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## **CHUMASH :: Parshas Bechukosai - Rishon with Rashi**

Hashem promises that if we learn Torah and then follow the *mitzvot* it teaches us, He will give us many *brachos*!

Hashem will make rain fall for our fields during times when the rain won't bother anyone, at night when people don't usually need to be outside. Hashem will even make the rain fall just on days when everyone is home, like late Friday night!

Even though this isn't a lot of rain, Hashem will make the fields grow plenty of food! We will feel satisfied from even eating a little bit, so we can store away a lot of food and not be worried in case next season is not as good for growing things.

## **TEHILLIM :: 104 - 105**

In *kapitel Kuf-Daled* (104), there is a *posuk* “**Moh Rabu Maasecha Hashem!**” How great are the works of Hashem!

There are many *maamorim* in *Chassidus* that explain this *posuk*. There is a *maamar* from the Rebbe Rashab that starts with this *posuk* and explains it — and there is a story behind it!

Once the Rebbe Rashab was learning with the *Poltaver Rav*, R’ Yaakov Mordechai Bezpalo. The Friediker Rebbe was 3 or 4 years old, and his bed was in the room where they were learning.

R’ Yaakov Mordechai looked over at the sleeping boy, and said that his shining face showed the *kedusha* that he had!

When the Rebbe Rashab heard that comment, he felt that he wanted to kiss his son. But he stopped himself, and instead wrote a *maamar* called *Moh Rabu Maasecha Hashem*. When the Friediker Rebbe got older, the Rebbe Rashab gave him the *maamar*, and told him, “this is a *Chassidische kush!*” Years later, he told him the story.

## **TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Mem-Tes**

When we say the *brachos* before *Shema*, we are talking about how much Hashem loves us. Thinking about that will make us want to love Hashem back! Then we will want to SHOW our love by connecting to Hashem by learning His Torah.

Today the Alter Rebbe reminds us that this isn’t enough to show how we love Hashem back.

We need to SAY the words of Torah and *davening*, and DO the *mitzvos*, because Hashem wants us to do *mitzvos* in this world, using the *Gashmius* of the world for *kedusha*.

Because why did Hashem do all of the *Tzimtzum*? So that we will be able to see Hashem in this world! This will make it light instead of dark, and “sweet” with *Kedusha* instead of “bitter” from *Kelipah!*

And that’s our job! To bring down Hashem’s light into the world through our Torah and *mitzvos*. We can only do this right if we love Hashem so much we’re ready to do ANYTHING for Him.

## **HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Alef Iyar**

Today is thirty-six days of the *Omer!*

*Where are you?*

You may be at home, in the car, in school, or at the playground.

*Why are you there?*

Because Hashem sent you there with His *Hashgacha Protis*, to accomplish something there!

Today’s *Hayom Yom* teaches us something that we need to remember, wherever we are:

If Hashem sent us there, it means we CAN do the job He gave us to do there. But it’s up to us! We need to do our *avodah*, and then we will make it happen.

*The Rebbe once said this to the Shluchim: Before a shliach goes to a place, Hashem sets up that all of the things he*

will need to have *hatzlacha* will all be there. All the *shliach* needs to do is go there, and the people to help him and give money for his programs will all be there — the *shliach* just needs to do his job to make it happen, and he will see all of the *brachos*!

The same is true for the *shlichus* we ALL have: The *brachos* are all there to make us have *hatzlacha*, we just need to use the *kochos* Hashem gives us and we will see that it will happen!

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Hakdama**

In today's *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we learn the last few rules about what we count as one of the 613 *mitzvos*:

- 10)** Things you need to do before you can do the *mitzvah* aren't counted as separate *mitzvos* (like squeezing the olive oil for the *menorah*).
- 11)** If a *mitzvah* has a lot of parts, we still count it as only one *mitzvah* (like *lulav* and *esrog*).
- 12)** If doing the *mitzvah* has a lot of steps, we still count it as only one *mitzvah* (like building the *Mishkan*).
- 13)** Even if we need to do the *mitzvah* for many days, it is still counted as one *mitzvah* (like sitting in the *sukkah* for seven days is only one *mitzvah*).
- 14)** We don't count the punishment for each *aveira* as its own *mitzvah*.

## **RAMBAM :: Minyan Hamitzvos**

In today's Rambam, the Rambam tells us the list of *mitzvos* again, but shows us where we'll learn them in the 14 books of the Rambam. These 14 *seforim* include 83 sections that teach us different sets of *halachos*.

