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may we soon hear the Great Shofar and welcome our Moshiach speedily and soon!

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CHUMASH :: Parshas Vayeilech - Rishon with Rashi

Moshe is *farbrenging* with the Yidden, on his last day in the world — *Zayin Adar*:

“Today I turned 120 years old, and even though I am still healthy and strong, I am not allowed to decide things anymore — now Yehoshua is in charge. I also don’t have the *koach* to decide things in Torah anymore.

“Hashem won’t let me cross the Yarden, but Hashem will go ahead of you and fight against the *Goyim* living there, and Yehoshua will lead you into Eretz Yisroel.”

TEHILLIM :: 140 - 150

Today we are going to finish the whole *Sefer Tehillim*! Since there are only 29 days in *Elul*, we say the *Tehillim* for day 29 AND day 30, *kapitelach Kuf-Mem* to *Kuf-Nun*. We also say three *kapitelach* for *Chodesh Elul*: *Pey-Hey*, *Pey-Vov*, and *Pey-Zayin*.

In *Kapitel Kuf-Mem-Zayin*, Dovid Hamelech talks about the greatness of Hashem and how He runs the world! At the end, he says “**Maggid Devarav LeYaakov, Chukav Umishpatav L’Yisrael.**” “Hashem tells over His words to the Yidden, and His *mitzvos*.”

The *Medrash* says about this *posuk* that people will sometimes tell others to do something, even though THEY

don't do it! Like a person will say "Eat all the food on your plate" — even though they didn't finish their chicken.

But Hashem does everything that He tells us to do! That's why it says HIS words and HIS *mitzvos* — Hashem does them too!

For example, Hashem puts on *Tefillin*. The *Gemara* tells us that in OUR *Tefillin*, it says how great Hashem is. In HASHEM'S *Tefillin*, it says how special the Yidden are and how proud Hashem is that we make the world into a comfortable place for Hashem!

(We learn about this in the *Bar Mitzvah Maamar*!)

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Tes

This letter wasn't printed in the Tanya at first — it was added in later! It doesn't have a Perek number itself, and we just count it as part of Igeres Yud-Tes which is before, since it is about the same thing.

In the last letter, we learned how Moshe Rabbeinu had his *nevuah* from the "back" (so to speak) of Hashem. The *posuk* says that he couldn't see Hashem's face. In this letter, we learn a *mashal* about this from the way a person thinks and speaks. Like the *posuk* says, "**MiBesari Echezeh Elokah**" — when I look at the way my *guf* works, I can understand Hashem.

Here is the *mashal*:

When a person talks, they are saying a lot of letters put together into words and then sentences and ideas. Where did those letters come from? They came from what the person was thinking. A person's thought has the *Pnimius* and the *Chitzonius*, the "face" and the "back."

Sometimes a person just thinks an idea, without words. That's the *pnimius* of a person's thought (*Machshava ShebeMachshava*).

Then there are times when a person thinks something with letters and words. That is the *Chitzonius* of a person's thought (called *Dibur ShebeMachshava*).

When a person talks, they have to use words that they thought about before in the *Chitzonius* of their *Machshavah*. Even if you are thinking about something else and talking at the same time, you can only say things that you have thought about before with letters and words.

That is a *mashal* for what we learned about Moshe Rabbeinu: The *nevuah* that he told the Yidden came from the "back" of Hashem, not straight from Hashem's *pnimius*. That's like our talking, — it can't come straight from the *Pnimius*, it has to come first from the *Chitzonius* of the *Machshavah* that has letters and words.

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Tes Elul

Today is the birthday of the Tzemach Tzedek!

In a letter to a chosid, the Frierdiker Rebbe tells him that he needs to be very careful to stay healthy — the Torah warns us about this! Then the Frierdiker Rebbe tells him:

The Alter Rebbe says that we have NO IDEA how precious a Yid's body is to Hashem!

This is also very important to think about Erev Rosh Hashana! Hashem judges us for all of the Gashmius things we will need this coming year — we need to remember how important it is to Hashem that Yidden should be healthy and have everything Gashmius that they need.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #130 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #137

Today's *mitzvah* is that certain women are not allowed to eat *Terumah* or parts of a *Korban Shelamim* that are given to a *kohen* (the *chazeh* and the *shok*).

This includes two kinds of women:

- 1) A *Chalalah*. This means someone who got married to a *kohen* when she wasn't allowed to, or their daughter.
- 2) A *Bas Kohen* (daughter of a *kohen*) who married someone who is NOT a *kohen*. While she is married, she is not allowed to eat *terumah* OR *korbanos*, since her husband is not a *kohen*.

