

Chitas for Shabbos Kodesh, Parshas Devarim

Shabbos Chazon

Daled Menachem Av, 5783 - Shnas Hakhel

לעילוי נשמת ר' יוסף בנימין בן ר' מנשה קאלטמאן
~ by Rabbi Aryeh & Esther Kaltmann ~

מוקדש לחיזוק ההתקשרות לכ"ק אדמו"ר זי"ע נשיא דורנו ~ ע"י ברוך בן רחל ומשפחתו
ולעילוי נשמת אמו מרת רחל בת ר' שניאור זלמן יששכר געציל הלוי

Chitas for the month of Menachem Av is made possible in part
לעילוי נשמת הרה"ח הרה"ת הר"ר משה פינחס בן הר"ר אברהם מרדכי הכהן כ"ץ • הרה"ח הרה"ת הר"ר מרדכי בן הר"ר פינחס מענטליק ולזכות רפואה שלימה וקרובה לזאב יחזקאל הכהן בן מינדל

Chitas for the month of Menachem Av is made possible in part
לעילוי נשמת הו"ח ר' שניאור זלמן יששכר געציל ב"ר שלום הלוי ז"ל רובאשקון
by Yanki and Chani Markowitz

Chitas for the month of Menachem Av is made possible in part
by Reuven Litzman ~ **In honor of Shlomie & Shternie Litzman and family**

Chitas for the month of Menachem Av is made possible in part
In honor of the Greisman children
May they continue to give Yiddische, Chassidische nachas to their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and the Rebbe!

Mazel Tov **Michael Nerenberg** (Crown Heights)
~ birthday Daled Av ~
Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

Mazel Tov **Chanoch Kahan** (Shliach in Medford, NJ)
~ 5th birthday Daled Av ~
Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

CHUMASH :: Parshas Devarim - Shvi'i with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu continues to remind the Yidden about the things that happened to them in the *Midbar*, so they will be ready to go into Eretz Yisroel.

Moshe Rabbeinu reviews with *Shevet Reuven*, Gad, and Menasheh the promise they made — that even though they will live in these parts of Eretz Yisroel on the other side of the Yarden, they will first make sure the other Yidden are settled in Eretz Yisroel before they go back to live with their families.

Moshe tells the Yidden not to worry about the war to capture Eretz Yisroel! Look how Hashem helped them before — Hashem will fight for them again!

TEHILLIM :: 23 - 28

Today's *kapitelach* are *Chof-Gimmel* until *Chof-Ches*.

In today's *Tehillim*, there are two *pesukim* (*Kapitel Chof-Hey*, *pesukim ches* and *tes*) that talk about how Hashem shows us the right way to live. The last words of these *pesukim* are "**VeYelamed Anavim Darko**" — Hashem teaches humble people His path.

The Rambam says that this is talking about two things that Hashem gives to Yidden to help them do *teshuvah* and do the right things:

- 1) He sends them *Neviim* (and *Rebbeim*) who teach them the ways of Hashem and how to do *teshuva*, and
- 2) Hashem makes a person to WANT to do the right thing when they learn about it.

These two things together make it much easier for us to do JUST what Hashem wants!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Alef

In this letter, the first letter in Igeres Hakodesh, the Alter Rebbe is encouraging Chassidim to add extra chayus in their learning Torah, and especially their davening, so that their neshamos will be strong!

Yesterday, we learned the first part of this letter. That part was written before the Alter Rebbe left to Mezritch. This second part that we learn today was written after he left. By then, he had found out from his Rebbe (the Maggid) about his special shlichus in the world — and that it will be hard, and even dangerous for him to do it!

Yesterday we learned about the *mashal* of a person, who has TWO halves — a top and a bottom! The top half is very important, but we need the bottom half to help us get to where we need to be. Our top half is our mind and our heart, which we use to think about the greatness of Hashem and bring out feelings of *Ahava* and *Yirah*, to want to be and stay connected to Hashem. The lower half, starting from the waist, is in *Ruchnius* our *Emunah* in Hashem, which makes it possible to think about Hashem's greatness and bring out these feelings during *davening*.

