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### CHUMASH :: Parshas Chukas - Shvi'i with Rashi

Today we learn about how the Yidden captured the lands of Sichon and Og, the kings of the Emori.

Hashem already killed many of the Emori who wanted to hurt the Yidden, but there are still 2 kings of the Emori — Sichon and Og. Hashem had told Moshe to fight Sichon, but first Moshe asked their permission to go through to Eretz Yisroel.

But Sichon said NO! He wanted to fight.

The Emorim were very strong, and it would be hard to fight them in their cities. So Hashem gave Sichon an idea to all go into the desert to fight the Yidden! There, the Yidden fought and fought! Hashem made the sun not go down so the Yidden could finish the war. The Yidden won, and now all of the Emori land belonged to them.

The *Shevatim* of Reuven and Gad decided to live there, in the land of the Emori which would now be part of Eretz Yisroel!

Really, the land where Sichon lived used to belong to Moav, but Sichon hired a non-Jewish *navi*, Bilaam, to curse the city so he could win it.

Moshe sent men to go be spies and look at a place called Yazer, that wasn't part of Sichon's land. These spies wanted to do *teshuvah* for the *Meraglim*, so they didn't just spy. They actually fought and even won over Yazer right away, and sent away the Emorim who lived there!

Now the Yidden went to fight against Og and take the rest of the land of the Emorim. At first Moshe was afraid because Og had helped Avraham, maybe he deserved to win! But Hashem told Moshe not to worry.

Og picked up a mountain that was as big as the entire place where the Yidden were camped! He wanted to kill them all at once. Because he wanted to do this, he lost all of his zechus. Hashem made ants make a big hole in the mountain, and it got stuck on his head! Then Moshe took a big axe, jumped very high, and hit Og in his

ankle. Og fell down, and died from the mountain. Now the Yidden killed the rest of Og's sons and took over the rest of the land of the Emorim.

Now the Yidden were right across the Yarden river from Yericho, a city in Eretz Yisroel!

#### **TEHILLIM** :: 55-59

Today's shiur Tehillim is kapitelach Nun-Hey to Nun-Tes.

In the end of today's first *kapitel* is the very special *niggun Padah Veshalom*, which we sing on the *Geulah* of the *Rebbeim*.

This Shabbos gives *bracha* to the coming week, which also has in it *Yud-Beis Tammuz*, the *Chag HaGeulah* of the Frierdiker Rebbe.

In times of trouble, the *Rebbeim* would not only say the *Tehillim* the way it is divided up for the month (the *Tehillim* of *Chitas*), but they would also say the *Tehillim* the way it is divided up for the days of the week. The way it is divided up for the week, *Kapitel Nun-Hey* is in the *Tehillim* for *Yom Shlishi*, Tuesday.

Because *Yud-Beis Tammuz* of that year was Tuesday, the Frierdiker Rebbe said this *kapitel* about *Geulah* on the day of his *Geulah*!

## **TANYA** :: Shaar Hayichud Veha'emunah Perek Yud-Beis

Today we are finishing the second *chelek* of *Tanya* — *Shaar HaYichud VeHaEmunah*!

The Alter Rebbe called it this because it speaks about Yichud Hashem — how Hashem is one. Even though we see so many different things in the world, EVERYTHING is all really part of ONE HASHEM!

Goyim might believe in Avodah Zarah. They think very foolish things, that different things had to be made by different creators. But we Yidden have a MITZVAH to know all the time that Hashem is one. To do this mitzvah, we need to learn about it — and that's what the Alter Rebbe is helping us do in Shaar HaYichud VeHaEmunah.

The Alter Rebbe explained to us that even though Hashem has Ratzon, Sechel, Midos and Malchus, they are all one with Hashem.

We learned what the Rambam said — that this is something that we cannot understand. It's like the moshol of light inside the sun — all of these things together are ONE with Hashem. We can see that Hashem is one because Hashem's midos work TOGETHER with each other when they create the world.

We need to use our Koach of Emunah for this, because it's not something that can really be explained.

We also saw how the whole world is botul to Hashem, and in two ways: Yichuda Ila'ah and Yichuda Tata'ah.

Now we can use our minds to think about the Yichud of Hashem, and use our Emunah for the things our mind can't understand!

