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

Mazel Tov **Second Lieutenant Sara Weiss**

~ 10th birthday Chof-Gimmel Elul ~

Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

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CHUMASH :: Parshas Netzavim - Shlishi with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden that when they come into Eretz Yisroel, they will become responsible for each other! They need to make sure that no one is doing *Avodah Zarah*.

Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden another reason why they need to make a new promise with Hashem: Because this promise is for all the Yidden TOGETHER — once they make this promise, they will have to make sure that EVERY Yid does the *mitzvos*. Before, every Yid only had to worry about himself what HE was doing — then, when they come into Eretz Yisroel (at *Har Grizim* and *Har Eival*), they will get the responsibility to make sure that everyone is doing what Hashem wants — *Kol Yisroel Areivim Zeh Lazeh*.

This is very serious — Yidden can even get punished if someone else does an *aveira*!

If someone thinks about the idols he saw from the *Goyim*, and decides to do it — and even worse, if he makes other Yidden do it too — Hashem will punish him, and anyone who listens to him, with the scary things that

it says in the *Tochacha*. Everyone will see that, and know that Hashem is punishing them for the *Avodah Zarah*.

But how can we know if someone is secretly doing *Avodah Zarah*? Will we get punished even though we had no idea?

Don't worry, Moshe tells the Yidden — "*Hanistaros LaHashem Elokeinu*" — whatever is hidden, Hashem knows. We only need to worry about what we DO see and we DO know about, to make sure that all of the Yidden follow the Torah.

TEHILLIM :: 113 - 118

Today's *shiur Tehillim* is *Kuf-Yud-Gimmel* to *Kuf-Yud-Ches*, the *kapitelach* of *Hallel*! We also say three *kapitelach* for *Chodesh Elul* — *Ayin*, *Ayin-Alef*, and *Ayin-Beis*.

There is a *posuk* in today's *Tehillim*, in *Kapitel Kuf-Yud-Ches*, that says "***Hashem Li Be'ozroi, Va'ani Ereh Be'Son'ai***." "Hashem is with me, with my helpers, and I will see my enemies fall."

How can Dovid Hamelech say that he has helpers, and that Hashem is WITH his helpers? Who is a helper except for Hashem?

Chassidus explains that the "helpers" are the *Gashmius* things in the world. Hashem put a piece of *kedusha* into the *Gashmius* things, and when we use them for the right reasons, we get this *kedusha* and it helps us!

So a person needs to use *Gashmius* things in the world (like food and drink), and then, his *davening* and learning will help him!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Ches

Doing *mitzvos* like giving *tzedakah* helps us to not fall for the *Yetzer Hara's* tricks!

Every Yid has love for Hashem hiding inside. Because of it, he always wants to be close to Hashem and act the way Hashem wants.

Sometimes, a person can forget and think that it doesn't really matter so much if he does an *aveira*. But really, it's a trick of the *Yetzer Hara* that doesn't want us to remember that we love Hashem!

The *Avodah* of a Yid is to take away all of the things that try to hide the love for Hashem so we will be able to serve Hashem properly in everything we do!

This is something we need to do ourselves, but we still also need Hashem's help to have *hatzlacha*. By doing *mitzvos* like giving *Tzedakah*, we get a special *bracha* from Hashem to be successful in our mission!

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Daled Elul

Everything we see or hear needs to help us serve Hashem better!

When we look at the world around us, we see how amazing it is! Look at the huge mountains, the millions of stars in the sky, beautiful flowers, and people who can do so many things. All of this comes from Hashem's *Chesed* — the *midah* of giving and showing.

There is another *midah* of Hashem, called *Gevurah* — holding back. Hashem's *Gevurah* is as strong as His *Chesed* — it is just as amazing that Hashem can HIDE in the world as it is that Hashem can make all of these

exciting things!

The *Avodah* of a Jew is to use the *kochos* of his *neshama* to FIND Hashem — to realize that Hashem is always making everything happen. When we recognize this, we know that EVERYTHING we see or hear is really only happening because HASHEM is making it happen! If it happens to us, it must be that Hashem wants us to know about it. Why does Hashem want us to know about it? It will help us do a better job in serving Hashem — the whole reason we were created!

