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CHUMASH :: Parshas Ki Savo - Shlishi with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden how they should keep their connection to Hashem new and full of *chayus*!

Even though you are being given the *mitzvos* now, you shouldn't ever get bored of them. You should feel excited, as if Hashem is giving you the *mitzvah* TODAY for the first time!

Hashem will reward you by giving you more and more chances to do *mitzvos*. For example, when a Yid will bring *bikurim*, Hashem will give him a *bracha* that he should have fruits growing again next year, so he will

need to do the *mitzvah* of *bikurim* again!

Moshe Rabbeinu also reminds the Yidden to serve Hashem and ONLY Hashem.

Hashem will reward the Yidden by choosing ONLY them to be His special nation!

TEHILLIM :: 79 - 82

Today's *shiur Tehillim* is *kapitelach Ayin-Tes to Pey-Beis*. For *Elul*, we say *kapitelach Mem-Vov, Mem-Zayin, and Mem-Ches*.

There is a niggun in each one of these kapitelach! Do you know them all?

In *Kapitel Pey*, Dovid Hamelech starts asking Hashem that “**Roei Yisroel Haazina, Noheg Katzon Yosef**.” “The Shepherd of Yidden, listen, the One who takes care of Yosef like sheep.”

In this *posuk*, Yidden are called with TWO names: Yisroel and Yosef.

We know Yidden are called *Bnei Yisroel*, because we are all children of Yaakov Avinu, who is also called Yisroel. But why are all Yidden called with the name Yosef, if he was only one of the *Shevatim*?

The reason is because in the time when there was no food in Eretz Yisroel, Yosef was the one who fed all the Yidden. Since he gave all the Yidden *chayus*, we are all called in this *posuk* by his name!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Daled

The Alter Rebbe is telling *Chassidim* that they need to give *tzedaka* like they did when Colel Chabad just started and it was new and exciting — but now, they should give even more!

Why?

There is a special *Ruchnius'dike Chayus* from Hashem that shines into the world every year. At the end of the year, the *mitzvos* we did all year go up to Hashem, and when we blow the *Shofar*, a new and stronger *chayus* comes into the world. First it comes into Eretz Yisroel, and from there, it shines into the whole world!

This *chayus* is hiding, but if Yidden do *teshuvah* (especially during *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*) and do what Hashem wants, we will be able to feel it and benefit from it!

Since there is a new *chayus* this year, we need to also give *tzedakah* with a new *chayus*! Even though we already heard about this *tzedakah* before, it should feel new and exciting, and we should want to give a lot.

This *tzedakah* we are giving will also be the *zechus* for us to FEEL the new *chayus* from Hashem that comes into the world in the new year!

HAYOM YOM :: Tes-Zayin Elul

In today's *Hayom Yom*, we learn an explanation of the Alter Rebbe on a *Gemara*, which teaches us how incredible it is to do a favor for another Yid!

When you do a favor for someone else, you probably know that you did a mitzvah of Ahavas Yisroel!

But do you know HOW MANY PEOPLE you helped with that Ahavas Yisroel?

It says in the *Gemara* that when you save one Yid, it is like you are really saving a whole world!

Based on this, the Alter Rebbe said that when we do something for another person, we should realize that we are really helping him, his children, his grandchildren... all the way until *Moshiach* comes!

Why?

Because we should look at a *neshama* the way it is in *Adam Kadmon* — the part of Hashem before the *Neshamos* even go into separate people! There, we can see how the *neshama* is together with every *neshama* that will come from it. And when we help that one *neshama*, we are really helping EVERYONE that will come from it. So we aren't just helping one Yid, we are helping a whole world!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #72 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #355

In today's *Sefer Hamitzvos* we learn the same *mitzvah* as yesterday again (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #355*) — that a person is not allowed to act like he is married to a woman without first doing the *mitzvah* of *Kiddushin*, getting married according to Torah.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Ki Seitzei*: לֹא תִהְיֶה קְדֻשָּׁה מִבְּנוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל
The details are explained in *Mesechta Kesubos* and *Kiddushin*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Ishus

In today's Rambam, we are learning more about doing *Kiddushin* with conditions — saying “I'll get married to you with this thing IF...”

One thing we learn is that if a person says “I'll get married to you with this gold coin” — and really it's not gold, but it's silver, they are NOT married.

Today we also start learning about getting married with *Nisuin*. There are 7 *brachos* we say for the *Nisuin* — six about getting married, and *Borei Peri Hagafen* over a cup of wine.

We also learn about the *Kesubah*, the *Sheva Brachos*, and when we are supposed to get married — like not getting married on Shabbos or *Chol Hamoed*.

We also have the famous *halacha*, where the Rambam teaches us that with a thought of *teshuvah*, a person can become a *tzadik* in one moment!

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Maaser Sheini VeNeta Reva'i - Perek Zayin

We learn *halachos* about the food that is bought with the money of *Maaser Sheini*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chassidische Parsha - Ki Savo

Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden in this week's *Chumash* (the *Chumash* of Shabbos) that they saw all the *Nissim* that Hashem made for them, from going out of *Mitzrayim* until now — right before they will go into *Eretz Yisroel*.

