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CHUMASH :: Parshas Vayeilech - Shvi'i with Rashi

When Moshe finished writing down the WHOLE Torah, he told the *Leviim* who carry the *Aron* to take the *Sefer Torah* he wrote, and put it inside the *Aron* (or, as Rashi says, maybe on a shelf attached to the *Aron* and not really inside).

The Yidden lots of times stop listening to Hashem, even with Moshe Rabbeinu there. Of course they will make that mistake after Moshe Rabbeinu passes away, and this Torah will remind them that they should know better!

Moshe blew two trumpets he made himself, to call all the *Zekeinim* to come hear *Haazinu*. In *Haazinu*, Moshe says that the sky and the ground will remind the Yidden that they know about Hashem's *mitzvos*!

Even though the Yidden wouldn't stop listening to Hashem until after Yehoshua passes away, Moshe said that this would happen after HE passes away — as long as Moshe's dear *talmid*, Yeshoshua, was still alive, to Moshe it was like he was also alive.

Then Moshe told the Yidden the words of the song *Haazinu*, which we will learn this coming week!

TEHILLIM :: 35 - 38

Today's *shiur Tehillim* is *kapitelach Lamed-Gimmel* to *Lamed-Ches*. Until *Yom Kippur*, we continue adding three extra *kapitelach*. Today we say *kapitelach Kuf-Gimmel*, *Kuf-Daled*, and *Kuf-Hey*.

In the first Maamar the Rebbe said, Bosi Legani, he explains a posuk from today's Tehillim: "Tzadikim

Yirshu Aretz Veyishkenu La'ad Aleha." "Tzadikim get 'aretz' (Gan Eden), because they make Hashem rest (Veyishkenu) in the world."

In the *maamar*, the Rebbe tells us that this is OUR special *shlichus* too — to bring Hashem's *Shechinah* into the world, which will bring *Moshiach Tzidkeinu*!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof

To make the world, Hashem made many *Ruchnius* "worlds" also. There are four that we know about, called *Atzilus*, *Beriyah*, *Yetzirah*, and *Asiyah*.

Why did Hashem make these "worlds"? Because the *chayus* of Hashem is too strong for the world to be there. So in each "world", Hashem hides more and more, until He is hiding enough for there to be *Gashmius*.

In today's *Tanya*, the Alter Rebbe explains what happens in *Ruchnius* for this to happen. We learn a lot of things from *Kabbalah* to help us understand it!

At the end, we will find out that even though Hashem has to hide SO much for there to be *Gashmius*, it can only be from the greatest *koach* of Hashem to make something from nothing, "*Yeish MeAyin*." Only the *Koach* of Hashem Himself that didn't go through all of these *Ruchnius* "worlds" can make *Gashmius Yeish Me'ayin*."

HAYOM YOM :: Vov Tishrei

R' Zushe of Anipoli said that *Teshuvah* has five parts, one for each letter of the word "*Teshuvah*!" Today we learn that the *Vov* teaches us to have a lot of *Ahavas Yisroel*.

A Yid needs to have a good heart and be kind to others. When people are happy with the way we act, Hashem is too! The Alter Rebbe said that a way to love Hashem is by loving another Yid.

That is the Vov of the word Teshuvah, and it stands for "Ve'ohavta Le'reiacha Kamocha."

This is the *Teshuvah* that comes from a *Lev Tov*, a good heart.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #136 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #150, #151

Today we learn two more *mitzvos* about *Maaser Sheini*:

1) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #150*) It is *asur* for a person to eat *Maaser Sheini* when he is *Tamei*, or when the food is *Tamei*. If he was *tamei*, he needs to become *Tahor*. If the food was *tamei*, he needs to sell the food and buy different food with that money.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Ki Savo*: וְלָא בְעַרְתִּי מִמְנוּ בְּטָמֵא The details are explained in the end of *Mesechta Makos*.

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #151*) An Onen, someone who has a close relative who passed away and wasn't buried yet, is not allowed to eat from *Maaser Sheini*. (An onen is also not allowed to eat from any *Korbanos*.)

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Ki Savo: לא אָכַלְתִּי בְאנִי מִמְנוּ The details are explained in Mesechta Pesachim perek Ches, and Mesechta Zevachim perek Beis.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Maaser Sheini VeNeta Reva'i

In today's Rambam, we learn more about Maaser Sheini.

Perek Beis: *Maaser Sheini* is specifically eaten in Yerushalayim. Once it is brought into Yerushalayim, we are not allowed to take it out, or trade it for money or other food (unless it became *tamei*).

Perek Gimmel: We need to treat *Maaser Sheini* with respect — for example, we are not allowed to make it *tamei*.

Perek Daled: If we live far away from Yerushalayim, the food might not be good by the time we get there! We learn how to trade the food for money, and then use the money to buy food in Yerushalayim later.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Mechirah - Perek Chof-Ches

In today's Rambam, we learn more about buying and selling the Torah way. Buying and selling need to be very exact so that we stay far away from cheating!

