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CHUMASH :: Parshas Vezos Habracha - Sheini with Rashi

Moshe is giving brachos to the Shevatim on the day he will pass away:

Levi: Aharon, who was the most famous Levi, was such a *Tzadik*! The *Kohanim*, who come from Aharon, will teach the Yidden Torah, and bring *Ketores* and *Korbanos* in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

If anyone tries to fight because they want to be *Kohanim*, Hashem should help the *Kohanim* win.

And if the *Kohanim* need to fight for *Yiddishkeit*, Hashem should help them! (This happened in the story of Chanukah — the family of Matisyahu *Kohen Gadol* won over the Greeks who wanted to stop the Yidden from doing *mitzvos*.)

Since Moshe talked about the Beis Hamikdash, now he gives the brachos to Benyamin who had the Beis Hamikdash in his part of Eretz Yisroel, and in tomorrow's Chumash to Yosef, who had the Mishkan in his part of Eretz Yisrael.

(Even though Yosef should really be next, because he is older, Moshe gives the bracha to Benyamin first since the Beis Hamikdash — which is more important than the Mishkan — is in HIS part of Eretz Yisroel.)

Benyamin: The *Shechinah* will be in his part of Eretz Yisroel, as soon as the *Beis Hamikdash* is built! Once it is built, the *Shechinah* will never leave there.

TEHILLIM :: 29 - 34

Today's *Tehillim* is *Chof-Tes* through *Lamed-Daled*. Until *Yom Kippur*, we still add three extra *kapitelach*. Today these are *kapitelach Kuf*, *Kuf-Alef*, and *Kuf-Beis*.

The Frierdiker Rebbe once told this story:

Once when the Mitteler Rebbe was 7 or 8, he *davened* for a longer time than usual — he *davened* "*BaArichus*." After he finished *davening*, someone asked him what took him so long! The Mitteler Rebbe answered that he stopped to think about something that is says in *davening*, and that made it take a long time.

Which part? It was a *posuk* from today's *Tehillim* — *Kapitel Lamed* (*posuk gimmel*)! We say this *kapitel* every day before *Boruch She'amar*: "***Hashem Elokai, Shivati Eilecha Vatirpa'eini***" — "I cried out to You, Hashem and You made me feel better!"

The Mitteler Rebbe was thinking about the word "*Vatirpa'eini*" ("and You healed me"). He was thinking how that word is like the word "*rifyon*" — making something weaker. He thought that the *posuk* could mean "I cried out to You, Hashem, and You made my *Yetzer Hara* not as strong!" He was thinking about how Hashem helps us win over our *Yetzer Hara*!

Very soon, when Moshiach comes, Hashem will take away our Yetzer Hara completely! We will have won the fight with the Yetzer Hara!

Until then, Hashem helps us make it weaker so we will act the way Hashem wants us to.

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof

In this letter the Alter Rebbe is telling us how the *gashmius* world we live in has such a strong *koach* of Hashem — much more than *Gan Eden* or any *ruchniyus* world. We learned that the *koach* of *Ein Sof* is in the words (the *Asara Maamaros*) that Hashem used to make the world, and that *koach* makes it become something from nothing every moment.

That is what is special about *mitzvos* too. They are all done with *gashmius* things that were all created with this special *koach* from Hashem.

That's also why we find in *Kabbalah* that the *chayus* of Hashem in *mitzvos* is higher than everything — even more than in Torah! That's because the *chayus* of Hashem that makes the *gashmiyus* that we do *mitzvos* with always also has this special *koach* of *Ein Sof* in it, that is greater than everything.

HAYOM YOM :: Hey Tishrei

R' Zushe of Anipoli said that *Teshuvah* has five parts, one for each letter of the word "*Teshuvah*!" Yesterday we learned what the *Tof* stands for. Today, we learn that the *Shin* teaches us to realize that everything is *Hashgacha Protis* — part of Hashem's plan.

The "*shin*" of *Teshuvah* stands for "***Shivisi Havaya Lenegdi Somid***" — "I put *Hayava* (a name of Hashem)

before me always."

The name of Hashem "*Havaya*" shows how Hashem created the world and everything inside of it. The creation of the entire world and the *chayus* it receives from Hashem is *Yeish Me'Ayin*, something from absolute nothingness.

The *teshuvah* from the letter *Shin* comes from a person thinking about how Hashem is constantly creating the entire world and everything inside of it.

What does that mean?

