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CHUMASH :: Parshas Bamidbar - Shvi'i with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, Hashem tells Moshe and Aharon to count the *Leviim* from the family of Kehos who are the right age to work. Like we learned, this family is in charge of the *keilim* of the *Mishkan*, like the *Shulchan* and the *Menorah*. The Torah tells us that someone who is older than 30 and younger than 50 is strong enough to carry these special parts of the *Mishkan*.

Here's how they do this job:

When Hashem lets the Yidden know it's time to travel by making the cloud go up, the *Kohanim* get the parts of the *Mishkan* ready to carry. They have special covers for each part of the *Mishkan*, and do it in this order:

- First, they take down the *Paroches* and cover the **Aron** with it. Then they put on another 2 covers on top of the *Paroches*, and put the poles of the *Aron* (which stay in the *Aron*) on their shoulders.

- They cover the **Shulchan** and put its tools and the *Lechem Hapanim* on top. They cover the tools and *Lechem Hapanim* with another cover, and then put a third cover over it all. Then they put the poles inside of the *Shulchan* to carry it with.
- They cover the **Menorah** and all of its tools, put them in a special bag, and hang the bag on a pole. (The *Menorah* doesn't have any poles to be carried with.)
- They cover the **Mizbeiach Haketores**, and put its poles inside.
- They take all of the **tools for the Ketores** and put them in a bag, cover the bag, and then hang it on a pole.
- They empty out the ashes from the big **copper Mizbeiach**. They cover the *Aish Tomid* fire with a copper pot, so that the fire from *Shomayim* won't burn the cover, and then cover the *Mizbeiach* with a special purple cover. They put the tools on top, and then put a second cover and put in the poles to carry it.

The family of Kehos had both *Kohanim* and *Leviim*. Covering the *keilim* was the job of the *kohanim*. Only after they finish covering them all, do the *Leviim* from Kehos come to carry them. *Leviim* aren't allowed to touch these holy pieces of the *Mishkan*, they can only touch their poles and their covers when they carry them.

Elazar (Aharon's son) has his own special job:

- He has to carry the oil for the *Menorah*
- He has to carry the *Ketores*
- He makes sure the *Korban Mincha* is brought every day
- He has to carry the *Shemen Hamishcha* (oil we use to make something ready for a job in the *Mishkan*)
- He also makes sure that the family of Kehos does their job carrying these pieces of the *Mishkan* in the right way.

Hashem tells Moshe to make sure that the *kohanim* are very careful that no *Leviim* touch parts of the *Mishkan* they aren't allowed to! They should only let the *Leviim* come in when these things are all wrapped up so that they do not touch them by mistake.

TEHILLIM :: 140 - 150

Today we are going to finish the whole *Sefer Tehillim*! Since there are only 29 days in *Iyar*, we say the *Tehillim* for day 29 AND day 30.

In *Kapitel Kuf-Mem-Zayin*, Dovid Hamelech talks about the greatness of Hashem and how He runs the world! At the end, he says "**Maggid Devarav LeYaakov, Chukav Umishpatav L'Yisrael.**" "Hashem tells over His words to the Yidden, and His *mitzvos* to *Bnei Yisrael.*"

The *Medrash* says about this *posuk* that people will sometimes tell others to do something, even though THEY don't do it! Like a person will say "Eat all the food on your plate" — even though he didn't finish his own chicken.

But Hashem does everything that He tells us to do! That's why it says HIS words and HIS *mitzvos* — Hashem does them too!

For example, Hashem puts on *Tefillin*. The *Gemara* tells us that in OUR *Tefillin*, it says how great Hashem is. In HASHEM'S *Tefillin*, it says how special the Yidden are and how proud Hashem is that we make the world into a comfortable place for Hashem!

(*Chassidus* talks about this in the *Bar Mitzvah Maamar*!)

TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Nun-Beis

We said before that Hashem's Shechinah needs to have something to cover it over in order for it to give *chayus* to the world. We said that the cover is the Torah. The Torah can be the cover because it talks about Gashmius things that we can understand. But from the Torah being Hashem's *chochma* until it talks about Gashmius things, it needs to go through a bunch of steps, called the "Olamos" — the Ruchnius worlds. So the Shechinah, which needs the Torah as a cover, also needs to go with it through these steps.

Yesterday we learned the first step which is the "world" of Beriyah. The Chochmah of Hashem that's a cover there is the Talmud, the reasons for the halachos.

Today, we are learning about the next step, the "world" of Yetzirah. There, the cover for the Shechinah is the part of Torah called *Mishnah*, which is just the *halachos* by themselves, where the reasons are hiding.

When this Chochmah of Hashem goes into the Shechinah of Olam HaYetzirah, all of the *neshamos* and *malachim* of Yetzirah are created.

Then the Shechinah goes to the next steps, together with the Chochmah of Hashem, until it is able to give *chayus* to this world through the Torah that we have.

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Tes Iyar

Today is forty-four days of the *Omer*!

The *neshamos* of *Tzadikim* become closer to Hashem three times a day — during the times of *davening*. (This includes also after the *neshama* leaves this world!)

What do the *neshamos* daven about?

The Rebbe tells us today that they daven to Hashem for *Chassidim* who are connected to them, who do what they told them to, and learn their Torah.

The *tzadik* davens that the *Chassidim* should be helped by Hashem in *Gashmius* and *Ruchnius*!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #28 - Mitzvas Asei #15, #18

Today we learn two *mitzvos*!

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #15*) We need to put a *mezuzah* on the doorpost of our house.

One of places we learn this *mitzvah* from is a *posuk* in *Parshas Vaeschanan*, in *Shema*: וְכָתַבְתֶּם עַל מְזוֹזוֹת בְּיַתְדְּךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ
The details are explained in *Mesechta Menachos perek Gimmel*.

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #18*) Every person needs to write a *Sefer Torah*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Vayeilech*: כָּתְבוּ לָכֶם אֶת הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת

This means that Hashem says you should write down this song. Even though the *posuk* is talking about the song in the next *parsha*, *Parshas Haazinu*, the *Chachomim* learn that since you can't just write one *parsha* of the Torah, we learn from here that we need to write the ENTIRE *Sefer Torah*!

In today's Rambam, we will see some of the details of how we keep this *mitzvah* nowadays.

The details are explained in *Mesechta Menachos perek Gimmel*, and the beginning of *Mesechta Bava Basra* and

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Tefillin U'Mezuzah V'Sefer Torah

Perek Hey: In today's Rambam, we learn how to write a kosher *Mezuzah* and put it on the door. There are many *halachos* of how to do this right! One *halacha* is that we don't say a *bracha* when we WRITE the *mezuzah*, but only when we put it up — because the *mitzvah* is putting it up.

In **Perek Vov**, we learn what kinds of places don't need a *mezuzah*. A house has to have 10 conditions to need a *mezuzah*! For example, a house with no roof does not need a *mezuzah*.

Perek Zayin: Then, we start to learn about a *Sefer Torah*. It is a *mitzvah* for every Yid to write his own *Sefer Torah*. The Rambam tells us one way to do this *mitzvah*, by checking at least one letter of the Torah to make sure it's not *posul*. The Rebbe tells us another way, by everyone buying a letter in the *Sefer Torah*, which is one of the *mitzvot*! (Do you and all of your friends have a letter in the *Sefer Torah*? You can sign up at KidsTorah.org to get one now! Adults can sign up to get a letter at Chabad.org/409282)

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Deios - Perek Vov

In today's Rambam, we learn that the people you are friends with, and the people you spend time with, are very important! Make sure your friends are the kind of people you want to be like!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Sefiras Haomer

This week, we are working on the last *Sefira*, the *sefira* of *Malchus*.

Chassidus tells us that *Malchus* is DOING. All of the other *sefiros* are things that we feel or know, and this *sefira* is actually DOING them. *Malchus* gets us to say or do things because of the things we know and the feelings that we have.