Finally, the Alter Rebbe finishes today, telling us that the *Asara Maamaros* Hashem used to create the world have the parts of the world that need a lot of *chayus* — like people, animals, plants, and the sun and moon. We can see these things written clearly in the Torah (in *Parshas Bereishis*). Other things, like rocks and sand, don't have so much *chayus*. Hashem makes these things too with the *osiyos* in the *Asara Maamaros*, but not in a clear way — by putting together the letters in different ways. This way, they don't get as much *chayus*.

Do you understand? In case you don't, the Alter Rebbe gives us a *mashal* so we understand how the *chayus* is less:

It's like the light we have in the world. During the day, we have a lot of light! We get it straight from the sun that shines on us. At night we get much less light because we don't get the light straight from the sun — it is reflected off the moon.

When something is created STRAIGHT from Hashem's words in the *Asara Maamaros*, it can have a lot of *chayus*, like light from the sun! But when it comes from the letters organized into different words, the *chayus* is much less, like the light from the moon.

But at the end, EVERYTHING is part of the *chayus* of our *Aibershter*, Who is only ONE!

Mazel Tov! We have finished learning the second chelek of Tanya with the help of Hashem!

A great talmid of the Alter Rebbe, named R' Aharon of Strashele, writes that the Alter Rebbe did not finish Shaar Hayichud Veha'emunah — there was more left to explain. The rest of the explanation about Achdus Hashem can be found in the maamarim of the other Rebbeim.

### **HAYOM YOM :: Yud Tammuz**

Today we learn about the *shlichus* each of us have wherever we are!

Not too long after the Alter Rebbe became Rebbe, he said a Torah:

It says in *Tehillim*, "**MeiHashem Mitzadei Gever Konanu**," "Hashem sets up a person's feet (puts them in the right place)." The Alter Rebbe explains that it means that wherever a Yid goes, he is a *shliach* of Hashem — Hashem sent him there!

What is this *shlichus*? To do a *mitzvah*!

A *mitzvah* like saying a *bracha*, or *davening* (*mitzvos* we do just for Hashem), or a *mitzvah* like having *Ahavas Yisroel*, or teaching another Yid (*mitzvos* Hashem wants us to do with other people)!

Malachim also have a shlichus, like we learned in Chumash Bereishis (with Avraham and Sedom and Amorah) — but the shlichus of a Yid is MORE special, because our shlichus is according to what the Torah teaches us!

# <u>SEFER HAMITZVOS</u> :: Shiur #52 - Mitzvas Asei #162, Lo Saasei #325, Asei #163, Lo Saasei #326

In today's Sefer Hamitzvos, we learn 4 mitzvos, about not working on Shavuos or Rosh Hashana:

- 1) (Mitzvas Asei #162) We need to rest on Shavuos.
- We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Emor: וּקְרָאתָם בָּעָצֵם הַיּוֹם הָזָה מָקָרָא
- 2) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #325) We can't work on Shavuos.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Emor: בַּל מָלֶאכָת עֲבֹדָה לֹא תַעֲשׁוּ

3) (Mitzvas Asei #163) We need to rest on Rosh Hashana.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Emor: בַּחֹדֵשׁ הַשָּׁבִיעִי בָּאָחָד לַחֹדֵשׁ יִהְיֵה לְכֵם שַׁבָּתוֹן וְגוֹי

4) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #326) We can't work on Rosh Hashana.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Emor: בָּל מְלֶאכֶת עֲבֹדָה לֹא תַעֲשׁוּ

#### **RAMBAM** :: Hilchos Shevisas Yom Tov

Today's Rambam is *perakim Daled*, *Hey* and *Vov*.

Yesterday in Rambam, we learned that we can light a fire on *Yom Tov*. But today, the Rambam explains that we can't light a NEW fire, but we can light a fire from another fire when it's already burning.

We also learn about being happy on *Yom Tov*! What makes someone happy? The Rambam says that the way to make sure kids are happy on *Yom Tov* is to have nuts and candies! For women, they are happy with new clothes and jewelry. Men should eat meat and drink wine to be happy on *Yom Tov*.

But we need to be careful that our *Simcha* on *Yom Tov* is a *Simchas Mitzvah*, a *simcha* from doing a *mitzvah*, and not just *Simcha* of the stomach! By sharing our delicious *Yom Tov* food and drink with poor or lonely people, our *Simchas Yom Tov* will be a *Simchas Mitzvah*!

