitzvas'cha Me'od***." "I have seen an end to every goal, but Your *mitzva* is very wide."

The Alter Rebbe explains that "*Lechol Tichla*" is like the words "*Klos Hanefesh*," which means that the *neshama* wants to become close to Hashem. For all of these feelings, there is an end! There is only so much a person can love Hashem and come close to Hashem by just wanting.

But a *mitzvah* — "*Rechava Mitzvas'cha Me'od*" — a *mitzvah* has NO limits, it connects us to Hashem more than anything else! We will get to see how high we reach through our *mitzvos* only in the time of *Techiyas Hameisim*!

The Rebbe Rashab also explains this *posuk* even deeper according to *Chassidus*, in his famous *hemshech Tof-Reish-Samach-Vov*. (A *hemshech* is a group of *maamorim* that are connected to each other, and help us understand one *inyan* very very well. This *sefer* has 61 *maamorim*, and explains why Hashem made the world.)

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Zayin

In this letter, the Alter Rebbe is teaching us that even though there are great *Ruchnius'dike* rewards for the *neshama* in *Gan Eden*, the greatest reward will be at the time of *Techiyas Hameisim*. *Tzedakah* is a special *mitzvah* which gives us the *koach* to get that reward then!

We learned yesterday that we will get to see the higher kind of *chayus* from Hashem, called *Sovev Kol Almin*, as a reward for doing *mitzvos*, especially *Tzedakah*!

When will we get to see it? After *Techiyas Hameisim*!

There are some rewards a person gets in *Gan Eden*, but this reward will be only when *Moshiach* comes — when every *Neshama* will be in a body. Why only then?

Because “**Sof Maaseh BeMachshava Techila**” — the last thing was thought of first.

Did you ever build a Lego set? First you look at the box, and see an amazing picture of a really neat building, or car, or boat. Then you open the instruction book and start to build, one piece at a time. Your model starts looking more and more like the picture! Finally, you finish — you built it just like the box shows!

What did you think of FIRST? The finished building. And when did you get it? Last! That’s “Sof Maaseh BeMachshava Techila.” You thought of it first, so that’s what you got in the end.

The same thing is what happened when Hashem made the world — first He thought of something that He wanted, and then He made the world. What did Hashem want? A *neshama* inside of a *guf* in this world! That’s why people were made last!

That’s also why we’ll be able to see the special *chayus* of *Sovev Kol Almin* only at the time of *Techiyas Hameisim*. Even though *neshamos* will first have been in *Gan Eden*, this highest *chayus* of Hashem will not shine until the *neshama* comes back into a *Guf*, at the time of *Techiyas Hameisim*. Only then is the time of the *Sof Maaseh*, the way Hashem wanted things to be from the beginning!

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Hey Elul

In today’s *Hayom Yom*, we learn that Hashem *bentches* the month of *Tishrei*. That gives us the *koach* to *bentch* each new month on *Shabbos Mevorchim* the rest of the year!

Minhagim and Reminders for Shabbos Mevorchim Tishrei (which was Chof-Hey Elul the year Hayom Yom was first printed):

- Say the whole *Tehillim* in the morning of *Shabbos Mevorchim*. *Farbreng*.
- On *Shabbos Selichos*, we say *Selichos* after midnight, but all the rest of the days we say *Selichos* in the morning.
- When we *lein Netzavim* and *Vayelech* separately, *Shvi’i* and *Maftir* are the same!

The Alter Rebbe teaches us something that he heard from the *Maggid*, who heard it from the *Baal Shem Tov*! It is about *Shabbos Mevorchim Tishrei* — where we DON’T *bentch* the *Chodesh* in *Davening*!

Why don’t we give a *bracha* to the month of *Tishrei*? Because HASHEM gives the *bracha* Himself!

What is this *bracha*? We can see this *bracha* in the *parsha* we *lein* on *Shabbos Mevorchim Tishrei*: *Parshas Netzavim*.

The *parsha* starts “*Atem Netzavim Hayom*” — “you are standing today.”

“Today” means *Rosh Hashana*, the *Yom HaDin* (day of judgment). “*Netzavim*” means standing strong — winning the case and getting a *Shana Tova*!

Tishrei is the seventh month. It is so full of *brachos* from Hashem! It gives the *koach* to fill up the rest of the year too with Hashem’s *brachos*. It is with the *koach* of Hashem’s *bracha* for this special month that we are able to *bentch* all of the other months ourselves!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #142 - Mitzvas Asei #80, #81

Today we learn two mitzvos, about two kinds of firstborns — firstborn baby boys, and firstborn donkeys! Both of these are presents Hashem said we need to give to the Kohanim because they work in the Beis Hamikdash.

1) (Mitzvas Asei #80) **Pidyon HaBen**: We need to give our firstborns as presents to Hashem! We don't actually give them the firstborn, instead we redeem the firstborn — giving money to the *kohen* and keeping the firstborn ourselves. For a firstborn baby boy we pay the *Kohen* 5 *sela'im*. The father is the one who has the *chiyuv* to do this *mitzvah*. (We start learning about this in the third *perek* of today's Rambam!)

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: כָּכֹר בְּנֵיךָ תִּתֶּן לִי
The details are explained in *Mesechta Bechoros*.

2) (Mitzvas Asei #81) **Peter Chamor**: A firstborn donkey also belongs to Hashem! For a firstborn boy donkey, we give the *kohen* a sheep instead, or pay what the donkey is worth. *Leviim* don't have to give their firstborns to Hashem. (We learn about this *mitzvah* in the first *perek* of tomorrow's Rambam.)

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Ki Sisa*: וְפֶטֶר חֲמוֹר תִּפְדֶּה בֶּשֶׂה
The details are explained in *Mesechta Bechoros*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Bikurim

In today's Rambam, we learn about more presents that we need to give to the *Kohen*.

