

Chitas for Sunday, Parshas Vezos Habracha Erev Yom Kippur Tes Tishrei, 5784 - Shnas Hakhel

לעילוי נשמת ר' יוסף בנימין בן ר' מנשה קאלטמאן
~ by Rabbi Aryeh & Esther Kaltmann ~

מוקדש לחיזוק ההתקשרות לכ"ק אדמו"ר זי"ע נשיא דורנו ~ ע"י ברוך בן רחל ומשפחתו
ולעילוי נשמת אמו מרת רחל בת ר' שניאור זלמן יששכר געצל הלוי
ולעילוי נשמת ר' זיגמונד עזריאל בן בנימין ומנואלה בת ר' זיגמונד עזריאל

Chitas for the month of Tishrei is made possible in part
לעילוי נשמת הרה"ח הרה"ת הר"ר • הרה"ח הרה"ת הר"ר • פינחס מענטליק ולזכות רפואה שלימה וקרובה לזאב יחזקאל הכהן בן מינדל

Chitas for the month of Tishrei is made possible in part
by the Sachs Family
May they have tremendous hatzlacha in all of their endeavors!

Chitas for the month of Tishrei is made possible in part
Lizchus Devora Dina Esther bas Yehudit
May she have a Refuah Sheleimah Ukrovah!

This week is sponsored
Lizchus
שניאור זלמן בן הינדא
~ for a Refuah Sheleimah Ukrovah!
~ By the השלוחים ילדי of Maryland and DC~

This week is sponsored
in honor of the birthday of
Reuven Litzman • Yud-Beis Tishrei
~ by his family ~

Mazel Tov **Major Moishy Herskopol** (Kingston, PA)
~ 8th birthday Tes Tishrei ~
Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

CHUMASH :: Parshas Vezos Habracha - Rishon with Rashi

We are now starting to learn the last parsha of the Torah. It is the last day of Moshe Rabbeinu's life — Zayin Adar. Now that he finished farbrenging with the Yidden about how they should act in Eretz Yisroel, he is going to ask Hashem for brachos for each of the Shevatim.

Moshe Rabbeinu first says how much the Yidden deserve brachos! Even though Hashem asked ALL of the people in the world if they wanted the Torah, only the Yidden wanted it. Hashem gave them the Torah on Har Sinai, like a Chasunah!

By Matan Torah, Hashem held Har Sinai over the Yidden like a chuppah! The Yidden all came closer under the mountain, because they wanted to have to keep the Torah.

The Yidden were ready to go wherever Hashem wanted in the Midbar.

They will also keep the Torah even when things are hard in *Golus* and it looks like Hashem is nicer to the *Goyim*! They will say, “**Torah Tziva Lanu Moshe...**” — “the Torah is like a present that belongs forever to the ‘family’ of Yidden, and we will keep it forever!”

Reuven: Moshe asked Hashem to forgive Reuven for moving Yaakov’s bed. He should be able to go into *Olam Haba*, and his *Shevet* should stay a *Shevet*.

Yehudah: Moshe asked the same *bracha* for Yehudah: Yehudah promised Yaakov that if he didn’t bring Benjamin back with him, he will lose his part of *Olam Haba*. Even though he DID bring Benjamin back, a promise of a *Tzadik* is still a promise!

But when Yehudah told the truth about doing something wrong with Tamar, it made Reuven realize that he should do *Teshuvah* too. Since Hashem will forgive Reuven, He should of course forgive Yehudah, who made Reuven do *Teshuvah*! (And right when Moshe Rabbeinu said this, Yehudah WAS let into *Olam Haba*!)

Shimon: Moshe didn’t give *Shevet Shimon* its own *bracha*, because Zimri was from Shimon, and many Yidden passed away in Shittim because of *Shevet Shimon*. Still, he hinted to Shimon in his *bracha* to Yehudah, by using the word “*Shema*” — like “Shimon.”

TEHILLIM :: 49 - 54

Today’s *shiur Tehillim* is *kapitelach Mem-Tes* through *Nun-Daled*. We also say *kapitelach Kuf-Yud-Beis*, *Kuf-Yud-Gimmel*, and *Kuf-Yud-Daled*. The rest of the *kapitelach* until the end of *Sefer Tehillim* are finished starting right before *Kol Nidrei* until after *Ne’ilah*, as is printed in the *Machzor*.

