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~ 6th birthday Tes-Vov Elul ~
Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha! Love Mommy and Tatty!

CHUMASH :: Parshas Ki Savo - Sheini with Rashi

We are continuing to learn the words of Moshe Rabbeinu about the *mitzvos* the Yidden will be doing when they come into Eretz Yisroel.

On *Erev Pesach* in the fourth year of *Shemitah*, a person needs to check and make sure that he gave all of the *Terumah* and *Maaser* he owes.

He has to make sure that none of it is left in his house! Then he says the *Vidui Maaser*, telling Hashem that he did his job! He gave all of the presents he was supposed to, in the right order, the way Hashem wants. He didn't make it *tomei*, or use it for the wrong things. He used the *Terumah* and *Maaser* to make people happy, like Hashem wants!

At the end, he says: Hashem! I did what you asked me to do! Now You should do what You promised — to give the Yidden *brachos*!

TEHILLIM :: 77 - 78

Today's *kapitelach* are *Ayin-Zayin* and *Ayin-Ches*. For *Elul*, we also say *kapitelach Mem-Gimmel*, *Mem-Daled*, and *Mem-Hey*.

Kapitel Ayin-Ches talks about all of the *Nissim* that Hashem did for the Yidden, from the time of *Yetzias Mitzrayim* until *Dovid Hamelech* became the king.

In the first *posuk* that talks about Dovid Hamelech, it says “**Vayivchar BeDovid Avdo, Vayikacheihu Mimichle’os Tzon.**” “Hashem chose Dovid, and He took him from the sheep pens.”

Rashi explains how Dovid Hamelech took such special care of the sheep:

When Dovid Hamelech was taking care of the sheep, he noticed that not all of the sheep were getting food to eat! The big strong sheep would run very fast into the field and eat as much as they wanted. Then the older sheep and the baby sheep would come into the field, but there was no more soft grass left! The hard grass was hard for them to eat, so they were hungry.

So Dovid Hamelech built fences to keep the sheep in. He put the strong sheep behind one fence, the baby sheep behind another fence, and the older sheep behind the last fence.

When they went to a new field, Dovid Hamelech first let out the baby sheep. They ran into the field and ate the very soft grass that was easy for their baby teeth to chew. Then Dovid Hamelech let the older sheep come in. There was plenty of softer grass left for them, and they ate until they were full. Finally, Dovid Hamelech let the strong sheep come into the field. Even though most of the grass that was left was very hard and chewy, they were happy to eat it all up.

Hashem saw that Dovid Hamelech is careful to take care of every single sheep in the way they need, and knew that someone who takes good care of even a little sheep will also take care of every single Yid! That’s why Hashem chose Dovid to be the king of the Yidden.

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Daled

Many of the letters in Igeres Hakodesh were sent to the Chassidim to get them excited about giving Tzedakah!

There were other great Talmidim of the Maggid, big Tzadikim, who lived in Eretz Yisroel. It was very hard in those days to make money in Eretz Yisroel, and they needed the money that Chassidim sent from other countries. The Alter Rebbe started a special Tzedakah called Colel Chabad (which we still have today!) to collect money for Chassidim there.

*When something new starts, everyone gets excited and wants to be a part of it! After a while, though, it isn’t so new and exciting anymore, and people get busy with other things. The same was with Colel Chabad — at first, everyone was giving Tzedakah with a *chayus*! But then, the donations started slowing down. In this letter, the Alter Rebbe is getting the Chassidim excited again about giving to this special tzedakah.*

Eretz Yisroel is a very special place. It gets its *chayus* DIRECTLY from Hashem! (The rest of the world gets *chayus* through the *chayus* that goes into Eretz Yisroel.)

But this *chayus* isn’t always the same. Every year, a NEW *chayus* comes into Eretz Yisroel, that was never there before!

Every year on *Erev Rosh Hashana*, all of the *mitzvos* we did all year go up to Hashem, and when we *daven* and blow the *Shofar*, the new *chayus* comes into Eretz Yisroel, and from there, to the rest of the world!

Since there is a new *chayus* in Eretz Yisroel every year, there should also be a new *chayus* every year in giving *tzedakah* to Eretz Yisroel!

HAYOM YOM :: Tes-Vov Elul

Today is a very special day!

The Lubavitcher Yeshiva, **Tomchei Temimim** was started by the Rebbe Rashab, just two days after the Frierdiker Rebbe's *chasuna*! It was Sunday, *Tes-Vov Elul* in the year *Tof-Reish-Nun-Zayin*.

