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CHUMASH :: Parshas Ki Seitzei - Shlishi with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu is teaching the Yidden more *mitzvos* they will do in Eretz Yisroel!

Moshe Rabbeinu teaches the Yidden the *mitzvos* of *Maakeh*, *Kilayim*, *Shatnez*, and *Tzitzis*. Rashi says that we learn about these *mitzvos* here to teach us that if you do the *mitzvah* of **Shiluach Haken**, sending away the mother bird (which we learned about yesterday), then you will get to do a bunch of other *mitzvos* too, as a reward for the *mitzvah*!

- Hashem will *bentch* you with a new house — and you will have to build a **Maakeh**, a fence around the roof so nobody will fall off *chas veshalom* and hurt themselves.

- You will be *bentched* with fields — and you will be careful not to mix kinds of plants together — **Kilayim**. You will be careful with *Kilayim* by not growing other plants together with grapes, and not making two different kinds of animals shlep a plow together.

- You will be *bentched* with nice clothes, and you will be careful not to wear **Shatnez** — wool and linen mixed together.

- But when you wear **Tzitzis**, you CAN wear *Shatnez* — because the threads are supposed to be wool, and you can attach them even to a linen cloth.

Now Moshe warns the Yidden, that if they chas veshalom do something wrong, Aveira Goreres Aveira — one aveira can make it easier to do more.

If someone hates his wife (which is not keeping the *mitzvah* of *Ahavas Yisroel*), and tells not true things about her (another *aveira*) to the *Beis Din*, her family comes to the *Beis Din* and proves that she didn't do those things. That man gets punished, and has to pay his wife's family 100 *shekel*, and has to stay married to her unless SHE doesn't want to. If she DID do those serious *aveiros*, though, she gets punished with *Sekilah*.

Yidden being married is a very special thing! We need to be careful to keep it holy.

Nobody else can get married to a woman who is already married! If somebody does, they both are punished by the *Beis Din*.

If someone tries to get married to a girl without her permission, he has to pay her money.

A man can't marry his father's wife, even if it isn't his mother. He also can't marry his father's sister-in-law who is waiting for someone to do *Yibum*.

There are some people who can't marry other Yidden: Someone who is called a *Petzua Daka* and can't have children, can only marry a *Ger* or a slave who was let free. A *Mamzer*, a person whose parents did certain *aveiros*, can only marry another *Mamzer* or a *Ger Tzedek*. Men from Amon and Moav, nations that did such mean things to the Yidden, are not allowed to marry Yidden, even if they become Jewish.

TEHILLIM :: 29 - 34

Today's shiur Tehillim is kapitelach Chof-Tes to Lamed-Daled. We also say kapitelach Yud-Gimmel, Yud-Daled, and Tes-Vov for Chodesh Elul.

*Kapitel Lamed-Gimmel, in today's Tehillim, talks about how special Hashem is! Dovid Hamelech says: "**Bidvar Hashem, Shomayim Naasu**" — "with the WORDS of Hashem, the heavens were made."*

Hashem made the whole world through saying ten things — the *Asara Maamaros*. (Like "Yehi Ohr!" — "There should be light!")

Chassidus teaches us that the *neshama* of a Yid is a part of Hashem, and that by looking into our *neshama*, we can see and understand Hashem. So to understand more about Hashem's speaking, we can think about how WE speak!

We only say something after we think about or feel something, to share it with someone else. But what we say is not EVERYTHING we think or feel, just that part that we wanted to share!

From this *mashal*, we can also understand that when Hashem created the world, through speaking, it's only a small part of Hashem that is being shared with us. But Hashem is really MUCH greater than the world we see!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud

To get Hashem's chayus, we need to DESERVE it. How do we deserve it? By doing mitzvos, and especially Chesed (like Tzedakah). When we do Chesed, Hashem gives Chesed to us too, and gives chayus to us and the world!

If someone did an aveira, he is missing that chayus! He needs to do Teshuvah. Teshuvah reaches a part of the neshama

that makes him deserve a *chayus* that is so strong it can even make up for *chayus* that was missing from an *aveira*!

To bring the *chayus* INTO the world, we need to do *Tzedakah* in a way that is MUCH MORE than normal (giving EXTRA!), so we can bring this extra-special *chayus*.

After the *Beis Hamikdash* was destroyed, we ALL are missing *chayus*!

That's why the *Chachomim* say that *Moshiach* will only come through *Tzedakah*. What kind of *Tzedakah*? Only this EXTRA kind of *tzedakah*, MUCH MORE than the regular amount the Torah tells us we need to give.