In this *perek*, we learn about the size of a field when we are selling it. Do rocks in the field count for part of the measurement?

INYANA D'YOMA :: Vov Tishrei

Today is the *yartzeit* of Rebbetzin Chana, the Rebbe's mother. She passed away on Shabbos at *Mincha* time, in *Tof-Shin-Chof-Hey*.

Rebbetzin Chana's life was full of *Mesiras Nefesh* for *Yiddishkeit* and *Chassidus*. She always helped her husband, R' Levi Yitzchak, through all the hard times and even in *Golus*. She knew how important it was for him to write his *Chiddushei Torah*, and went and made ink herself, using plants, so he would be able to write them.

In the past few years, we had the *zechus* that her memoirs (<u>chabad.org/1638270</u>) were found and printed! We can see the *Mesiras Nefesh* she had, how proud she was that her son became the Rebbe and how much she appreciated his visits and the *Kibud Eim* that he showed her.

TEFILLAH :: Erev Yom Kippur

On *Erev Yom Kippur*, there is a *minhag* to put out plates on the tables in *shul*, to collect *tzedakah* for the people and *mosdos* who need. At *Mincha* time, people can put money onto these plates to give *tzedakah*.

(You can see this in videos of the Rebbe from *Erev Yom Kippur*. There are many plates set up on the tables, and when the Rebbe comes into *shul* for *Mincha*, he puts money into all of these plates. The Rebbe would also give to poor people who put out their hands, and to children, so that they will have coins to give *tzedakah* too.)

In the Luach Colel Chabad, it says that the Baal Shem Tov said, "From the sound that these coins make when you throw them onto the plates, the *kelipos* become separated."

What does this mean?

There is a story behind it!

The Yidden of Mezhibuzh were having a meeting. They were talking about different problems in the city and what should be done about them. Someone complained that on *Erev Yom Kippur*, having the *tzedakah* plates on

all the tables made the *shul* very noisy and not calm! It wasn't the right way to go into *Yom Kippur*.

They decided that they wanted to stop this *minhag*. Collecting *tzedakah* is very important, but not if it makes it hard for everyone to have proper *kavana* in *davening*!

When the Baal Shem Tov heard about their decision, he refused to let them stop the *minhag*! He told them a story to understand why this *minhag* is so important!

One year, before Yom Kippur, all of the kelipos decided to gang up against the Yidden. They would all work together to stop the tefillos of the Yidden from going up to Shomayim! Without these tefillos, Hashem wouldn't be able to forgive the Yidden, chas veshalom.

The kelipos were standing at the gates of Shomayim, when suddenly, a loud noise started! It was the jingling of all the coins being thrown into the plates in shul. The sound made the kelipos all scatter! They weren't able to join together again in time to stop the Yidden's tefillos from reaching Hashem, and their plot was foiled.

This is what it means that the sound of the coins falling onto the plates separates the *kelipos*. It stops them from joining together, and our *tefillos* of *Yom Kippur* will be able to reach straight to Hashem!

See Otzar Minhagei Chabad p. 188

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Kiddush Levana

Every month, we *bentch* the new moon with a special *bracha* of *Kiddush Levana*.

We wait until after the seventh of the month, when the moon is getting bigger. Our *minhag* is to say *Kiddush Levana* the first *Motzei Shabbos* after this date, so that we can wear our Shabbos clothes to do this special *mitzvah*!

But in *Tishrei*, we don't say *Kiddush Levana* right away, instead we wait until *Motzaei Yom Kippur*.

That's because it's best to say *Kiddush Levana* when we are happy! During the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, we are worried about doing a proper *teshuvah* and deserving a good judgment on the *Yom Hadin*.

But after *Yom Kippur*, a *Bas Kol* comes from *Shomayim* and tells us to go eat and drink with joy, because Hashem is happy with the Yidden! When we know that Hashem is happy with us, we are VERY happy, and that's a perfect mood to be in to say *Kiddush Levana*!

But if someone is worried that it will probably be too cloudy to say *Kiddush Levana* on *Motzaei Yom Kippur*, or he won't be able to say it for a different reason, he can do it before. In fact, there are some *poskim* who say you should do *Kiddush Levana davka* during the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*, so that Hashem will count this *mitzvah* too when He is judging us!

See Shevach Hamoadim, Aseres Yemei Teshuvah

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: The Real Thing

When we can feel something and see something, we say that it is real.

But what is REALLY real?

The truth is that the entire universe isn't actually anything of its own — it is part of the existence of Hashem and the fact that Hashem wants Torah and *mitzvos*. But it doesn't look that way yet!

When *Moshiach* comes, everything and everyone in the world will know that this is real. Everything will behave in a way that shows what it really is all about.

That's why the *Medrash* says that in the times of the *Geulah*, if a person will try to pick a fig on Shabbos, the fig will scream, "It's Shabbos!"

See Likutei Sichos Chelek Yud-Alef, p. 69

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