But this *emunah* needs a “belt”! When a person puts on a belt, he feels strong! We also need to put on a *Ruchnius* “belt” to feel our strong *emunah*. What is the belt? The *halachos* of Torah! They make our *Emunah* and *Chayus* in serving Hashem very strong! That is the meaning of the words of Shlomo Hamelech, “**Chagra B'Oz Masneha**” — the Yidden put a belt on their waist which is Oz (strength), Torah. (*The Rebbe gave us the special takanah of learning Rambam, and also strengthened the takana of Chalukas Hashas. One of the things it does for us is that it gives us strength in our Emunah!*)

The Alter Rebbe tells us that besides for strengthening our *emunah* by learning *halacha* and *Torah Shebaal Peh*, there is also a special time to make the upper part of our *neshama* strong — to make our *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem* strong. When is this? This is when we *daven Shacharis*! We need to use this chance and *daven* with all of our might!

Tomorrow, IY”H, in the last part of this letter, the Alter Rebbe will make some takanos to make sure that we use this time in the best way.

HAYOM YOM :: Daled Menachem Av

*Sometimes we think that we get *parnasa* based on how hard we work. But really, the main thing is the *bracha* from Hashem which comes from doing what Hashem wants!*

Sometimes a Tatty might think that if he skips a *shiur* or doesn't *daven* with a *minyán*, he will have more time to work and he will get more money! But it's not true. No matter how hard a person works, he won't get even one penny more than what Hashem decided he should have.

This is very important to remember!

If we realize that our *parnasa* comes ONLY from Hashem, we will act the way Hashem wants. A person won't

think “It’s a waste of time to *daven* with a *minyán* because it takes too long and then I don’t have as much time to work!” or thinking “If I worked on Shabbos (*chas veshalom*) I would get more...” And it will never feel like a waste of money to pay for kosher food or for *chinuch* for our children! We know that all of the money comes from Hashem, and we know where Hashem wants us to spend it!

Even though we need to do our part to earn the *parnasa*, we need to remember that our work is not the main thing. The main thing is the *bracha* from Hashem!

When we remember this, we will make sure that our work in *parnasa* won’t take away from our *Ruchnius*, and we will live the way a Yid should. Then Hashem will *bentch* us with everything that we need!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #91 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #352, #347, #346

There are a lot of *mitzvos* about making sure that a *Yiddishe* marriage is holy! Today we learn 3 more *mitzvos* about it:

1) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei* #352) A man can’t get married to his uncle (his father’s brother).

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Acharei*: עֲרוֹת אָחִי אָבִיךָ לֹא תִגַּלֶּה

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei* #347) A man can’t get married to a woman who is married to someone else.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Acharei*: וְאֵל אִשְׁתּוֹ עִמִּיתְךָ לֹא תִתֵּן שְׂכֻבְתְּךָ לְזָרָע

3) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei* #346) When a woman has a certain kind of *tumah*, called *Nidah*, she and her husband have to follow certain *halachos*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Acharei*: וְאֵל אִשָּׁה בְּנִדָּת טְמֵאָתָהּ לֹא תִקְרַב

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Isurei Biah

In today’s Rambam, *Perakim Yud-Beis*, *Yud-Gimmel*, and *Yud-Daled*, we are learning all about how it’s *asur* to get married to a non-Jew. We learn how someone not Jewish can do *Giyur* to become a Yid.

One *halacha* tells us how Yidden became Yidden when they left Mitzrayim — through *bris milah*, going to the *mikvah*, and bringing a *korban*.

That’s the same way a *goy* can become a Yid — he has to do these three things before he can become a *Ger Tzedek*. (Nowadays, a person can become a complete *Ger* even without bringing a *korban*.)

We learn many *halachos* about how the *Beis Din* tries to make sure that the person wants to be a Yid because he wants to do Hashem’s *mitzvos*, and not for other reasons (like wanting to marry a Jew).

