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CHUMASH :: Parshas Naso - Shvi'i with Rashi

"Zos Chanukas Hamizbeiach!" Here are all of the presents that the *Nesiim* brought to get the *Mizbeiach* ready to be used every day.

The Torah tells us how many there were all together, so we can see that ALL of their presents made Hashem happy! All together there were:

- 12 silver bowls
- 12 small silver bowls

All together they weighed 2,400 shekels of silver

- 12 golden spoons full of *Ketores*

All together they weighed 120 shekels of gold

- 12 bulls
- 12 rams
- 12 lambs

And for the Korban Shlomim:

- 24 oxen
- 60 rams
- 60 goats
- 60 lambs

Now the Torah tells us how Hashem would speak to Moshe Rabbeinu in the Mishkan:

When Moshe came into the *Mishkan* to speak to Hashem, he would hear Hashem speaking SO loud — like the way it sounded on *Har Sinai*! But it was a *neis* — Moshe could only hear it INSIDE the *Mishkan* — nobody

could hear it outside!

Still, it sounded to Moshe like Hashem was talking to Himself, and Moshe was just listening in.

The sound came from between the *Keruvim* on top of the *Aron*. Moshe heard it from in the *Kodesh* — he didn't go into the *Kodesh Hakodoshim*.

(Unless the Torah tells us that Hashem spoke to Aharon also, Hashem was only talking to Moshe.)

TEHILLIM :: 39 - 43

In today's *Tehillim*, it says "**Haysa Li Dimasi Lechem Yomam Valayla, Be'emor Eilai Kol Hayom Ayei Elokecha.**" "My tears were like my food all day and night, when they say to me all day 'Where is Hashem?'"

The Rebbe explains that this *posuk* is saying that for a person to really be close to Hashem, we need to be crying for Hashem ALL the time, not just on *Shavuos* or only when we're *davening*, but even when we're eating or playing on a regular weekday.

TANYA :: Shaar Hayichud Veba'Emunah Perek Alef

This part of Tanya is called "Shaar HaYichud VeHaEmunah." This means that it talks about the mitzvah of knowing that Hashem is One — understanding that there is nothing separate from Hashem, even if it sometimes looks like that. We will learn about how that is, and the things that we are not able to understand, and we need to take in a way of Emunah.

First the Alter Rebbe tells us that there are two ways of understanding Achdus Hashem, knowing that Hashem is One. They are hinted to in the pesukim of Shema and Boruch Shem. The Alter Rebbe will explain these two ways (Yichuda Ila'a and Yichuda Tata'a) in Shaar HaYichud VeHaEmunah.

The Alter Rebbe starts with a *posuk* in the Torah.

There is a *posuk* in the Torah that says "**Veyadaata Hayom Vehashevosa El Levavaecha Ki Hashem Hu HaElokim, Bashomayim Mimaal Ve'al Haaretz Mitachas, Ein Od**" — "You should know today and take to your heart that Hashem is our G-d, high in *Shomayim* and under the earth — there is nothing else."

The Alter Rebbe starts to explain this *posuk* with another *posuk* in *Tehillim*: "**Leolam Hashem Devarcha Nitzav Bashomayim**" — "Hashem's Word is always in *Shomayim*."

The Baal Shem Tov explains what this means: "Hashem's Word" means the words Hashem used to make the world — the *Asara Maamaros* (for example "*Yehi Or*", "*Yehi Rakia*"). And the word "*Leolam*," "forever", means that Hashem has to keep on saying these words for the world to be there. If He stopped, the world would just completely disappear, just like it was before Hashem made it.

The Arizal says that it's not just people that need the *chayus* of the words of Hashem to be constantly in them — even things that don't move (like rocks) also need this *chayus* or else they can't be there.

The Rebbe points out that today's Tanya has a very special connection to Shavuos, because it mentions the 3 Tzadikim connected to Shavuos!

- Moshe Rabbeinu who gave us the Torah on Shavuos (there's a *posuk* from Torah — *Veyadaata Hayom*)
- Dovid Hamelech whose *yartzeit* is Shavuos (there's a *posuk* from his *Tehillim* — *Leolam Hashem*)
- Baal Shem Tov whose *yartzeit* is Shavuos (the Alter Rebbe brings his explanation on the *posuk*)

HAYOM YOM :: Zayin Sivan

Outside of Eretz Yisroel, on the second day of Shavuos we say Birchas Kohanim. Today's Hayom Yom tells us our minhagim when we hear Birchas Kohanim:

1) We are supposed to **face a certain way** during the bracha.

When the Kohanim say:

- Yevarechecha — face forward
- Hashem — turn your head to the right side
- Veyishmerecha — face forward
- Ya'eir — turn your head to the left side.

Do this pattern for all the words — face forward, head to the right, face forward, head to the left; again forward, to the right, and so on until the end of the bracha.

2) We say a **special Tefillah** to ask Hashem that our dreams happen in a good way. The Rebbe shows us where we say this.

We only say this paragraph, Ribono Shel Olam, while the Kohanim are SINGING the tune that comes before the words. When they say the words we need to be quiet and listen. We say one part before each of the last three words. (You can see where the parts end in the Siddur because it has two dots like at the end of a posuk.)

3) After Birchas Kohanim, we say a paragraph called **Adir Bamarom**, and the Rebbe tells us when we say that.

We say this paragraph right after saying Amein to the last bracha the Kohanim give us, while we're still covered with the Tallis.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #35 - Mitzvas Asei #215

Today in Sefer Hamitzvos we learn the same mitzvah again — (Mitzvas Asei #215) that every Jewish boy needs to have a Bris Milah. A father has a mitzvah to make sure his son has one.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Lech Lecha: הַמּוֹל לְכֶם כָּל זָכָר

The details are explained in Mesechta Shabbos perek Yud-Tes and Mesechta Yevamos perek Daled.