Still, Moshe Rabbeinu says that Hashem didn't give you a “*Leiv Lodaas*” — a heart to understand — until today. Until now, they felt things by themselves, but now, HASHEM will give them a special *chayus* in their *neshama* that they never felt before! They will need this special *chayus* so they can go into *Eretz Yisroel*!

The Alter Rebbe says that the same thing happens every year during the *Aseres Yemei Teshuva*. Hashem gives a special *chayus* into the *Neshama* of every Yid, so we have extra *koach* to do *Teshuvah*, come close to Hashem, and get a *Ksiva Vachasima Tova* — and a year of *Geulah* for all of the Yidden!

See *Likutei Torah parshas Ki Savo, maamar Vayikra Moshe*

TEFILLAH :: Shemoneh Esrei on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur

The way *Shemoneh Esrei* is set up is that there are 3 *brachos* at the beginning praising Hashem, *brachos* in the middle asking Hashem for our needs, and 3 *brachos* at the end praising Hashem again.

The *Chachomim* teach us that these three *brachos* at the beginning of *Shemoneh Esrei* are very special. We ONLY praise Hashem and mention the *zechus* of the *Avos*. We are careful not to add anything or to ask for anything during this time when we speak about the greatness of Hashem.

But on *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*, we do add something!

On these holiest days of the year, we add FIVE paragraphs in the first *brachos* of *Shemoneh Esrei*! In these paragraphs, we are not speaking more about Hashem's praises. We are asking Hashem for something very important. In each of these five paragraphs, we are asking Hashem to bring the *Geulah*!

Because this is such a special time, the *Chachomim* added these paragraphs in the middle of Hashem's praises. This helps us realize how important it is to ask Hashem to bring *Moshiach* now!

Sicha of Rosh Hashana, Hisvaaduyos 5744, vol. 1, p. 27

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Arba Minim for Kids

Starting from 30 days before, we start thinking about the *Yomim Tovim* coming up! We already started learning about *Rosh Hashana*, which is coming up in 2 weeks, but it is already less than 30 days to *Sukkos*! So we will also learning something about *Sukkos*:

It is a good thing to buy a kosher set of the *Daled Minim* (*Lulav, Esrog, Hadassim* and *Aravos*) for boys over age 6, which is the age of *chinuch miderabanan*. Every home (or at least every community) should have a set of the *Daled Minim* that is especially for children. (Of course, boys over *Bar Mitzvah* should have their own *mehudar* set).

The reason why we should have a set of *Arba Minim* for children is because you are supposed to make a *bracha* over a set that belongs to you. If you don't have your own, someone else can give it to you as a *Matana Al Menas Lehachazir*, a present that you will give back afterwards (they should tell you that they are doing this). This way it will belong to you when you make the *bracha*.

But the *halacha* is that a child of the age of *chinuch* is allowed to GET a present, but cannot GIVE a present to an adult. So if you give your *Lulav* to a child as a *Matana Al Menas Lehachazir*, you can't get it back — and then the adults won't have a *Lulav* and *Esrog* to make a *bracha* on!

So if you only have one set of the *Daled Minim*, you should NOT give it to children as a *Matana Al Menas Lehachazir*, instead you should just let them borrow it. But then the kids are not doing the *mitzvah* properly, because they are not making a *bracha* on a set that belongs to them. That's why it is best to have a set that is just for the kids, that they can give each other as a *Matana Al Menas Lehachazir*.

That is probably the reason why children were not allowed to shake the Rebbe's *Lulav* and *Esrog* during the

main days of *Sukkos*. In the later years, on *Hoshaana Rabbah*, after the adults finished *bentching*, the children were given the Rebbe's *Lulav* and *Esrog* to make a *bracha* on.

See *Halachos Uminhagei Chabad* p. 60

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Hashem Will Rest in Yerushalayim

In the middle of *perek Beis*, the *Navi* Zecharia starts a new *nevuah* to the Yidden! Much of this *nevuah* talks about the times of *Moshiach*.

(This *nevuah* is the *haftorah* for *Parshas Behaalosecha* and *Shabbos Chanukah*, because in this *nevuah*, Zechariah saw a *menorah*! In *Parshas Behaalosecha* we learn about the *Menorah*, and *Chanukah* we light the *menorah*!)

Hashem tells the Yidden to be happy, because He will again rest in Yerushalayim, together with the Yidden!

רְנֵי וְשִׂמְחֵי בֵּית צִיּוֹן כִּי הִנְנִי בָּא וְשֹׁכֵנִתִּי בְּתוֹכְךָ וְנָאֵם ה'

Rani Vesimchi Bas Tzion — Sing and be happy, daughter of Tzion (Yerushalayim)

Ki Hineni Va — Because, look! I will come

Veshachanti Vesocheich — And I will rest among you.

Ne'um Hashem — So says Hashem.

See Zechariah *perek Beis* *posuk Yud-Daled*

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