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## **CHUMASH :: Parshas Eikev - Chamishi with Rashi**

Moshe Rabbeinu is still *farbrenging* with the Yidden, teaching them how to act, so that they will be successful in Eretz Yisroel.

“Yidden! What does Hashem want from you? To have *Yiras Shomayim*, so you will do all of Hashem’s *mitzvos*!

“Think about all of the special things Hashem did for you! The entire world belongs to Hashem. And still, Hashem chose YOU, from all of the nations of the world, to be His special nation!

“You were just 70 people when you went down to Mitzrayim, and now Hashem helped you grow so that you’re as many as the stars of the sky!

“Remember all of the ways Hashem helped you in the *Midbar*, all of the good things He gave you!

“Now also remember what happened to the Yidden who didn’t listen to Hashem. Make sure to do what Hashem wants, so you will be able to live in Eretz Yisroel for a long time!”

*In the introduction to Shaar Hayichud Veba’emunah, the Alter Rebbe says that in this shiur of Chumash, Moshe Rabbeinu was helping the Yidden have the Ahavas Hashem we learn about in Shema! The words of these pesukim give us things to think about which will help us feel a love for Hashem. By thinking about how Hashem runs the entire world, but shows a special love just for the Yidden, we will love Hashem too!*

## **TEHILLIM :: 97 - 103**

*Today’s kapitelach of Tehillim are Tzadik-Zayin to Kuf-Gimmel.*

In one of today’s *kapitelach*, we have a *posuk* that says “**Horiu LaHashem Kol Ha’aretz**” — “everyone in the world should sing to Hashem!”

It is brought in *Chassidus* that the words “Horiu LaHashem Kol Ha’aretz” are the *Roshei Teivos* of (the first letters spell the word) *Halacha*!

When we follow *Halacha*, the way the *Aibershter* wants things to be, that’s like the world is singing together to Hashem!

## **TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Vov**

*In the times of the Alter Rebbe, the Chassidim were expected to spend a lot of their time on Avodas Halev, bringing out feelings of Ahava and Yirah through Avodah in Tefillah. In this letter, the Alter Rebbe is telling them that Tzedakah will help them with this Avodah! The Alter Rebbe sent this letter along with the Shluchim who were collecting money for Colel Chabad in Eretz Yisroel.*

*The Alter Rebbe started telling us how we get a special reward for giving Tzedakah — we get the midah of Emes! Today, we learn why we need this reward and how we get it through giving Tzedakah:*

A Yid needs to have *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem*. The main way we do this is by using our mind and heart to bring out feelings of love and fear of Hashem.

But there is something that can help our *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem* be much stronger! This is when Hashem helps us by giving us a “present” from above. This present is being able to feel some of the *Emes* of Hashem, the way things really are. Of course, when we have that feeling, our *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem* will be able to be felt in a much stronger way.

Now, when does Hashem help a person to feel this strong *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem*?

A person starts by connecting to Hashem with HIS *emes*, and feeling the *Rachmonus* for the *neschama* in a true and real way.

But for a person's *emes* to actually bring down the "present" of Hashem's *midah* of *Emes*, we need an extra *koach*!

When a Yid has *Rachmanus* on another Yid, and gives *tzedakah* to help him, Hashem connects His *emes* with that person's *emes*. Then the person is able to get that special present of feeling *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem* in a true way!

The Alter Rebbe shows that this especially true when we give *tzedakah* to Eretz Yisroel!

## **HAYOM YOM :: Chof Menachem Av**

Today we will learn that the *mitzvah* of *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem* is something that we need to feel in *Gashmius*!

There are many *mitzvos* we can FEEL: Like when we put on *Tefillin*, we can feel how the *Tefillin* are heavy on our head, and the straps are tight around our arm.

Did you know that we need to FEEL *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem* too? They are also *mitzvos* that should be felt in our heart!

What does it feel like to have *Ahavas Hashem*, to love Hashem?

Imagine that we have a close friend who moved to a different country. We write each other letters, and even sometimes call, but it's not the same as seeing them. Then, one day, our friend comes to visit! Even though we might have a lot of things that usually bother us, we are so excited and happy to see our friend that we forget about them! We feel much happier about everything, and are sure that it will all be good.

*Our love for Hashem should make us feel that way inside too! We should feel so good that we aren't worried about things anymore. We are so glad to feel close to Hashem that we are sure everything will be wonderful.*

What does it feel like to have *YIRAS Hashem*, to fear Hashem?