We also say the beginning of the Rambam's nusach in davening. (This is one of the places where people who do Sefer Hamitzvos say the exact same thing as those who learn 3 perakim of Rambam!)

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Milah - Tefillos MiKol Hashana

In today's Rambam, we learn the halachos about how to do a bris and which brachos to say.

Perek Beis: We are allowed to make a bris on Shabbos, but we need to prepare everything before Shabbos. If we forgot, we need to do the Bris Milah the next day.

Perek Gimmel: We learn the brachos we say when we do a Bris Milah. There is a bracha for the mohel, and a bracha for the father.

Then we end the second sefer of Rambam! As an addition to this sefer, where we learned the halachos of davening, we start reading through the whole davening according to the Rambam's siddur.

If you pay attention, you will see many differences between our nusach and the Rambam's nusach!

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Talmud Torah - Perek Vov

In *Perek Vov*, we learn that we need to show *kavod* to every *Talmid Chochom*, because of the Torah they learned! The Rambam teaches us that we also need to show *kavod* to ANYONE who is very old — even if they aren't Jewish.

It is so important to show *kavod* for a *Talmid Chochom*, that if someone doesn't, they are separated from the rest of the Yidden by being put into *cherem* until they do *teshuvah*. The Rambam also tells us the other 23 things that might make someone deserve to be put into *cherem*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Shavuos

At the end of *Yom Tov*, to bring the *Kedusha* of *Yom Tov* into the rest of the year, the Rebbe would always make a *farbrengen* — and we do too!

We sing the *niggunim* of each of the *Rebbeim*, because the *Rebbeim* come and join us when we sing their *niggunim*. We say *Divrei Torah* and *Chassidus*. Since *Shavuos* is the *Yartzeit* of the Baal Shem Tov, we should say *Chassidus* from the Baal Shem Tov.

In these *farbrengens*, the Rebbe would talk about making sure our *shiurim* in Torah are strong, like the *takanos* of *Chitas* and Rambam, other personal *shiurim*, and about the *chinuch* of children.

TEFILLAH :: Kavana in Lesheim Yichud

Before *Boruch She'amar*, there is a line in the *siddur* that starts with the words "*Lesheim Yichud*." In this line, we say that our *davening* will connect "*Kudsha Brich Hu*" (Hashem) with "*Shechintei*" (the *Shechinah*). *Chassidus* explains that the level of Hashem that is called "*Kudsha Brich Hu*" is the source of all Torah and *mitzvos*. *Shechintei* (*Shechinah*) is the source of all of the *neshamos* of Yidden.

When we say *Lesheim Yichud*, we are saying that *Kudsha Brich Hu*, as the source of all Torah and *mitzvos*, connects with all Yidden together.

When we say *Lesheim Yichud*, we should think:

I am not just *davening* myself. I am part of *Shechintei*, part of *Klal Yisroel*! It is not just me that is *davening* to You Hashem, WE are all asking You to give us everything we need to serve You! When we all come together, Hashem, You will have to give us what we ask for. This will bring us all close to You, Hashem!

Many have a *minhag* to say *Lesheim Yichud* before EVERY *mitzvah*. In Chabad, we say *Lesheim Yichud* only once a day, before *Boruch She'amar*. That becomes the *Lesheim Yichud* for the whole day!

This *kavana* is an *avodah*. It can change how we think, and can change our whole day!

For example, I might see an article about how some Yidden didn't make a Kiddush Hashem when they were rushing around Erev Yom Tov. I could think, "Well, my family made a Kiddush Hashem! I'm so glad we're not like that." But then I need to stop and think: Hashem doesn't just want ME to be doing the right thing, Hashem needs all of us together! How can I help make sure that ALL OF US are making a Kiddush Hashem wherever we go?

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Torah and Story of Baal Shem Tov

Shavuos is the *yartzeit* of the Baal Shem Tov.

There is a *minhag* from the *Rebbeim* to tell over a story and a *Dvar Torah* of the Baal Shem Tov on *Shavuos*. The Rebbe says that it is appropriate for everyone who knows about the *minhag* to keep it!

Here is one *Dvar Torah* of the Baal Shem Tov, from *Hayom Yom*:

The Baal Shem Tov loved light.

The word “**ohr**” (light) has the same *Gematria* as the word “**Raz**,” which means a secret. Someone who knows the secret in everything can bring *ohr*, light into it! That was what the Baal Shem Tov did: He revealed the secrets of the Torah, *Chassidus*. This brought much light into the world!

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Learning Torah Straight From Hashem!

The *Navi Yeshaya* told *nevuos* about the *Geulah* to the *Yidden* of his time. They were later written in *Nach* for *Yidden* of EVERY generation to know!

Yeshaya told the *Yidden* that even though during *Golus* *Yidden* are busy running after *taavos* and aren't interested in the precious Torah and its *mitzvos*, the *Geulah* will change things! When *Moshiach* comes, Hashem will take away our *taavos*. We won't be as interested in the *Gashmius* of the world, and Hashem won't be hidden anymore! We will be able to see Hashem clearly and learn His holy Torah with joy!

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VeNasan Hashem Lachem — In the times of the *Geulah*, Hashem will put in your hearts

Lechem Tzar Umayim Lachatz — That a little bit of bread and a little bit of water will be enough for you to be happy, you won't be running after *taavos* anymore.

Velo Yikanef Od Morecha — And your Teacher, Hashem, won't be hidden from you anymore

Vehayu Einecha Ro'os Es Morecha — And your eyes will be able to see your Teacher, Hashem!

In the time of the *Geulah*, Hashem will be so close to all of the *Yidden*.

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