We should always look around at the world and see Hashem! Someone might look around and think that the world just runs itself, using nature. But we know better, especially if we think about this during *davening* — Hashem is hiding in every part of the world, and making every single thing be there every single second — even right now, today, *Hey Tishrei*!

We know that everything is *Hashgacha Protis*, and Hashem makes everything happen exactly the way it does! This is all part of a big plan — making the world a place for Hashem, which we will see very soon with the true and complete *Geulah*.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #195 - Mitzvas Asei #107

Today (and for the next week!) we will be learning the same *mitzvah*:

(Mitzvas Asei #107) If someone gets *Tomei* with *Tumas Meis* (the *tumah* from a body after the *neshama* leaves it), he needs to follow the *halachos* about how he becomes *tomei* and how the *tumah* gets passed on. Later we will learn how to become *Tahor* from this kind of *tumah*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Tumas Meis

In today's Rambam, *Perakim Gimmel*, *Daled* and *Hey* of *Hilchos Tumas Meis*, we learn many *halachos* about *Tumas Meis*, and also important rules about passing on *Tumah*. A person can get some kinds of *Tumah* only if he touches or carries it, and he can get other kinds if he is even just in the same house!

Becoming *Tomei* from *Tumas Meis* makes a person *Tomei* for 7 days, and only afterwards can he become *Tahor*.

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Me'ilah - Perek Zayin

We learn what happens if someone makes a *shliach* to use the thing that is *hekdesh*, or has someone else watch it without telling him that it is *hekdesh* and can't be used. The Rambam gives many cases and says who would need to do this *teshuva* of paying and bringing a *korban* in each example.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

The Rambam tells us that the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, from *Rosh Hashana* through *Yom Kippur*, are very special days. Hashem is extra close to the Yidden during this time! That's why it is so much easier to do *teshuvah* now.

This special closeness that Hashem has to us during these days is called in *Kabbalah* and *Chassidus*, "*Kiruv HaMaor El Hanitzutz*."

What does this mean?

A *mashal* for the closeness of Hashem to the Yidden is the way a big flame comes close to small sparks, and the sparks then become part of the big flame. During the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, Hashem comes close to us, like big flames of fire coming closer to small sparks. Just like the sparks join together with the big flames, our *neshamos* are drawn to come closer to Hashem.

This special closeness Hashem has to Yidden during this time helps us do *teshuvah* — to help our *neshama* come closer to Hashem and want to live the way Hashem wants from us!

TEFILLAH :: Avinu Malkeinu

Each day during the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, we add the special *tefillah* of *Avinu Malkeinu* in *Shacharis* and *Mincha*. In *Avinu Malkeinu*, we ask Hashem to *bentch* us with a good year!

(We say the sections for the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah* that have the word "*Chadeish*", not the sections for a *Taanis*, with the word "*Bareich.*")

But on *Erev Shabbos* at *Mincha* time, when we don't say *Tachanun* (or any other time we do not say *Tachanun*, like at a *bris*), we do not say *Avinu Malkeinu*.

See Shevach Hamoadim, Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Buying Lulav and Esrog

"*Zrizin Makdimin Lemitzvos*!" We should hurry to do *mitzvos*!

It is a *minhag* not to wait, but to buy the *Daled Minim* (*Lulav* and *Esrog*), in the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*! During these days, Hashem is counting up all of our *mitzvos* to make sure that we deserve a good year. We want Hashem to also count the precious *mitzvah* of *Lulav* and *Esrog* with those *mitzvos*!

But if you know you will be able to get a better set after *Yom Kippur*, you should wait until then to buy it.

See Shevach Hamoadim, Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

In the year Tof-Shin-Mem-Tes, the Rebbe spoke about what would happen if Moshiach comes during the Aseres Yemei Teshuvah:

If *Moshiach* comes during the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, we will celebrate *Yom Kippur* differently than usual!

In honor of the *Chanukas Beis Hamikdash*, which will last at least seven days, we will all be celebrating! We will eat and drink with big *seudos* like on *Yom Tov*!

At the times of *Bayis Rishon*, this is just what happened. *Yom Kippur* was in the middle of the seven days of celebration when the *Beis Hamikdash* was finished, and the Yidden did not fast! They were busy celebrating the *Chanukas Habayis* of the *Beis Hamikdash* and preparing the *Avodah* to be done there.

If that's what happened with the FIRST *Beis Hamikdash*, imagine how great the *simcha* will be with the THIRD *Beis Hamikdash*, that we know will be even greater! What a happy *Yom Kippur* that will be!

See Sefer Hasichos Mem-Tes, vol. 1, p. 12

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