The *bochurim* started learning *Niglah* and *Chassidus* on Wednesday, *Chai Elul*, only a few days later.

At first, the Yeshiva didn't have any name. A year later, on *Simchas Torah* after *hakafos*, in the year *Tof-Reish-Nun-Tes*, the Rebbe Rashab announced:

The Yeshiva which was made is called *Tomchei Temimim*, and the *Talmidim* who learn in the Yeshiva and act the way they are supposed to are called *temimim*!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #192 - Mitzvas Asei #74, #77

We learn two *mitzvos* today, about *korbanos* that need to be brought for someone to finish becoming *Tahor*:

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #74*) To become *tahor* enough to eat *korbanos*, a *Zav* (a man who has a certain kind of *tumah* from his body) needs to bring a *korban* of two birds.

We learn this from the words of the *pesukim* in *Parshas Metzora*: 'וְכִי יִטְהַר הַזָּב מִזִּבּוֹ וְגו' וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי יָקַח לוֹ שְׁתֵּי תְרִים וְגו'.

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #77*) After a *Metzora* gets better from *Tzoraas*, he needs to bring three animals for *korbanos* — an *Olah*, a *Chatas*, and an *Asham* — and oil. (A poor person brings one animal and two birds.) Until he does this, he isn't *tahor* enough to eat meat from *korbanos*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from another *posuk* in *Parshas Metzora*: 'וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי יָקַח שְׁנֵי כִבְשִׁים תְּמִימִם וְכִבְשָׁה אֶחָת בֵּת שְׁנֵתָּה תִּמְיָמָה'.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Mechasrei Kaparah

In today's Rambam, we learn more about the *Mechusrei Kaparah*, people who are *Tahor*, but still need to bring *korbanos* to become completely *tahor*.

Perek Gimmel: In this *perek*, we learn about when a *Zav* can become *tahor* — he needs to wait a week after the *tumah* stops coming from his body.

Perek Daled: The Rambam teaches us about the *Metzora*, and how he brings these *korbanos* to become completely *tahor*.

Perek Hey: Now we learn what happens if something isn't done right with the *korbanos* of the *Metzora*.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Sechirus - Perek Tes

We also start learning the *halachos* about a worker. One *halacha* is that if you send a worker to pick up a package, and he goes to the right place but can't find it, you still have to pay him — because he did his best to do what you asked him to do!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chassidishe Yom Tov

During the *Sheva Brachos* of the Frierdiker Rebbe's *chasuna*, the Rebbe Rashab accepted the suggestion of his son, the Frierdiker Rebbe, to make a new *yeshiva*! There, the *bochurim* would have a *Seder* to learn *Chassidus*, like the *Seder* of learning *Gemara*, and they would put time and effort into *davening*, which would add *chayus* in their learning and *Avodas Hashem*.

Later, the Rebbe Rashab named this *Yeshiva* “*Tomchei Temimim*” (*Tomim* means “complete” — that he has everything), and gave the *bochurim* the name “*Temimim*”!

This *Yeshiva*, which was run by the Frierdiker Rebbe, was very hard.

Why? Because until then, you went to *Yeshiva*, learned *Gemara*, and put all of your *kochos* into it. Here, though, there was SO MUCH for the *bochurim* to do! They had to learn *Nigleh* AND *Chassidus* AND *daven* with *Avodah* AND be *mekarev* other Yidden. Each *bochur* had to follow the *Seder* and do exactly what the *hanhala* of the *Yeshiva* told him. How could a *bochur* do all of that?

It's because he became a *Tamim*!

What is a *Tamim*?

The Rebbe Rashab explained that a *Tomim* is *Hanachas Atzmuso*. This means that he is someone who doesn't have his own plans and goals. He doesn't want to be famous, or become a *Rosh Yeshiva*. He doesn't even want to become a *Boki BeShas* — to learn the whole *Gemara*.

So what DOES a *Tamim* want? Just to act the way the *Rebbeim*, who set up the *Yeshiva*, want him to! That makes it possible for him to have *chayus* in EVERY part of the *Yeshiva*, and then everything he does will have great *hatzlacha*!

By being very strict about keeping the *seder* (schedule) that the *Rebbeim* set up, a *Tomim* has the TIME to do everything. Because he doesn't have his own idea of what he wants to become, and is ready to do whatever the Rebbe wants, he can have the *CHAYUS* to do every kind of *avodah* that the *Yeshiva* expects him to!

