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CHUMASH :: Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei - Shvi'i with Rashi

We are about to finish not only this parsha, but the entire Chumash Shemos!

Later in the *Chumash*, we will learn about the *Shivas Yemei Hamiluim*, the week when the Yidden got the *Mishkan* ready to use. On *Rosh Chodesh Nissan*, the Yidden will start using the *Mishkan* for real.

Hashem tells Moshe Rabbeinu that he will have to put up the *Mishkan* all by himself on *Rosh Chodesh Nissan*! He will have to get everything ready himself! He will have to dress Aharon HaKohen one last time, even though Aharon is now a full *Kohen Gadol* and is allowed to put on the clothes himself already. Moshe will have to put the main clothes of the *Kohanim* (the shirt) on by himself too. Then he will have to anoint them (with the *Shemen Hamish'cha*) so they will be ready to do the *avodah*!

Moshe was afraid that he wouldn't be able to lift the walls of the *Mishkan* himself, because they are very heavy! Hashem told him not to worry, because He will help Moshe!

Moshe did what Hashem told him to during the *Shivas Yemei Hamiluim*, that started on *Chof-Gimmel Adar*. Then on *Rosh Chodesh*, he put up the *Mishkan* all by himself, just like Hashem told him to!

The Torah tells us exactly how Moshe set up the *Mishkan* perfectly. (He did only two things differently than usual, since Hashem told him to: He put the *Lechem HaPanim* on the *Shulchan*, even though it was Sunday and usually it is put on Shabbos; and he lit the *Menorah* even though it was morning and usually the *Menorah* is lit at night.)

Then Hashem put his *Shechinah* into the *Mishkan*! A special cloud stayed over the *Mishkan* (fire at night), and when it moved, the Yidden would know it was time to travel again.

Chazak, Chazak, Venis'chazeik!

TEHILLIM :: 119 (first half)

Today's Tehillim is Kapitel Kuf-Yud-Tes, the LONGEST kapitel in the whole Tehillim! It is so long that we don't even say the whole Kapitel today, just the first half.

We just started a new *sefer* in Rambam, *Sefer Nezikin*.

At the beginning of each *sefer*, the Rambam brings a *posuk* from *Nach* that is connected to the *halachos* we will learn in the *sefer*.

The *posuk* the Rambam brings for *Sefer Nezikin* is from today's *Tehillim*, "**Hat Libi El Eidvosecha, Ve'al El Batza.**" "Turn my heart to Your *mitzvos*, and not to money."

What does this have to do with *Nezikin*, damages?

When we care about *mitzvos* more than other things, we won't get into arguments about money and get upset with people. When we are calm and happy with other people, we will be careful with their things, and won't cause them any damage!

TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Lamed-Zayin

In the beginning of Tanya, we learned about the Milchemes Hanefashos, the war that is going on inside of a person between the Yetzer Tov and the Yetzer Hara. We learned how to win against the Yetzer Hara, through reminding ourselves of the hidden power of Mesiras Nefesh which is inside the neshama, and through having simcha.

Now we are learning about the GOAL of all of our Avodah, and why doing mitzvos with Maaseh (when we do something with Gashmius) is so important.

The Alter Rebbe tells us that the Shechinah is brought down specifically when we do mitzvos with Maaseh! Now we are learning how this all accomplishes the purpose and brings the Geulah!

In today's Tanya we learn that the goal of bringing Geulah is one that all of the Yidden do TOGETHER!

To bring the Geulah, we need the avodah of all of the Yidden together.

The Chachomim say that the world was created for Yidden to keep the Torah and mitzvos.

The Yidden have 600,000 general neshamos, that the rest of the neshamos come from. So the world is also split up into 600,000 sections, which are divided into smaller parts. Each neshama has "Chelko Ba'olam," a part of the world that it needs to make into kedusha.

We all have things that we need to use for our Avodas Hashem. The Gashmius things we use to spread Yiddishkeit, what we use for parnasa, or the things that give us simcha or chayus, are all part of our "Chelek Ba'olam," the part of the world that we need to make into kedusha. Some Yidden might send Divrei Torah on WhatsApp, some might build Mikvaos, some might work in hospitals, and others make sure their homes are beautiful and welcoming. When all Yidden take care of their part of the world, the whole world will be used for kedusha, and will be ready for the Geulah!

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Hey Adar

The Hayom Yom was written for the year Tof-Shin-Gimmel and Tof-Shin-Daled. That year was a Shana Me'uberes (a leap year) and there were two Adars. This year there is only one Adar, so we learn the Hayom Yoms from BOTH Adars!

