

# Chitas for Monday, Parshas Vayeishev

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### **CHUMASH :: Parshas Vayeishev - Sheini with Rashi**

*In yesterday's Chumash, we learned that Yosef told the brothers his dreams, and how the brothers were jealous of him that he wanted to rule over them.*

Yosef's brothers decided to go take care of the sheep in Shechem. The main reason why they went there was to talk about Yosef and decide what to do with him.

Yaakov knew through *Ruach Hakodesh* that it was important for Yosef to go to his brothers. Hashem wanted this to happen because the Yidden had to go down to Mitzrayim and become slaves before Hashem could give them the Torah and Eretz Yisroel! So he told Yosef to go see how the brothers were doing.

Yosef knew that his brothers were upset at him, but listened to what his father told him anyway, and hurried to Shechem.

The *malach* Gavriel (dressed up like a person) saw Yosef, and asked him what he was looking for. Yosef told him he was looking for his brothers. Gavriel told him, "You're calling them brothers, but they're not acting like brothers! They are talking about going to Dosan (which means judging) — they want to find a reason why you deserve to die!" But Yosef still did what his father said and went.

The brothers saw Yosef coming and decided to do what they were planning. Shimon said to Levi, “Look, the dreamer is coming! Let’s kill him and throw him into a hole in the ground and we can say that an animal ate him.”

But the Torah tells us what was answered in *Shomayim*: “Let’s see what will happen — your plans or Yosef’s dreams!”

Reuven knew that if they did that it would be his fault, because he’s the oldest. So he saved Yosef by saying that maybe he doesn’t deserve to die: Maybe the brothers are wrong, or maybe Yosef did some things that are so good that the not good ones don’t count! But Shimon and Levi didn’t want to just let him go! So Reuven thought of an idea for them: Throw Yosef into a hole in the ground in the desert, and he will die by himself (*chas veshalom!*). Really, Reuven secretly planned to go save Yosef when they left.

*The Rebbe brought a very interesting Medrash about this: The Medrash says that if Reuven would have known that what he decided to do would be written in the Torah for everyone to see forever, he would have made sure to act very differently and save Yosef right away!*

*The Rebbe learns from there that we should publicize the peulos that we do, and write a report to the Rebbe about them. When we know that other people will see what we are doing, we will be inspired to do the right thing in a completely different way!*

## **TEHILLIM :: 104 - 105**

*Today’s kapitelach are Kuf-Daled and Kuf-Hey.*

The first *kapitel* from today’s *Tehillim* is *Borchi Nafshi*, one of the special pieces we say on *Rosh Chodesh* in *davening*.

One of the *pesukim* in this *kapitel* is explained in *Hayom Yom*: “**Yeitzei Adam Lefa’alo, Vela’avodaso Adei Arev.**” It means that a person goes out to do his work all day, until it is night.

In *Ruchnius*, it means that a *neshama* comes into the world to do its work — a special *avodah*, which it can only do here in this world.

This *posuk* also shows us the way the *neshamah* has an *aliyah* and grows, through doing its *avodah* here: A *neshama* comes into the world, and when it comes back up to *Shomayim*, it gets to work at the same thing it worked at in the world — if the *neshama* learned Torah here, it can learn Torah in *Shomayim* too! And if it did its *avodah* in the right way, the *neshama* goes higher and higher in *Shomayim*, very close to Hashem!

## **TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Hakdamas Hamelaket**

Today we learn the first part of the letter that the Alter Rebbe writes to *Chassidim* before they learn *Tanya*, called *Hakdomas Hamelaket*.

One of the reasons why the *Tanya* was written was so the *Chassidim* wouldn’t have to ask the Alter Rebbe everything about their *Avodas Hashem* in *Yechidus*. Instead, they would find their answers in the *Tanya*!

The Alter Rebbe shows *Chassidim* that he understands that this might make them worried.

First of all, they would rather have *Yechidus* to answer their questions, instead of having their questions answered in a *sefer*.