Here are the *seforim*:

- 1) **Mada** — “to know.” In this *sefer* we learn the *mitzvos* that are important for a Yid to know FIRST, so he will do all of the other *mitzvos*. We need to know that Hashem is one, and that we can't serve *Avodah Zarah*.
- 2) **Ahava** — “love.” This *sefer* has the *mitzvos* we need to do all of the time, like loving Hashem. It also has the *mitzvos* that help us love Hashem, like saying *Shema*.
- 3) **Zmanim** — “times.” This *sefer* teaches us *mitzvos* that we do on special days, like Shabbos and *Yom Tov*.
- 4) **Nashim** — “women.” In this *sefer*, we learn the *mitzvos* that have to do with marriage and divorce.
- 5) **Kedusha** — “holy.” Hashem gave us certain *mitzvos* that show us how a Yid is different than other nations. In this *sefer*, we learn about who we can't get married to, and what we can't eat. For a Yid, getting married is holy, and we can only marry who the Torah says we can. A *goy* can eat any food that he wants, but a Yid can only eat kosher.
- 6) **Hafla'ah** — “separation.” This *sefer* has the *mitzvos* about when a person separates HIMSELF from something, by making a promise that he won't use it.
- 7) **Zera'im** — “plants.” In this *sefer* we learn the *mitzvos* that have to do with planting, like *Shemita* and *Yovel*, and the *terumah* and *maaser* we have to give from things that grow.
- 8) **Avodah** — “work.” In this *sefer* of the Rambam, we learn about the work we do for Hashem in the *Beis Hamikdash*. We learn the *mitzvos* of building the *Beis Hamikdash*, and the *korbanos* that ALL of the Yidden bring to Hashem, like the *Korban Tomid* that we bring every day!

- 9) **Korbanos** — “sacrifices.” This *sefer* has the *mitzvos* about the *korbanos* Yidden have to bring by themselves, like the *Korban Pesach* that every Yid has to be part of, and the *korbanos* a person brings if he does an *aveira*.
- 10) **Tahara** — “purity.” In this *sefer*, the Rambam will teach us all of the *mitzvos* that have to do with *tumah* and *tahara*.
- 11) **Nezikin** — “damages.” In this *sefer* we have all of the *mitzvos* about if one person hurts another person or ruins his things.
- 12) **Kinyan** — “acquiring.” In this *sefer* we learn how property can belong to a person, like if he buys it. It also has the *halachos* about neighbors and partners.
- 13) **Mishpatim** — “judgments.” This *sefer* has the *mitzvos* about when two people argue about something in *Beis Din*, like *halachos* about a person who watches something for his friend, or lends him money.
- 14) **Shoftim** — “judges.” In this *sefer* we learn the *mitzvos* for a *Sanhedrin*, like when a person is punished for doing an *aveira*. We also learn about a king, and the wars he fights — ending off with the *halachos* about *Moshiach*!

## **RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Tumas Ochlin - Perek Yud-Gimmel**

In today’s Rambam, we learn more about how food and drinks can become *tomei*. They can only become *tomei* if they got wet on purpose with one of seven liquids.

We learn many different cases to see when water is counted as having gotten something wet on purpose.

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Sefiras Haomer**

This week in *Sefiras Haomer*, we are working on our *midah* of *Yesod*. *Chassidus* teaches that *Yesod* is *Hiskashrus*.

What is *hiskashrus*?

In the town of Premishlan, there lived a *Tzadik* called R’ Meir of Premishlan. Premishlan was a town that wasn’t right by the river, but just over the mountain there was a special spring that they used for a *Mikvah* every day.

During the summer, it didn’t take too long to get to the *mikvah*. The men would go on the road right over the mountain. But in the winter, it took much, much longer! The road was just too slippery in the snow and ice! The men would need to walk on a long road that went around the mountain so they could use the *mikvah* before *davening*.

Only one person walked quickly over the mountain: R’ Meir of Premishlan. He never slipped and fell, no matter how windy or icy or snowy it was!

The Yidden in Premishlan were very proud of their Rebbe, and used to tell people how lucky they were to have such a special Rebbe who could do such special *nissim*.