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Brachos - Perek Alef

The Rambam explains what *brachos* are, and who made the *nusach* of the *brachos* we say. Then the Rambam teaches some general rules about *brachos*. For example, we learn that *lechat’chilah*, we should make a *bracha* in a loud enough voice to hear. We also learn that when we hear a *bracha* we need to answer *Amen*!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Shabbos Chazon

This week is *Shabbos Chazon*. We read a *haftorah* that starts with that word. The last *posuk* of the *haftorah* says “**Tzion Bemishpat Tipadeh Veshaveha BiTzedakah.**” Yerushalayim will be redeemed with Torah, and the Yidden that were taken as prisoners will be redeemed when we give *Tzedakah*.

What does that mean for us now?

The Alter Rebbe explains that Tziyon is not just Yerushalayim, and we aren't just talking about all of the Yidden being in *Golus*, we are also talking about the *Golus* of every Yid's *neshama* in *Avodas Hashem*.

Golus means that things aren't the way they should be. How should things be? Our happiness and our being upset should be in things of *Avodas Hashem*.

We should get excited about doing *mitzvos* and acting with good *midos* to other people! We should be upset when we are not serving Hashem the way we should.

But when things are not that way, when our excitement is just about *Gashmius*, like our toys and the food and drinks that we have, and we are upset when our *Gashmius* is not the way we want it to be — then our *neshamos* are in *Golus*.

So how do we take our *neshamos* out of *Golus*? The *posuk* tells us — by learning Torah, and giving *tzedakah* and helping others.

See Likutei Torah Parshas Devarim

TEFILLAH :: Ki Karov

The fifth *posuk* of the *Yud-Beis Pesukim* starts with the words *Ki Karov*.

The Alter Rebbe uses this *posuk* in the *Shaar Blatt* of *Tanya*, telling us that this is what the *Tanya* is all about! It is *Karov* — close to us and doable — to do all of Hashem's *mitzvos* because we love Hashem!

Ki Karov Eilecha Hadavar Me'od — This is very doable and easy for you

Beficha — in your mouth, to say words of Torah and *Tefillah*

Uvilvavcha Laasoso — and to do *mitzvos* with your heart, with *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem*!

We might feel that we are only interested in doing other things, like playing games or eating delicious foods. But by learning what it says in *Tanya*, we will know how special and precious our *mitzvos* are! Then it will be easy for us to do the *mitzvos* — and not just to DO them, but to do them with our whole heart!

Then, even if we enjoy doing other things, or if we don't really like doing the *mitzvos*, we will want to do the *mitzvos* anyway!

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Not Hitting Another Person

For certain *aveiros*, a *Beis Din* needs to punish someone by hitting them, called *Malkos*.

But there is a special *mitzvah* that they are not allowed to hit the person even one more time than they deserve.

If it is *asur* to even hit a *Rasha* who deserved to be hit, of course we are not allowed to hit any other person!

(If someone is hurting you or another Jew, and there is no other way to stop him, you are allowed to hit him to make him stop.)

See Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, siman Kuf-Pey-Daled

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: The Third Beis Hamikdash

How will the Third *Beis Hamikdash* be built?

There is a *machlokes* about whether it will come down from *Shomayim* already built or it will be built by people.

Rashi (in *Gemara Sukkah*) brings a *Medrash* saying that the *Beis Hamikdash* is already built! It will come down from *Shomayim* when *Moshiach* comes. We see this in the *posuk*, “**Mikdash Hashem Konenu Yadecha,**” “Hashem, Your hands built the *Beis Hamikdash*.”

The *Zohar* also says that Hashem will build the third *Beis Hamikdash*. The *Zohar* calls this *Beis Hamikdash* “*Binyana DeKudsha Brich Hu,*” Hashem’s building. It is Hashem’s building because Hashem will build it Himself!

This is the first opinion, that says it will be built from Shomayim. In the next shiur IY”H we will learn the other opinion, and then see how the Rebbe explains how they both are true!

- Credits, sponsorships, and contact info at KidsChitas.org -