Each of us are a chossid and shliach of the Rebbe. The Rebbe expects us to be successful at so many things — even things that sometimes seem to be opposites! We need to be good Yidden, to learn plenty of Torah and have Yiras Shomayim. We need to take good care of our families, making sure they have everything they need. We need to work hard to help other Yidden come closer to Yiddishkeit. We need to make a Kiddush Hashem for all people. Can we really do it all?

When we realize that the most important thing is to fulfill the Rebbe's mission of getting ready for the Geulah, we really can do it all! By following the Rebbe's instructions and keeping seder, we will have time and chayus for everything, and have hatzlacha in our mission!

See Likutei Sichos vol. 14, hosafos Tes Vov – Chai Elul

TEFILLAH :: Tefillos of Yomim Noraim

We are a little more than two weeks away from *Rosh Hashana*! Let's take the time to learn more about the upcoming *Yomim Tovim*.

It is important to understand the meaning of the special *davening* of *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. We add many sections to *davening*, which speak about the meaning of these holy days. We speak about crowning Hashem as King, how Hashem judges the world, and asking for a good year.

Even though we might already know how to look inside of our *Machzor* and say the words clearly, it is also important to UNDERSTAND what we are saying.

The Rebbe told *Baalei Tefillah* (the ones who will be a *Chazan*) for the *Yomim Noraim*, that before *davening* they should first spend time going over the meaning of the *tefillos*. This is especially important for someone who is being the *Shliach Tzibur* for a whole *shul*, but it is also important for everyone!

LY”H over the next two weeks we will look at the general meaning of the *tefillos* and *piyutim* (poems) that we say in the *Machzor*. We will also review some of the *halachos* of these special days.

See *Shevach Hamoadim*, *Kitzur Hilchos Yomim Noraim siman yud*

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Maos Chitim

It is brought in *halacha* that 30 days before a *Yom Tov*, we start to learn about the *Yom Tov* so there is enough time to prepare.

On *Yud-Daled Elul*, 30 days before *Sukkos*, we should start thinking about *Sukkos*!

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. The *Yomim Tovim* of *Tishrei* have things we need to buy, and it is extra days off work.

The Rebbe asked that we should keep this *minhag* of helping other people buy the things they need for *Yom Tov* for these *Yomim Tovim* too. We should do it now, 30 days before *Yom Tov*, so there will be plenty of time for everyone to buy what they need, and be able to have the right kind of *simcha* for *Yom Tov*!

We also need to make sure that people have enough for *Rosh Hashana*, which we are about two weeks before — especially since the *Navi* Nechemya says about *Rosh Hashana*, “*Veshilchu Manos Le’ein Nachon Lo*,” that we should send food to those who don’t have their own.

If your city has its own *Maos Chitim* fund, that is a very important place to give to.

Here are some other places you can give online:

- **Colel Chabad** (Eretz Yisroel) - colelchabad.org
- **Chevra Simchas Shabbos V’Yom Tov** (Crown Heights) - cssy.org
- **The Shluchim Fund** (Shluchim worldwide) - theshluchimfund.com
- **Adopt a Family** (Anash and Shluchim in Eretz Yisroel) - charityforisrael.com

See *Halachos Uminhagei Chabad*, *Yud-Daled Elul*

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Yerushalayim Will Always Be Special!

In the *posuk* before, the *Navi* Zechariah is told that when *Moshiach* comes, Yerushalayim will become a city without walls! It will grow and spread out as more Yidden come to live there!

But the Yidden might think that the wall around Yerushalayim is what keeps it safe, or that it shows that Yerushalayim is a special city.

The Yidden don’t need to worry that Yerushalayim won’t be safe, or that it won’t be a special place to live anymore:

אֲנִי אֶהְיֶה לָּהּ נֶאֱמַר ה' חֹמַת אֵשׁ סָבִיב וּלְכָבוֹד אֶהְיֶה בְּתוֹכָהּ

Ani Eheyeh Lah — I will be for Yerushalayim

Ne’um Hashem — says Hashem

Chomas Eish Saviv — like a wall of fire around it! (This will keep it safe.)

Ulechavod Eheyeh Vesocha — And My *Shechinah* will rest inside of it! (This will be a *kavod* for Yerushalayim and show that it is always special.)

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