One day, two young men came to Premishlan. They were a bit *chutzpadik*, and didn’t believe that what R’ Meir did was so special. “We can also go on the mountain road, just watch!” they said.

The two young men started climbing up the icy mountain. But they didn’t get too far before they slipped and fell down! People came to help them, and they had to rest in bed for a few days because of all of their cuts and bruises.

When they felt better, they went to R' Meir of Premishlan to say sorry for not treating him with the right *kavod*. They asked, though, how DID he manage to go up the mountain without falling?

R' Meir answered: “**Ven men iz tzugebunden fun oiben, falt men nisht unten**. When we are connected above — when we are connected to Hashem, we don't fall down here.”

That is one of the meanings of the *midah* of *Yesod*, that we are working on this week — to make sure that our connection to Hashem through *Yiddishkeit* and Torah and *mitzvos* is very strong!

## **TEFILLAH :: Yud-Beis Pesukim - Veshinantam**

*What do you do in your free time?*

At a rally, the Rebbe spoke to kids about what we do when we have extra time.

As Jewish kids, we have a different way of doing things! We don't just look at what everyone else does, we look at what the Torah says we should do.

And what does the Torah say?

**Veshinantam Levanecha Vedibarta Bam** — Parents and teachers have a responsibility to teach and discuss Torah with their children and their students!

**Beshivtecha Beveisecha** — When you are sitting in your house, after school or *shul*, that is also a time for Torah!

**Uvelechtech Vaderech** — When you are on your way somewhere, whether you are driving to school or to Bubby's house, that is a time for Torah too!

**Uveshachbecha Uvekumecha** — At bedtime and in the morning are also times for Torah!

After school, we are not finished learning! We can find a book, or a game, or a contest that will give us the chance to learn more.

When we are in the car, we can ask our parents to listen to Torah stories or *shiurim*!

Before we go to sleep, we can make sure we are learning something too! We can review the *Tanya* or *Mishnayos* we know by heart, or learn *Sefer Hamitzvos*.

In the morning, we can start off our day with *Chitas* or another *shiur*.

That way, we can be sure that we will be learning Torah in a way of **Veshinantam** — all the time!

*See sicha Yud-Beis Adar Tof-Shin-Mem-Beis*

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Derech Eretz B'Seudah**

*One very important thing about Yiddishkeit is that Torah doesn't only teach us about our davening and mitzvos, but about EVERY part of our lives! There are halachos that show us the Torah way to get dressed, eat, and do business.*

*Some of the halachos about eating are in part of Shulchan Aruch called “Hilchos Derech Eretz B'Seudah” — the halachos about how to behave when we eat.*

*Unfortunately, we don't have the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch to see how the Alter Rebbe explained these things, but we do have the regular Shulchan Aruch. Let's learn some of those halachos!*

The *Shulchan Aruch* teaches that we are not allowed to watch another person eat. We shouldn't look at him or at his plate to see what and how much he is eating.

The *Aruch Hashulchan* explains that this means when it might make the person embarrassed to have other people watching. For example, a guest might be embarrassed if people watch him eat, in case they think he is eating too much of their food.

So the *halacha* is that we shouldn't look at anyone else's food or at them while they are eating if they might be embarrassed.

*Shulchan Aruch siman Kuf-Ayin se'if Daled*

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Praise Hashem**

The tremendous *nisim* of the *Geulah* will make us want to praise Hashem! The *Navi* Yeshaya told his generation about this:

אָמַרְתֶּם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא הוֹדוּ לָהּ קְרָאוּ בְּשֵׁמוֹ הוֹדִיעוּ בְּעַמִּים עֲלִילְתִּיו הִזְכִּירוּ כִּי נִשְׁבַּב שְׂמוֹ

***Va'amartem Bayom Hahu*** — And you will say on that day:

***Hodu LaHashem*** — “Thank Hashem!

***Kiru Vishmo*** — Call out Hashem's name to praise Him!

***Hodiu Vo'amim Alilosav*** — Let all the nations know what Hashem has done!

***Hazkiru Ki Nisgav Shemo*** — Make sure everyone remembers to praise Hashem's name, which is so holy!”

This *posuk* brings comfort to the Yidden and reminds us that the *Geulah* is coming! It is one of the *pesukim* we say in *Veyitein Lecha*, the *bracha* we give each other at the beginning of the new week, on *Motzei Shabbos*!

*See Yeshaya perek Yud-Beis, posuk daled*

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