Perek Tes: There are parts of each animal we *shecht* that are “*Matanos*” — given as a present to the *kohanim*. (This was yesterday's *Sefer Hamitzvos*.) We learn which kinds of animals we need to give *Matanos* from, and what happens if we aren't sure if they were given.

Perek Yud: We give the *kohen* part of the wool of a sheep the first time we cut its hair, called *Reishis HaGeiz* (yesterday's *Sefer Hamitzvos*). This *mitzvah* makes sure that the *kohanim* will have wool to make clothes!

Perek Yud-Alef: The Rambam teaches us about the *mitzvah* of *Pidyon HaBen*, paying the *kohen* so we can keep our firstborn boys. We do this *mitzvah* after the baby is thirty days old.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Eruvin - Perek Daled

Today we learn more about an *Eruv Chatzeiros*.

How do we make an *Eruv Chatzeiros*? Everyone gives some food, and then one person makes a *bracha* “*Al Mitzvas Eruv*” and then says that everyone can carry things from one person's house to another.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chof-Hey Elul

Today is *Chof-Hey Elul* — the day when Hashem made the world! *Rosh Hashana* is really the SIXTH day of Creation, when Hashem made Adam *Harishon*!

The Arizal says that special dates on the Jewish calendar are really *b'ruchnius* happening again every year! We can get the special *kochos* of the day by learning about it in Torah. There is a *minhag* of *Chassidim* (that the Rebbe told us about) to learn the part of *Parshas Bereishis* that talks about what Hashem created on that day!

On the first day of creating the world, Hashem said “*Yehi Ohr*” — there should be light. We also need to make sure that we fill the world with light — the light of Torah!

TEFILLAH :: Malchiyos, Zichronos, Shofros

Musaf is an extra *Shemoneh Esrei* we add on Shabbos and special days. *Musaf* is instead of bringing the *Korban Musaf*, the *korbanos* in honor of the day.

Musaf is set up with three *brachos* at the beginning to praise Hashem, one *bracha* in the middle about the *korbanos* that were brought in the *Beis Hamikdash* on this *Yom Tov*, and three *brachos* at the end thanking Hashem.

In the *Musaf* of *Rosh Hashana*, we have THREE *brachos* in the middle!

- 1) **Malchiyos** — We say *pesukim* that speak about the *Malchus* of Hashem. Saying these words helps us to accept Hashem as King, *Kabolas Ol Malchus Shomayim!* (In this *bracha*, we also mention the extra *korbanos* of *Rosh Hashana* that were brought in the *Beis Hamikdash*.)
- 2) **Zichronos** — We say *pesukim* asking Hashem to remember us (*zikaron*) for good on this special day.
- 3) **Shofros** — All of these things happen through the *mitzvah* of *Shofar* on *Rosh Hashana!* We say *pesukim* that mention the *shofar* and what it accomplishes.

In each of these sections, we say ten *pesukim*. The first three *pesukim* come from Torah, the next three from *Navi*, and then three more from *Kesuvim*. Then we say one last *posuk* from Torah.

Chassidus explains why we bring these *pesukim* from the Torah: Showing how the Torah says that Hashem has to be our *Melech* (*Malchiyos*), that Hashem needs to remember us (*Zichronos*), and that this happens through the *shofar* (*Shofros*), gives the *koach* that it will actually happen! (See *Likutei Sichos chelek Beis p. 399*)

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: "Maos Chitim"

There is a *minhag* that before *Pesach*, money is given out in each city to help people buy *matzah* and wine and food for *Pesach*. That's because on *Pesach* we can't work, but the things we need are very expensive! This is called *Maos Chitim* ("flour money").

The truth is that other *Yomim Tovim* are also days off of work where we need to pay for extra things. Even *Rosh Hashana* has extra things we need to buy, and it's extra days off of work.

That's why the Rebbe asked that we also keep this *minhag* for the other *Yomim Tovim*, including *Rosh Hashana*. You can give to the fund where you live, and it is also good to give to the Yidden in Eretz Yisroel (many times in *Tanya*, the Alter Rebbe tells how special it is to give *tzedakah* to Eretz Yisroel). Here's are some places you can choose — you can give by just clicking here: www.colelchabad.org or www.charityforisrael.com

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Veheishiv Leiv Avos Al Banim

When *Moshiach* comes, all of the Yidden will do *teshuvah!*

The *Navi* Malachi tells us that Hashem will first send Eliyahu *Hanavi* to help the Yidden be ready. But it will first be the children that will understand, and they will help their parents to come closer to Hashem!

וְהָשִׁיב לֵב אֲבוֹת עַל בְּנֵים וְלֵב בְּנֵים עַל אֲבוֹתָם כִּי אֲבוֹת וְהַבְּתִי אֶת הָאָרֶץ חָרָם

Veheishiv Leiv Avos Al Banim — The children will help their parents to do *teshuvah* and come closer to Hashem

Veleiv Banim Al Avosam — And then the parents will help their children too!

Pen Avo — This way, it won't happen that when *Moshiach* comes, the Yidden will not have done *teshuvah*

Vehikeisi Es Ha'aretz Cheirem — And Hashem will need to punish the world.

(Even though this is a good *nevuah*, in the *sefarim* of *Nach*, the *sefer* ends by again writing the *posuk* before this one, about Eliyahu *Hanavi*, in order to finish off with happy words!)

When the Rebbe made the campaign for *Tzivos Hashem*, and also for children to learn *Sefer Hamitzvos*, he connected it with this *posuk*! This *posuk* tells us that children will be the ones to help their parents to live the way Hashem wants, including learning Rambam. The parents will learn from the example of their children, and will want to become better!

See *Malachi perek Gimmel perek Chof-Daled*

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