If her husband passes away or she receives a *get*, and she does not have children, she can eat *Terumah* again if she goes back to live with her father who is a *kohen*. Still, she is not allowed to eat from these *korbanos*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Terumos

In today's Rambam, we learn the last three *perakim* about *Terumah*, *perakim Yud-Gimmel*, *Yud-Daled*, and *Tes-Vov*.

These *perakim* talk about what happens if *Terumah* gets mixed up with regular food.

One thing we learn is that it doesn't become *botul* (not counted) unless there is 100 times as much regular food! (For milk and meat, if there's 60 times as much it is enough.) So, for example, if one *Terumah* apple gets mixed up in a box of 100 other apples, we can take one apple and give it to the *kohen*, and the rest is all fine to eat.

If there is less, then the food is called "*Medumah*" and only a *kohen* can eat it.

The last *halacha* in today's Rambam teaches us about the special *bracha* on *Terumah*. First the *kohen* makes the regular *bracha* on food, and then he says the *bracha* "...*Asher Kidishanu Bikdushaso Shel Aharon Vetzivanu Le'echol Terumah!*"

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

In today's Rambam, we learn more *halachos* of how a person can make something belong to him in the Torah way. We see from these *halachos* how important it is to stay away from cheating by being very clear about exactly what we are selling.

In this *perek*, we learn about selling something that isn't there yet, like selling "whatever will grow on this tree." A person isn't allowed to do that, because it didn't grow yet! But the Rambam says that if someone says that "whatever grows in this field" belongs to *tzedakah*, he needs to keep his promise!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chassidishe Yom Tov

Today is the Tzemach Tzedek's birthday!

In the time of the Tzemach Tzedek, the *Chassidim* were hoping more than ever before that *Moshiach* would come. The Tzemach Tzedek made *shalom* between the *Chassidim* and *Misnagdim*, and explained how *Niglah* and *Chassidus* fit together.

With all of that *Achdus*, *Chassidim* were sure that *Moshiach* must be coming right away!

Our Rebbe also made *Achdus* with all kinds of *Yidden*, and showed us how all parts of *Torah* are really connected! So we can be SURE that *Moshiach* MUST be coming right away!

TEFILLAH :: Maariv of the Night of Rosh Hashana

Today is *Erev Rosh Hashana*, so we don't say *Tachanun*! We also don't blow the *shofar* after *davening*, like we usually do during *Chodesh Elul*. One of the reasons why is so that we separate between the *shofar* blowing of *Elul* which is a *minhag*, and the *shofar* blowing on *Rosh Hashana* which is a *mitzvah*. It is a *minhag* to have extra *kavana* and *daven Mincha*, the last *tefillah* of the year, with extra *kavana*!

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The *Rebbeim* would always have a very special *davening* on the first night of *Rosh Hashana*. In *Tof-Shin-Nun-Beis*, the *Rebbe* asked us that we also try to make our *davening* on the first night of *Rosh Hashana* extra special!

It is our *minhag* that after *davening* on the first night of *Rosh Hashana*, we wish each other personally, "***Leshana Tova Tikaseiv Veseichaseim!***" "You should be written and sealed for a good year!" (For a girl, we say "***Leshana Tova Tikaseivi Veseichaseimi.***")

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Erev Rosh Hashana

Here are some *halacha* newsletters for *Rosh Hashana*: *Halacha Newsletter by Rabbi Lesches (Melbourne)* and *Day By Day Halachic Guide by Badatz of Crown Heights*

Some of the things we need to do *Erev Rosh Hashana* are:

- An extra-long *Selichos*
- *Hataras Nedarim* (it's not our *minhag* for women to do it, they take away their promises in *Kol Nidrei*)
- This year, *Pruzbul*
- We DON'T blow the *Shofar*
- Give extra *Tzedakah*
- Write a *Pa"n* — we ask the *Rebbe* to ask *Hashem* for us that we should have a *Shana Tova* (The *Rebbe* is like the "head" of all *Yidden*, and since the head sometimes feels pain from the body more, and since the head is closer to *Hashem*, we make sure to ask the *Rebbe* — the head — to ask *Hashem* for a *Shana Tova* for each of us and for all *Yidden* together.)
- Make a *hachlata*

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Moshiach Down Here

The *Friediker Rebbe* once said that in a higher *Ruchnius'dike* world, *Moshiach* already came. They are already celebrating there! But here in this world, *Hashem* is waiting for *Yidden* to do *teshuvah* so that *Moshiach* can come.

The *Rebbe* also told us similar words, that *Moshiach* is already here and all we need to do is open up our eyes! Each of us just needs to do our part to prepare to greet *Moshiach B'poel Mamosh!*

See *Sefer Hasichos Tof-Shin-Alef* p. 81, *Sefer Hasichos Tof-Shin-Nun-Alef* and *Nun-Beis* in many places

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