Chof-Hey Adar Alef

We learn about the Chabad nusach we say in davening. In our siddurim it is already printed this way.

After we say the Shir Shel Yom ("Hayom Yom ___ BaShabbos, Shebo Hayu HaLeviim Omrim...") we say a short paragraph that starts "Hoshienu." We say this paragraph EVERY day — even on Shabbos, Yom Tov, Rosh Hashana, and Yom Kippur!

In this paragraph we ask Hashem to save us and take us out of Golus, and bring us to Geulah. This is another place where we see that asking Hashem for Moshiach is something we need to do every day, including Shabbos and Yom Tov, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur!

Chof-Hey Adar Sheini

The Chossid R' Mordechai Horodoker told us what was the first thing the Chassidim learned when they came to the Alter Rebbe in Liozna:

"Vos men tor nit, tor men nit — un vos men meg, darf men nit!" What we aren't allowed to do — we aren't allowed to do! And what we ARE allowed to do — we don't necessarily need it.

There are things that are *asur* — like non-kosher food, or hitting our friends. We can't do them!

There are also things that we ARE allowed to do — like eat nosh, or play computer games. But we need to think before each time: Do we need to do them for our Avodas Hashem? Will they help us learn or daven better, or be happier on Shabbos? Or do we not need them? If we don't need them, we shouldn't do them!

The *Chassidim* spent 3 to 4 years making sure that they were careful to keep this *hora'ah* — to only use *Gashmius* if it would help serve Hashem. Only then did they allow themselves to go into *Yechidus* with the Alter Rebbe to hear what was their special way of *Avodas Hashem*!

One of the things we can learn from this Hayom Yom is that even though each one of us has a special shlichus in the world, one thing that is a part of ALL of our Shlichus is this hora'ah! Of course we need to stay away from things that are asur, but we also need to make sure to use the things we ARE allowed to use only if they help us in our Avodas Hashem.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #304 - Mitzvas Asei #246

Since we're starting a new set of *halachos* in Rambam, *halachos* about cases in *Beis Din*, we have a new *mitzvah* today — we'll be learning it for the next few days! The *mitzvah* (*Mitzvas Asei #246*) is that whenever two people disagree about money in *Beis Din*, we need to follow the *halachos* about what to do.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos To'ein Venit'an

In today's Rambam, we learn some of the details of the *halachos* the Torah tells us to do if two people come to *Beis Din* with an argument over money or property. Very often one of them needs to make a *shevuah*, a special kind of promise, that they don't owe anything.

Perek Alef: If two people come to *Beis Din* and agree about part of the money — like if Reuven says “you owe me \$100!” and Shimon says, “I owe you money, but only \$50” — then Shimon needs to make a *shevuah* that he only owes \$50 and pay the money right away.

In **Perek Beis** we learn about when the *Beis Din* doesn't let someone make a *shevuah* — if they are a person that we think might make a false *shevuah*. For example, the *Beis Din* won't let a gambler make a *shevuah*.

Perek Gimmel: If a person only agrees about a very little part of the money, less than a *perutah*, he doesn't make a *shevuah*. He also doesn't make a *shevuah* if the amount they are arguing over is worth less than two *me'in*. So if the two people are arguing over dates, and one person says “You owe me 100 dates!” but the other person says, “I only owe you 90,” they are only arguing about 10 of the dates. If 10 dates isn't worth at least 2 *me'in*, the person doesn't make a *shevuah*. And if someone says “You owe me \$100!” but the other person says that he only owes him less than a *perutah*, then he doesn't make a *shevuah*.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Eidus - Perek Chof

In this *perek* we learn more details about today's *mitzvah*. The *Beis Din* only punishes lying witnesses if BOTH of the witnesses are proven to be lying, and only after the *Beis Din* already issued their *psak*. But even if they aren't punished, since we know they are liars, we don't trust them as witnesses in *Beis Din* anymore!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chof-Hey Adar

Today is a very special day! It's *Chof-Hey Adar*, the birthday of the Rebbetzin!

The first birthday of the Rebbetzin after her *histalkus* in *Tof-Shin-Mem-Ches*, the Rebbe said that he will make something special in her honor — to start a campaign that everyone should start celebrating their birthdays!

What does it mean to celebrate a birthday?