Also different kinds of people like different kinds of *seforim*! The *Chassidim* might be worried that not everyone's questions can be answered in one *sefer*.

In tomorrow's *Tanya*, the Alter Rebbe will start to explain why he is doing it this way, and how it is possible for *Chassidim* to find answers to their questions in the *Sefer HaTanya*.

## **HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Alef Kislev**

*Today's Hayom Yom comes from a very special farbrengen of the Frierdiker Rebbe. It was a Yud-Tes Kislev farbrengen in the year Tof-Reish-Pey-Tes, which was also part of the Rebbe and Rebbetzin's Sheva Brachos!*

*The Frierdiker Rebbe said then that his father, the Rebbe Rashab, wants him to give this message over to Chassidim. He is not going to repeat it later, make sure to listen to it now and make it a part of you:*

Everyone needs to learn *Mishnayos Baal Peh*, as much as you are able to! When you're walking outside, you should review the *Mishnayos* that you know, and with this, we will go to greet *Moshiach*!

*Chassidim* need to learn *Chassidus* at least three times a week — Monday, Thursday, and Shabbos. A *tomim*, who learned in *Yeshivas Tomchei Temimim*, needs to learn *Chassidus* for an hour every day.

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #226 - Mitzvas Asei #98**

Today's *mitzvah* is the same as yesterday's (*Mitzvas Asei #98*) — that we need to follow what the Torah teaches us about food and drink becoming *Tomei*.

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Tumas Ochlin**

*In today's Rambam, we learn more about foods and drinks becoming Tomei:*

**Perek Zayin:** The Rambam teaches us that when foods are joined together by a liquid, then all of it can become *tomei* at once. We also learn about a *Tvul Yom* — someone who went to the *Mikvah* during the day but needs to wait until night to become *tahor*.

**Perek Ches:** If a part of a food became *tomei*, sometimes not the whole thing becomes *tomei*. For example, if a piece was sticking out of a loaf of bread, sometimes it's considered separate from the loaf, and only that part becomes *tomei*. We also learn more *halachos* about a *Tvul Yom*.

**Perek Tes:** What happens if a *Tvul Yom* was shaking a pot with wet *Terumah* vegetables, and then he sees his hands are wet, and isn't sure if the pot splashed on his hand or he touched something inside of it? If he touched the food, he might have made it *tomei*! We learn the *halachos* in a case like this, and many other cases.

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Mivtza Chanukah**

*Chanukah is coming up in a few days! Here are some things the Rebbe told us to do for Chanukah Mivtzoym:*

- 1) Make sure there is a *Menorah* lit in every Jewish home — especially our friends and neighbors!
- 2) Every boy in the family lights their own *menorah* — just like all the girls *bentch licht* for Shabbos!
- 3) Tell kids who didn't learn in a Jewish school about the *neis* of Chanukah!
- 4) Make sure that all Jewish children get Chanukah *gelt*! Kids should give to their friends too!

5) Kids should give extra *tzedakah* on Chanukah, and double on *Erev Shabbos*!

6) On Chanukah, learn parts of Torah that talk about Chanukah!

*See Shevach Hamoadim, Hilchos Chanukah*

## **RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Ishus - Perek Chof**

In today's *perek* we learn about a *nadden* (dowry) which the Rambam calls *parnasa*. A father has to give *parnasa* for his daughters.

## **TEFILLAH :: Mincha**

Every day we *daven* (at least) three *tefillos* — *Shacharis*, *Mincha*, and *Maariv*. The shortest one is *Mincha*, which doesn't even have *Shema* and its *brachos*!

Still, in a way it is MORE special than all of the other *tefillos* throughout the day!

In the *Gemara*, it says "*Le'olam Yehei Adam Zahir BeTefillas HaMincha*," "A person should always be careful about *davening Mincha*." That's because *Eliyahu Hanavi* was only answered by Hashem at *Mincha* time!