Starting today, until after the second day of *Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*, we do not say *Tachanun*. Based on the Frierdiker Rebbe’s *takana*, on a day we don’t say *Tachanun*, we say *Kapitel Chof* before we say the daily *shiur* of *Tehillim*.

In a *maamar*, which starts with the words “*Kevod Malchus’cha Yomeiru U’gvuras’cha Yedabeiru*,” the Alter Rebbe teaches us something very special about *teshuvah*, the *Avodah* we are working on now, and *Kapitel Chof*!

Usually we bring *kedusha* down into the world by learning Torah and doing *mitzvos*. But the *chayus* of Hashem that we bring down when we do *teshuvah* is much higher! It is the kind of *Elokus* that was in the *Beis Hamikdash*, in the *Kodesh Hakodoshim*! This kind of *Elokus* isn’t hidden in the world like most of Hashem’s *chayus* is.

How does *Teshuvah* bring down such a high level of Hashem?

The Alter Rebbe tells us that we can see the answer in the last words of *Kapitel Chof*: “**Yaaneinu Beyom Koreinu**” — Hashem should answer us on the day that we call.

When someone calls out to us or asks something, we usually answer them back the same way. If someone asks in a joking way, we answer them in a joking way. If they ask a deep question, we try to give them a deep answer.

The same way, Hashem also answers us the way we call out to Him. When we call out to Hashem in a way of *Teshuvah*, which comes from a very deep place inside of a Yid’s *neshama*, we bring down a very deep level of *Elokus* — this very high level like in the *Beis Hamikdash*!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof

In this letter the Alter Rebbe is telling us how the *gashmius* world we live in has such a strong *koach* of Hashem — much more than *Gan Eden* or any *ruchniyus* world. We learned that the *koach* of *Ein Sof* is in the words (the *Asara Maamaros*) that Hashem used to make the world, and that *koach* makes it become something from nothing every moment.

That is what is special about *mitzvos* too. They are all done with *gashmius* things that were all created with this special *koach* from Hashem.

That's also why we find in *Kabbalah* that the *chayus* of Hashem in *mitzvos* is higher than everything — even more than in Torah! That's because the *chayus* of Hashem that makes the *gashmiyus* that we do *mitzvos* with always also has this special *koach* of *Ein Sof* in it, that is greater than everything.

HAYOM YOM :: Tes Tishrei

Minhagim:

At *Kaparos*, we say the paragraph “*Bnei Adam*” 3 times, and each time we circle the chicken 3 times around our head, so it goes around 9 times.

Until the end of *Tishrei*, we don't say *Tachanun*.

Malkos: (We give “*Malkos*” on *Erev Yom Kippur*, in case we deserve it! The person giving the *Malkos* doesn't do it hard, though!) The one who gives the *Malkos* says “*Vehu Rachum*” together with the person he is giving *Malkos* to.

On *Erev Yom Kippur*, our job is to feel bad for things that happened before, and on *Yom Kippur*, we decide that we are going to do better in the future.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #155 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #75, #76, Asei #24, Lo Saasei #69, #70, #71

Today we learn 6 *mitzvos* for *kohanim* in the *Beis Hamikdash*:

1) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #75*) A *kohen* who is *tamei* is not allowed to do any *Avodah* in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וַיִּנְזְרוּ מִקִּדְשֵׁי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֹא יַחֲלִלוּ אֶת שֵׁם קִדְשִׁי

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #76*) A *kohen* who already did all the steps to become *Tahor*, but still is supposed to wait until the night to become completely *tahor* (called a “*Tevul Yom*”), is also not allowed to do any *Avodah* until he becomes completely *tahor*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְלֹא יַחֲלִלוּ שֵׁם אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

3) (*Mitzvas Asei #24*) The *kohanim* need to wash their hands and feet (from the *Kiyor*) before they do their *Avodah*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Ki Sisa*: וְרָחֲצוּ אַחֲרָיו וּבְנָיו מִמַּנּוֹ אֶת יְדֵיהֶם וְאֶת רַגְלֵיהֶם בְּבָאֵם אֶל אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד
The details are explained in *Mesechta Zevachim perek Beis*.

4) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #69*) A *kohen* with a *mum* is not allowed to GO INTO parts of the *Beis Hamikdash* that are only for doing *Avodah*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: אֲךָ אֶל הַפֶּרֶכֶת לֹא יָבֹא וְאֶל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לֹא יִגַּשׁ וְגו'

5) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #70*) A *kohen* with a *mum* is not allowed to DO *Avodah*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: אֲשֶׁר יְהִי בּוֹ מוּם לֹא יִקְרָב

6) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #71*) If a *kohen* has a *mum* that will go away, he is also not allowed to do *Avodah* in the *Beis Hamikdash* until it does go away.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: כָּל אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר בּוֹ מוּם לֹא יִקְרָב

The details are explained in *Mesechta Bechoros perek Zayin*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Biyas HaMikdash

In today's *Rambam*, we learn more about the *kohanim* and their *Avodah*.

Perek Hey: Before the *Avodah*, a *kohen* needs to make himself *tahor* by using the *kiyor*. One *halacha* is that the *kohen* needs to wash his hands and feet every morning, even if he was up all night doing his *avodah*.

Perek Vov: We start learning the *halachos* about a *kohen* who has a *mum*.

Perek Zayin: There are 15 things that could be wrong that count as a *mum* if they are in a person, and ALSO if they are in an animal.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shevisas Yom Tov - Perek Vov

Today we learn about an *Eruv Tavshilin*. We need to start cooking before *Yom Tov* and make an *Eruv* in order to be able to cook for *Shabbos* when *Yom Tov* is *Erev Shabbos*.

We also learn about being happy on *Yom Tov*! What makes someone happy? The *Rambam* says that the way to make sure kids are happy on *Yom Tov* is to have nuts and candies! For women, they are happy with new clothes and jewelry. Men should eat meat and drink wine to be happy on *Yom Tov*.

But we need to be careful that our *Simcha* on *Yom Tov* is a *Simchas Mitzvah*, a *simcha* from doing a *mitzvah*, and not just *Simcha* of the stomach! By sharing our delicious *Yom Tov* food and drink with poor or lonely people, our *Simchas Yom Tov* will be a *Simchas Mitzvah*!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Birchas Habonim

Before the fathers go to *Shul* for *Kol Nidrei*, they give a *bracha* to their children. Our *Minhag* is for the father to *bentch* his children with the words of *Birkas Kohanim*.

After *Mincha*, the *Rebbe* would give a *bracha* to all of the *Yidden*, and then before *Kol Nidrei*, the *Rebbe* would give a special *bracha*, *Birchas Habonim* to the *bochurim* in *Yeshiva*. The *Rebbe* said that since they are learning in the *Rebbe's yeshiva*, they are the *Rebbe's children*!

TEFILLAH :: Erev Yom Kippur

Usually, after *Boruch She'amar*, we say the paragraph of *Mizmor Lesodah*. But today, *Erev Yom Kippur*, we skip this paragraph. *Mizmor Lesodah* speaks about the *Korban Todah*, and this *korban* would not be brought on *Erev Yom Kippur* in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

We also don't say *Tachanun* or *Avinu Malkeinu* in *davening*.

We *daven Mincha* longer than usual, and with extra *kavana* to do *teshuvah*! Use a *Yom Kippur Machzor* for

Mincha of *Erev Yom Kippur*, because we say *Al Cheit* at the end of *Shemoneh Esrei*. (If you forgot to say it during *Shemoneh Esrei*, you can say it after *davening*.)

See *Shevach Hamoadim*, *Hilchos Yomim Nora'im*

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Erev Yom Kippur

We learned some *Minhagim* in *Hayom Yom*, but we have some more *Minhagim* for *Erev Yom Kippur*:

We “*bet lekach*” — asking for a piece of *Lekach* (honey cake). Some people say that we do this because Torah is called “*Lekach*” (“**Ki Lekach Tov Nosati Lochem**”) but the simple reason is so that Hashem should give us a sweet year!

It is also a *minhag* to eat *Kreplach* — there is even a *maamar* of the Alter Rebbe that explains *Kreplach* and why we eat them three times during the year!

There are many more halachos for Yom Kippur. See the Halacha Newsletters from Badatz of Crown Heights, and Rabbi Shmuel Lesches of Melbourne to review them all!

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Avodah in Musaf

During the Three Weeks, we learned all about how the *Beis Hamikdash* looked. That makes it easier for us to understand what is going on when we hear about how the *korbanos* were brought.

In the *Musaf* of *Yom Kippur*, we go through all of the details of the *Avodah* of *Yom Kippur*. By paying attention when we say these words (look inside the English if you don't understand), you will be able to picture the way the *Avodah* of *Yom Kippur* was done in the *Beis Hamikdash*, and the way it will be done in the *Beis Hamikdash Hashlishi* very soon!

- Credits, sponsorships, and contact info at KidsChitas.org -