In fact, the *Chachomim* say that *Moshiach* won't come until we give SO much *Tzedakah* that we have no more money left! Because only this kind of *tzedakah* has the *koach* to bring down this special *chayus* and *chesed* of Hashem to make up for the missing *Chayus* and bring the *Geulah*!

HAYOM YOM :: Hey Elul

Today we learn the Chabad *minhag* for putting on a *Tallis*:

- 1) Leave the *Tallis* folded, and put it on your right shoulder.
- 2) Check the *Tzitzis* while saying a few *pesukim* from "Borchi Nafshi."
- 3) Take the *Tallis* off your shoulder and unfold it.
- 4) Kiss the top of the *Tallis* (the part that will go by your head)
- 5) Twirl the *Tallis* so that it is behind you.
- 6) Start saying the *bracha* "Lehisatef Betzitzis" (wrapping yourself in the *Tzitzis*) and wrap the *Tallis* around you so that both corners are over the left shoulder when you finish the *bracha*.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #122 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #42, Asei #120, Lo Saasei #210

Today we learn one last *mitzvah* about *Kilayim*, things we can't mix together. Today's *mitzvah* is about *Kilayim* in clothes!

Shatnez: (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #42*) We are not allowed to wear clothes made of wool and linen mixed together. This is called *shatnez*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Ki Seitzei*: לא תלבש שעטנז

The details are explained in *Mesechta Kilayim*, *Mesechta Shabbos*, and the end of *Mesechta Makos*.

We are starting a new part of *Rambam* now, about what we give to the poor. We learn 2 *mitzvos* about this today, about the part of our fields we leave for the poor, called **Pe'ah**:

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #120*) It is a *mitzvah* to leave over a corner of our fields or orchards for the poor people to take food from there.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Kedoshim*: תעזב אתם

The details are explained in *Mesechta Pe'ah*.

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #210*) It is *asur* to NOT leave over that corner!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: לא תכלה פאת שדך בקצרך

The details are explained in *Mesechta Pe'ah*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Kela'im - Matnos Aniyim

In today's Rambam, we learn the last halachos of Kilayim, and start the halachos of Matnos Aniyim.

Perek Tes: We are not allowed to force different kinds of animals to get married to each other. We can only help sheep to get married to sheep and have baby sheep! We don't have them get married to goats and have baby... shoats?

We are not allowed to make two kinds of animals work together to pull a wagon or other piece of farm equipment. It is *asur* to even sit in a wagon pulled by two kinds of animals, because that makes them shlep it! But a PERSON is allowed to help an animal pull a wagon!

Perek Yud: In this *perek*, we learn the *halachos* of Kilayim in clothing — *shatnez*. *Shatnez* means mixing wool and linen together. Any way we mix them — by sewing them together, making a kind of material with wool and linen, or even just sewing one thread of wool into linen — are all *asur*! But it IS okay to wear a linen belt over wool clothes, because they are not connected.

Shatnez isn't just for clothes — if it can touch your skin and make you warm, it is also *asur*! So sheets, towels, and soft squishy couches also can't have *shatnez*.

Now we start the *halachos* about Matnos Aniyim, what we need to give to poor people. We will be learning 13 mitzvos about this, in 10 *perakim*.

Perek Alef: In this *perek*, the Rambam tells us about the five gifts that a person has to give to the poor from the things he grows. They are called *Pe'ah*, *Leket*, *Peret*, *Olelos*, and *Shichecha*. We will learn them over the next few days in *Sefer Hamitzvos* and Rambam.

The *Chachomim* say that a person should leave over 1/60th of his field or orchard as *Pe'ah*, but if a person was *bentched* with more than he expected, he should give more. The more you give, the more reward you get!

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shabbos - Perek Yud-Daled

The *melacha* of *hotza'ah* is what we usually call “carrying.” It means to take something from one type of place (called a *Reshus*) to another. For example, taking something from a private house to a public street is this *melacha*. *Hotza'ah* has many details! We learn about the four different *reshuyos*: *Reshus Hayochid*, *Reshus Horabim*, *Karmelis*, and *Mekom Petur*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Mivtzoyim

During *Chodesh Elul*, we think about our behavior during the year to make sure we are serving Hashem in the best way we can. Today we will learn what happens when we do *mivtzoyim* in the best way we can!

A *chossid* was once in *Yechidus* with the Rebbe, and the Rebbe told him:

“There is a promise from the Alter Rebbe: When someone does *tzedakah begashmius* or *b'ruchniyus* with others (helping them with what they need), his mind and heart become 1,000 times more pure than before! That makes him understand things 1,000 times faster!

“I've said before, this is not an expression or an exaggeration — it's literal!