*At the times of King Achav and his wicked non-Jewish wife Izevel, many of the Yidden worshiped an Avodah Zarah called Bal. Eliyahu Hanavi warned the king that if he didn't stop encouraging them to worship Avodah Zarah, then rain won't fall and there will be a famine. Achav was chutzpa'dik, and said that Moshe Rabbeinu already said that but there was no famine! Eliyahu Hanavi was very upset, and from that day on, no rain fell.*

*After three years of the famine, Hashem told Eliyahu to go back to Achav and tell him that now is the time to show the Yidden who is the true Aibershter. All of the Yidden, together with 850 fake "Neviim" of the Avodah Zarah all gathered at Har HaCarmel.*

*Eliyahu Hanavi spoke to the Yidden. He asked, "How long are you going to keep changing your minds? You worship Avodah Zarah, but you cry to Hashem when you need help. If you know that Hashem is in charge, why don't you listen to Hashem's mitzvos? And if you believe in Bal, let the Bal help you!"*

*Eliyahu Hanavi did something to show the Yidden the truth once and for all. Eliyahu Hanavi and the false Neviim of Bal each took an animal that was exactly the same to bring as a korban.*

*First the "Neviim" of Bal tried to bring their korban. They tried all day to do their Avodah Zarah, but of course no fire came down to burn up their korban!*

*At Mincha time, Eliyahu Hanavi built his Mizbeiach. He poured water all over his korban, and davened to Hashem to show everyone that there is only true Aibershter. Right away, a flame of fire came down from Shomayim and burned up the korban, the Mizbeiach, and even the water! All of the Yidden called out together, "Hashem Hu Ha'Elokim! Hashem is the Aibershter!" They chased the false Neviim of Bal and killed them.*

*After this, Eliyahu Hanavi davened for rain, and the famine finally ended.*

Since *Eliyahu Hanavi* was answered at the time of *Mincha*, the *Gemara* tells us we should be careful with *davening Mincha*, because it is a special time for Hashem to answer us!

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: A Beautiful Menorah**

Before Chanukah, people go to buy *menorahs* or make them for arts and crafts.

It is important to make sure that however beautiful we want our *menorah* to look, that it is kosher!

The *neiros* of the *menorah* need to be all in a straight line. They can't be in a curved line, a half circle, or in a zigzag. That way, even when you see the *menorah* from far away, you can tell that they are separate lights, not that they are all part of a bigger flame.

*See Sefer Halachos Uminhagei Chabad*

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Making Eretz Yisroel Bigger**

When *Moshiach* comes, everyone will agree that Eretz Yisroel belongs to the Yidden!

But it won't be only Eretz Yisroel the way it is now. Hashem promises to make Eretz Yisroel BIGGER — “**Ki Yarchiv Hashem Elokecha Es Gevulcha!**” Not only will we have the land we call Eretz Yisroel today, which is the land of seven nations, but the land of three other nations written in the Torah (Keini, Ke enizi, and Kadmoni) will be part of Eretz Yisroel too!

This, and all of the other special things we will get in the time of the *Geulah*, come from the *avodah* we do in *Golus*. “*Maaseinu Vaavodaseinu Kol Zman Meshech Hagolus,*” the *avodah* and the things we do in *Golus* are what bring the special *brachos* of the *Geulah*!

What do we do in *Golus* to deserve that Eretz Yisroel will become bigger?

The Rebbe teaches us that we should make OUR Eretz Yisroel bigger too!

What is our Eretz Yisroel? Our connection to Hashem through Torah and *mitzvos*!

The “regular size” of our Eretz Yisroel is the *mitzvos* of the Torah and the *horaos* that the *Rebbeim* showed us we need nowadays. But just like Eretz Yisroel will get BIGGER than that, we should also do MORE than these things to make OUR Eretz Yisroel bigger!

By us doing more than we need to, our Eretz Yisroel will become bigger. This will bring to Eretz Yisroel also growing at the time of the *Geulah* — “*Ki Yarchiv Hashem Elokecha Es Gevulcha!*”

*See Likutei Sichos chelek Chof, sicha of Motzei Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah 5738, p. 345*

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