*Imagine that we are working on a big project for a big group of important people. All of the sudden, the head of those people comes in to check on how we are doing! We get a shaky feeling inside — are we doing what we should be doing? Will he be happy with what we've done?*

We can feel our *Yiras Hashem* in three ways:

- 1) If we realize that we were doing something wrong, that is called "*Yiras HaOnesh*," we are afraid we might be punished from *Shomayim*.
- 2) If we feel embarrassed of ourselves and the way we act, that's called "*Yirah Boshes*."
- 3) Sometimes a person will feel amazed, like the way we feel when we see a huge mountain or waterfall or a sunrise. That's *Yiras HaRomemus* — realizing how great and special Hashem is!

When we have *Yiras Hashem*, it needs to make us feel one of these ways — afraid, ashamed, or awed, knowing that Hashem sees and knows about everything we do.

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #167 - Mitzvas Asei #43, #44, #45, #46, #47, #48, #50, #51**

Today we learn EIGHT *mitzvos*, about bringing eight special *Yom Tov korbanos*! We learn these *mitzvos* in

*Parshas Emor* and *Pinchas*, where we learn about the *Yomim Tovim*.

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #43*) We bring an extra *korban* on each day of *Pesach*!

We learn this *mitzvah*, called the *Musaf Chag Hamatzos*, from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם אֶשֶׁה לָהּ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #44*) On the second day of *Pesach*, we bring the *Korban Omer*, which is made out of flour! This is also called “*Minchas Bikurim*.” We bring it together with a lamb as a *Korban Olah*.

We also learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְהִבְאֵתָם אֶת עֹמֶר רֵאשִׁית קִצְרֵיכֶם

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Yud* of *Mesechta Menachos*.

3) (*Mitzvas Asei #45*) 50 days after we bring the *Korban Omer*, we bring the *Atzeres (Shavuos) Korban*!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַיּוֹם הַבְּכוּרִים בְּהִקְרִיבְכֶם מִנְחָה חֲדָשָׁה לָהּ וְגו' וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עֹלָה לְרִיחַ נִיחַח

4) (*Mitzvas Asei #46*) On *Shavuos*, we bring two loaves of *Chometz'dik* bread, together with certain *korbanos* that are written in the Torah.

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: מִמּוֹשְׁבֵיכֶם תָּבִיאוּ לֶחֶם תְּנוּפָה שְׁתֵּי

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perakim Daled, Hey, Ches, Yud, and Yud-Alef* of *Mesechta Menachos*.

5) (*Mitzvas Asei #47*) On *Rosh Hashana*, we bring an extra *korban*, the *Musaf Rosh Hashana*!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַחֲדָשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּאַחַד לְחֹדֶשׁ וְגו' וַעֲשִׂיתֶם עֹלָה לְרִיחַ נִיחַח לָהּ

6) (*Mitzvas Asei #48*) We bring an extra *korban* on *Yom Kippur*!

This *mitzvah* also comes from *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַעֲשׂוֹר לְחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי וְגו' וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עֹלָה לָהּ רִיחַ נִיחַח

7) (*Mitzvas Asei #50*) We bring extra *korbanos* each day of *Sukkos*!

Even though the Torah says the *korbanos* of each day of *Sukkos* separately, all of the seven days of *Yom Tov* are only counted as one *mitzvah*.

This *mitzvah* is also from *Parshas Pinchas*: וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עֹלָה אֶשֶׁה רִיחַ נִיחַח לָהּ

8) (*Mitzvas Asei #51*) On *Shemini Atzeres* we bring an extra *korban*!

The *Chachomim* explain that *Shemini Atzeres* is counted as its own *Yom Tov*, not just part of *Sukkos*, so the *korbanos* of the eighth day are counted as a separate *mitzvah*.

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Temidin U'Musafin**

*In today's Rambam, we learn more about how we bring these Korbanos.*

**Perek Vov:** This *perek* of Rambam is like reading a story, about how the *kohanim* wake up in the morning and go do their *Avodah*!

**Perek Zayin:** We learn about bringing the special *korban* for *Rosh Chodesh*, and the *Pesach korbanos* and the *Korban Omer*. We hear how they would cut the barley for the *Korban Omer*: *Erev Pesach*, they would tie the barley into bundles while it was still growing, to make it easier to cut. After *Yom Tov*, everyone would come out to watch! They would ask each of these questions three times out loud to make sure everyone understood what was happening, and everyone would answer together:

- Did the sun set? — YES!
- Is this a sickle? (a special kind of knife to cut plants) — YES!
- Is this a basket? — YES!