The *Chachomim* teach us in *Pirkei Avos* that *Hamaaseh Hu Ha'ikar*, the main thing is DOING.

Sometimes when we learn and *daven* or go to a *farbrengen*, we get excited about becoming better! It is very good to have that feeling, but the main thing is to DO things because of our excitement. One *inyan* in the *sefira* of *Malchus* is the *koach* of the *neshama* that makes sure that what we are thinking and feeling actually changes the things we say or do!

TEFILLAH :: Hodu (Part Two)

The second half of *Hodu*, starting from the word "Romemu," are 22 *pesukim* from *Tehillim*. These *pesukim* include praise to Hashem, and *pesukim* that ask Hashem to help the Yidden and bring the *Geulah*!

In *Likutei Torah*, the Alter Rebbe explains that these *pesukim* are connected to the *Avos*!

The *Avos* were the ones who began the *Tefillos* of *Shacharis*, *Mincha* and *Maariv*. In *davening*, we often ask Hashem to answer us in their *zechus*.

Each of the *Avos* had a strong *koach* in a certain *midah*. Avraham Avinu showed a tremendous level of *Chesed*, kindness. Yitzchak Avinu had a powerful level of *Gevurah*, strictness. Yaakov Avinu showed the *midah* of *Tiferes* (*Rachamim*), mercy, in a very great way.

These *pesukim* in the second half of *Hodu* connect to these *midos*. For example, “*Va’ani Bechasdecha Batachti*,” “I have trusted in Your *Chesed*,” is the *midah* of *Chesed*. “*Keil Nekamos Hashem*,” “Hashem punishes *resha’im*,” is the *midah* of *Gevurah*. “*Ata Hashem Lo Sichla Rachamecha Mimeni*,” “Hashem, Your *Rachmonus* has not left me,” is the *midah* of *Tiferes*.

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Shelo Lehaamin Lezulaso

There are six constant *mitzvos* (*Mitzvos Temidiyos*), *mitzvos* that we need to keep all the time, by having our mind used to thinking in a specific way.

The second of these *mitzvos* is “***Shelo Lehaamin Lezulaso***,” not to believe in anything but Hashem. (This is the matching *Mitzvas Lo Saasei* for the first of these six *mitzvos*, which is to believe only in Hashem.)

We keep this *mitzvah* by knowing that there is nothing in the world that has its own *koach*, everything comes from Hashem.

In the times when people worshiped *Avodah Zarah*, this meant that nobody should think that a *malach* or a star has its own *koach*. Really, *malochim* and parts of the sky have *koach* only because Hashem gives it to them.

Nowadays, this also means that we shouldn’t think that someone else is in charge of our needs. It’s not up to the boss at work, the next door neighbors, or the principal to give us the things we need. Hashem is the One in charge of everything that happens to us and in the entire world! Hashem often makes other people His *shluchim* to help us, but the real *bracha* is coming straight from Hashem.

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: The Great Shofar

The *Navi* Yeshaya speaks about *Kibbutz Galuyos*, that a great *shofar* will be blown and all of the *Yidden* will be reunited again in *Yerushalayim*!

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Vehaya Bayom Hahu — This will happen on the day of the *Geulah*:

Yitaka Beshofar Gadol — A great *shofar* will be blown

U’va’u Ha’ovdim Be’Eretz Ashur — And all of the Ten *Shevatim* that were “lost” in the land of Ashur

Vehanidachim Be’Eretz Mitzrayim — And all of the *Yidden* that were in *Golus* in *Mitzrayim* —

Vehishtachavu LaHashem — They will all come *daven* and bow to Hashem

Behar Hakodesh Biyerushalayim — On the holy mountain (the *Har Habayis*, where the *Beis Hamikdash* stands) in *Yerushalayim*.

This is one of the pesukim that we say in the Musaf of Rosh Hashana.

See Yeshaya perek Chof-Zayin, posuk Yud-Gimmel

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