“To make sure you don't get confused, I'm saying it again, very clearly; and you should tell this to other people too:

“Someone who does *mitvzoim*, which is *Ruchnius tzedakah*, will have tremendous *hatzlacha* in his learning. What would take him 1,000 hours to understand, he will understand in one hour! What would take him 500 hours he can now learn in just a half hour!

“You can test me with this! Anyone who does *Shlichus* and *mitvzoim* properly — as much as he can and the way it’s supposed to be — will have tremendous *hatzlacha* in learning Torah, *Niglah* and *Chassidus*, and in the *chinuch* of his children, 1,000 times as much as it would usually take — literally!”

Sometimes a Mommy or Tatty might think, what can I do to help my little boy learn better in Cheder? How can I help my little girl be nicer to her friends? Here we have a solution from the Rebbe! If we look for ways to help other Yidden, we can find a solution for the chinuch of our children 1,000 times faster than it would take us otherwise!

See Chassidim Ein Mishpacha gilyon Reish-Zayin

TEFILLAH :: Birchas Hamazon

We are learning the meaning of *Birchas Hamazon*. We learned about the four *brachos* of *Birchas Hamazon*:

- Moshe Rabbeinu gave us the *nusach* of the first *bracha*, when the *mahn* fell
- Yehoshua gave us the *nusach* of the second *bracha*, when they entered Eretz Yisroel
- Dovid and Shlomo Hamelech gave us the *nusach* of the third *bracha*, in connection with *Malchus Beis Dovid* and the building of the *Beis Hamikdash*
- The *nusach* of the fourth *bracha* was set up by the *Chachomim*, in connection with the *nisim* of Beitar.

The fourth *bracha* does not go to the end of *bentching*. Afterwards, we ask Hashem to have *Rachmanus* on us and give us different things. We start each line with the word **Horachaman**, meaning Hashem Who has *Rachmanus*.

The *Horachamans* in general are based on the *Gemara*, but each *nusach* has a different list and asks for these things in different words.

After the list of *Horachaman*, we also say some more *pesukim* at the end of *bentching*, which we will IY”H learn more about later.

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: The Order of Brachos

When we have many foods in front of us to eat, what do we make a *bracha* on first?

Even if we know which *brachos* to say on each food, it is a *Mitzvah Min Hamuvchar* (a *mitzvah* done in the best way) to say the *brachos* in the right order.

Here is the general order of *brachos*:

- 1) *Mezonos*
- 2) *Hagafen*
- 3) *Ha'eitz*
- 4) *Ho'adamah*
- 5) *Shehakol*

(There is a siman to remember this order: **Maga Aish**, “touch fire” — **Mezonos**, **Gafen**, **Eitz**, **Adamah**, **SH**ehakol.)

For example, if we have foods that are *Shehakol*, *Hagafen*, and *Ha'adamah*, we will first say *Hagafen*, then

Ha'adamah, and then Shehakol.

Then, we will need to look at all of the foods with the same *bracha*, and figure out which of them we should say the *bracha* on, which will include the other foods with the same *bracha*.

We will IY”H learn more about this tomorrow.

See Seder Birchos Hanehenin perek Yud

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Breaking Out of Golus

The Navi Micha teaches us wonderful things that will happen at the end of the Golus!

The Navi tells us these things as if they already happened, because in his nevuah he was already able to see that it happened this way!

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Ala Haporetz Lifneihem — The Poretz (the person who breaks through things to make the way easier) went up before them!

Some meforshim say that this is talking about Eliyahu Hanavi who helps the Yidden do teshuvah, and the Medrash says that it is talking about Moshiach, who comes from the family of Peretz!

Partzu Vayaavoru Shaar Vayeitzu Vo — They broke through a gate and went out through it!

They broke through anything that was stopping the Geulah from coming!

Vayaavor Malkam Lifneihem — And their King Moshiach went in front of them!

VaHashem Berosham — And Hashem was before them!

The Shechinah of Hashem again rested with the Yidden in the Beis Hamikdash!

Based on this *posuk*, where Moshiach is called “Poretz,” the Rebbe said that we need to prepare for Moshiach in a way of Poretz — Ufaratzta! We need to learn Torah and do *mitzvos* in a way of “Ufaratzta,” breaking through all of the regular ways of doing things! We need to learn Torah without limits, not looking at the clock, and to look for more times to learn than we think we can. We should also give *tzedakah* without an amount, like we learned in today’s *Tanya*!

This was all part of the famous campaign the Rebbe began in *Tof-Shin-Yud-Ches*, that all parts of *Yiddishkeit*, especially SPREADING *Yiddishkeit*, should be done in a way of *Ufaratzta*, which breaks all boundaries!

See Micha perek Beis posuk Yud-Gimmel, Likutei Sichos chelek Alef Parshas Terumah

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