It means that we should all keep certain *minhagim* that will make our birthday a special day for us. These *minhagim* will remind us that we were born to accomplish a special *Shlichus* which Hashem needs us to do. When we use our special day in the right way it will help us do our *Shlichus* even better, and do our part in bringing the *Geulah!*

After the Rebbe started the campaign for *Yom Huledes*, a list was put together with all of the *horaos* that the Rebbe gave over the years to people for their birthdays. This list was printed in *Sefer Hasichos*.

Many of these *minhagim* are also important for children!

When the Rebbe gave out dollars for *tzedakah*, many people would tell the Rebbe that it was their birthday. At the time when *Mivtza Yom Huledes* started, the Rebbe would remind them about certain birthday *minhagim!* Here are two of them that the Rebbe would tell people to do on their birthday — also to kids!

- Make a *farbrengen* on your birthday
- Give *tzedakah* on the day of your birthday

See the full list of *minhagim* as translated in *Sichos in English*

TEFILLAH :: Building Bitachon Through Davening

Having *kavana* in *davening* can help us have more *bitachon!*

When things happen to us, we can usually point to a reason why. Maybe someone wasn't being careful, or the pencil broke, or there was a lot of traffic because of construction.

But none of those things are the REAL reason.

The true reason for EVERYTHING is because that is what Hashem decided should happen!

All those things that we think are the reasons are just the tools Hashem uses to make things work out that way.

We can understand this a little better by looking at an example:

If someone plants a tiny little apple seed, do you know what can grow? A great big apple tree with hundreds of fruit, each with many seeds of its own! Does that make sense?

No! The main thing is that Hashem wants that tree to grow. Planting the seed is just a tool Hashem gave us to get it started.

When we think about this and start to feel it, we will have more *bitachon!* We will understand that it is HASHEM Who will take care of us and give us what we need. We don't need to worry about the traffic, the neighbors, or our school supplies. Those things don't have any *koach* on their own. They aren't the reasons at all! Nothing will happen unless Hashem wants it to.

One of the places we can think about this is in the *tefillah* of *Vayevarech Dovid*, in *Pesukei Dezimra*. We say, "***Beyadcha Koach U'Gevurah, U'veyadcha Legadel Ul'chazeik Lakol.***" "*Koach* and strength are in Your hands, and it is in Your hands to bring growth and strengthen everyone." We say that it is Hashem Who makes everything happen!

See *Chovos Halevavos, Shaar Habitachon perek Gimmel*

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Learning the Halachos of Pesach

In the time of the *Beis Hamikdash*, the *Chachomim* made a *takana* that every *chochom* who gives *drashos* and teaches Torah should start speaking about the *halachos* of the *Yom Tov* from 30 days before. So, for example, starting on Purim he should start teaching the *halachos* of *Pesach*.

This *takana* did not stop after the *Churban*, and every teacher has the responsibility to make sure that his students know the *halachos* of what to do.

These days, everything is written in *seforim*, so we don't need to hear a *drasha* from a *chochom*. Still it's a *mitzvah* for every person to learn the *halachos* before the *Yom Tov* so they know them well and they know what to do.

Now we even have *halacha* newsletters, which tell us in short the *halachos* of what to do in most situations, written in a clear and simple way! We should make sure to take the time to look at them so we know what to do and how to do it.

See *Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, siman Tof-Chof-Tes; Halacha newsletter from Rabbi Lesches of Melbourne*

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Moshiach Manners

One time there was a *Shliach* who went to teach a *Yid* about *Yiddishkeit*. He made an appointment to visit the man's office. This man was a professor, who was very smart and not easy to speak to!

The *Shliach* started talking to him about *Yiddishkeit*, and the professor argued with him. The professor went to get a book to try to show the *Shliach* that he is right, and when he came back he saw that the *Shliach* is standing near the wall and shaking back and forth!

After he finished, the *Shliach* told the professor that he was *davening Mincha* before it got too late.

The professor was so impressed that even though this appointment was very important, when the *Shliach* had to talk to Hashem, he stopped right away to *daven*!

This professor became a *Baal Teshuva* and helped many other *Yidden* come closer to *Yiddishkeit* too!

The Rebbe told this story at a farbrengen. The Rebbe was speaking about how we need to want Moshiach to come now, and help other Yidden to have emunah in Moshiach too! The Rebbe used this story as an example: We should learn from here that even though manners are important, when we tell a Yid first thing about Moshiach, and that we want Moshiach now, this will get his neshama excited! He sees that a regular person comes to him, and what is he thinking about? He's thinking about Moshiach and that we want Moshiach to come now!

See *Parshas Tzav* 5745

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