- If it was Shabbos: “Is it Shabbos?” — YES!
- Should I cut the barley? — CUT!

They asked each question three times, and each time, everyone would answer out loud.

The Rambam explains why it was done with such a big deal: Because there were *Tzedukim* who explained the Torah differently, and the *Chachomim* wanted to make sure that everyone understood the correct way to follow the words of the Torah.

The Rambam then tells us exactly how the *korban* was prepared!

**Perek Ches:** In this *perek*, the Rambam teaches us about the two *Chometz'dike* loaves of bread we bring on *Shavuos*.

## **RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shluchim VeShutfin - Perek Gimmel**

This *perek* teaches us about how a person can send a *shliach* to argue for him in *Beis Din*. (That's like a lawyer.)

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Chof Av**

Today is a special day on the *Chassidishe* calendar — it is the *yartzeit* of the Rebbe's father, R' Levi Yitzchak.

*The Rebbe's father was the Rav in Yekatrinoslav. Because he didn't stop teaching Torah and mitzvos to the Yidden, the government punished him by sending him far away to a small town called Chi'li.*

*Even while in Golus, R' Levik continued to write down words of Torah, like explanations to the Zohar. There was no way to buy paper in Ch'ili, so R' Levik wrote in the white spaces around the words of the few seforim that the government allowed him to take with him. There was no ink in Ch'ili either, so the Rebbe's mother, Rebbetzin Chana, boiled different grasses and flowers to make ink for him to use. Since each batch of ink had different grasses, you can see that the words in R' Levik's seforim are written with many different colors!*

*Some Chassidim paid a lot of money for R' Levik to be able to go to a bigger city where he could be warmer, but he was already very sick and passed away there, in Alma Ata.*

R' Levi Yitzchak had *Mesiras Nefesh* in Russia to spread *Yiddishkeit*. Because of this, he passed away at a young age.

We can learn from the Rebbe's father to also have at least some kind of *Mesiras Nefesh*, making sure that we are doing what we are supposed to, for ourselves and to help others, even when it is hard or uncomfortable.

Many of his *Chiddushei Torah* we STILL don't have — they are probably somewhere in Russia. The Rebbe said that if we make a *hachlata* to learn these *Chiddushei Torah* as soon as they are found, Hashem will help that we will find them faster!

## **TEFILLAH :: Ve'al Kein**

Before the war with Yericho, Yehoshua *bin* Nun warned the Yidden not to take anything from the city for themselves! It was all going to be given to Hashem.

But one of the soldiers, a man named Achan, wasn't able to overcome his *Yetzer Hara*. He took some of the treasures of Yericho for himself.

Hashem was upset at the Yidden, and in the next battle, with the city of Ai, unfortunately many soldiers were killed.

Yehoshua tried to find out why Hashem made this happen, and learned what Achan had done. Yehoshua took Achan to *Beis Din*, and they *paskened* that he was *chayav misa*, that he needed to be killed as a *kapara* for his *aveira*.

Before Achan received his punishment, he wrote the second part of *Aleinu*, *Ve'al Kein*. We see this hinted to in the first words, "*Al Kein Nekaveh*." The first letters of each of these words spell the name of Achan.

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Kissing the Sefer Torah**

There are many *halachos* that we do to show *kavod* and love for the *Sefer Torah*. One way is by kissing the *Sefer Torah* when it is carried past us in *shul*.

There is a *minhag* brought in *Shulchan Aruch* that when the *Sefer Torah* comes out in *shul*, we should especially bring children to come and kiss it. This will help in their *chinuch* and get them excited to do *mitzvos*!

See *Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim siman 149*

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Feeling Better from the Churban**

The *Navi* Hoshea warned the Yidden of his time about the *Churban*, if they wouldn't do *teshuvah*. But he also reminded them that Hashem always loves the Yidden, and that we would see that in the times of the *Geulah*.

The *Navi* told the Yidden that even though the first and second *Beis Hamikdash* would be destroyed, Hashem would build a third one in the times of the *Geulah*. Then the Yidden would feel better from the *Churban*:

יְחַיֵּינוּ מִיָּמִים בְּיוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי יִקְמְנוּ וְנִחְיֶה לְפָנָיו

***Yechayeinu Miyomayim*** — Hashem will make us feel better again from the two days (from the two times the *Beis Hamikdash* were destroyed)

***Bayom Hashlishi Yekimeinu*** — On the third day (when the third *Beis Hamikdash* will be built), He will help us get up

***Venichyeh Lefanav*** — And we will live in front of Hashem.

See *Hoshea perek Vov posuk Beis*

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