## RAMBAM - PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Nizkei Mamon - Perek Vov

This *perek* explains what kind of animal is called *mu'ad* — that we can expect it to hurt another animal. If an animal hurts other animals on 3 different days, it is called *mu'ad*. If it only hurts animals on Thursdays, it is only *mu'ad* for Thursday!

When a *mu'ad* animal is sold to someone else, it changes back to a *tam*, an animal we don't expect to hurt someone else.

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Yud-Beis Tammuz**

The special Yom Tov of Yud-Beis Tammuz is coming up. On this day, the Frierdiker Rebbe was freed from jail.

*Chassidus* teaches us that after a time when Hashem's kindness is hiding and a person doesn't see it, Hashem's kindness will be MUCH more clear afterwards. Every year, on *Yud-Beis Tammuz*, a new light of Hashem shines in the world!

If the Rebbe doesn't have the hiding of Hashem, why do we say that there will be more bracha afterwards?

A Rebbe is like the Moshe Rabbeinu of his time. The main thing Moshe Rabbeinu cared about was taking care of the Yidden and bringing them close to Hashem. For the *Rebbeim* also, the main thing is how the Yidden feel.

Even if for the Frierdiker Rebbe himself Hashem wasn't hiding in jail, for the *Chassidim* it did feel that way. Since that was the way the Yidden felt, that was what was most important to the Frierdiker Rebbe. And after he came out of jail, it was a much brighter light of Hashem that was shining, for the Frierdiker Rebbe also!

See Kuntres Yud-Beis Yud-Gimmel Tammuz 5751

# **TEFILLAH** :: Lamenatzeiach Bevo

Dovid Hamelech was the king of Yidden. But he wasn't only in charge of ruling and guiding the people in his own time; Dovid Hamelech still guides Yidden today through his *sefer Tehillim*!

The *Gemara* tells us that at one point in Dovid Hamelech's life, Hashem made something happen to him so that he would feel a need to do *teshuvah*. This way, he could show Yidden how to do *teshuvah* properly.

After this happened, Dovid Hamelech wrote kapitel Nun-Alef of Tehillim. This perek speaks all about teshuvah,

and many of the things we know about doing teshuvah come from here!

Since Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah is a time for making a Cheshbon Hanefesh, after saying Vidui we say this kapitel. It helps us to do teshuvah.

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHOS** :: Learning Torah Before Sleep

One of the *inyonim* of *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah* is that we should go to sleep with words of Torah. *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah* has many *pesukim* from *Tehillim* and other parts of Torah.

(That's also why we finish off the last paragraph of *Kriyas Shema She'al Hamitah* with the *posuk* of "**Torah Tziva Lanu Moshe**!")

The Rebbe would tell people that what you go to sleep thinking about is very important. In letters to people who had bad dreams or were afraid at night, the Rebbe would write that they should learn a few lines of the Frierdiker Rebbe's sichos or zichronos (Memoirs) before going to sleep. The words of the Frierdiker Rebbe, speaking about the history of *Chassidus* and Chabad, will help a person go to sleep with good thoughts, and sleep peacefully!

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH** :: Dancing With Joy!

Even though most of Yirmiyah's *nevuos* are very sad ones about the *Churban*, the *Navi* also tells us many wonderful things about the *Geulah*! Here is one *nevuah*, where Hashem tells Yirmiyah how we will celebrate when *Moshiach* comes!

אָז תִּשִׂמַח בִּתוּלָה בִּמָחוֹל וּבַחָרִים וּזָקנִים יַחָדָו וְהָפַּכִתִּי אָבַלֶּם לְשָׁשוֹן וִנְחַמִתִּים וִשְׂמַחִתִּים מִיגוֹנֶם

Az Tismach Besulah Bemachol — Then the young girls will dance happily

**Uvachurim Uzekeinim Yachdav** — The bochurim will dance, and the older men will come join in with them!

**Vehafachti Evlam Lesason** — Hashem says, I will change their sadness to joy

**Venichamtim Vesimachtim Miyegonim** — And I will make their happiness much greater than any suffering they had before!

See Yirmiyah perek Lamed-Alef posuk Yud-Beis

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