The Frierdiker Rebbe writes that earlier generations of *Chassidim* would always think this way. We need to try to act like them too — to learn from EVERYTHING we see and hear, which will help us do a better job in our *shlichus* of serving Hashem!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #125 - Mitzvas Asei #130, #195, Lo Saasei #232

Today in *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we have three *mitzvos* about *Tzedakah*!

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #130*) On the 3rd and 6th years from *Shemitah*, we give *Maaser Ani* — *maaser* to poor people, instead of *Maaser Sheini*, which is brought during the other years and eaten in *Yerushalayim*.

This *mitzvah*, like the other *mitzvos* of presents from our fields, is only kept in *Eretz Yisroel*.

We learn this from a *posuk* in *Parshas Re'eh*: 'מִקְצָה שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים תּוֹצִיא אֶת כָּל מַעֲשֵׂר תְּבוּאָתְךָ וגו'

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #195*) It is a *mitzvah* to give *tzedakah* to poor people. It is our job to take care of them and make sure they have what they need. Even a poor person has a *mitzvah* to give at least a little bit of *tzedakah* to others!

We learn this *mitzvah* from many *pesukim* in the Torah. One of them is also in *Parshas Re'eh*: פֶּתַח תְּפִתָּה אֶת יָדְךָ

3) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #232*) We are not allowed to ignore poor people and not help them when we really can.

We also learn this *mitzvah* in *Parshas Re'eh*: לֹא תִאֲמַץ אֶת לִבְּךָ וְלֹא תִקְפֹּץ אֶת יָדְךָ מֵאֶחֶיךָ הָאֲבִיּוֹן

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Matnos Aniyim

In today's Rambam, we learn the last three *Perakim* of *Matnos Aniyim*. Now we are learning about *Tzedakah*!

Perek Ches: We learn that saying that we will give *Tzedakah* is like making a *neder*, and we need to keep it. We also learn about a *Goy* giving *Tzedakah*, and finally about the great *mitzvah* of *Pidyon Shevuyim*, helping a *Yid* come out of jail. The Rambam says that there is no bigger *mitzvah* than this one!

Perek Tes: We learn that every city should have a *Gabbai* who is in charge of giving out *Tzedakah* to people who need. Everyone in the city should give money to this *Gabbai* for him to give out to the poor.

Perek Yud: The Rambam tells us how special it is to give, and that even when we can't give, we should try to make the poor person feel good. Also, helping other people to give *Tzedakah* is even BETTER than giving yourself!

The Rambam also teaches us about:

- 8 levels of *Tzedakah*
- giving *Tzedakah* before *davening*
- not taking *Tzedakah* unless someone really needs to.

We need to trust in Hashem Who will make sure we have everything we need!

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Mechirah - Perek Yud-Zayin

This *perek* explains when the Torah says a sale wasn't fair, and we can give back what we bought and get our money back. When we sell something, we need to make sure to tell the truth about what it is and how good it is!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Gimmel D'Selichos

Today is the third day of *Selichos*.

On the third day of *Selichos*, the *Rebbeim* would say a *maamar* to the one who would become the next Rebbe.

This is something people didn't know about. But in *Tof-Shin-Hey*, the Frierdiker Rebbe told us about it, teaching us that *Gimmel D'Selichos* is a special day.

Years later, in *Tof-Shin-Nun-Alef*, the Rebbe explained a few reasons why this is connected *davka* to the third day of *Selichos*.

For us, the main thing is to use this special day for good things! Everyone should add in their learning Torah or good behavior. It is especially appropriate to learn a part of one of the many *maamarim* which were said on *Gimmel D'Selichos*.

See Halachos Uminhagei Chabad p. 303 and footnotes there, maamar of Tof-Shin-Hey

TEFILLAH :: Meloch

The *Shemoneh Esrei* of *Shacharis* on *Rosh Hashana* is a lot like the *Shemoneh Esrei* on *Yom Tov*. We just add 5 paragraphs asking for *Moshiach* during the first three *brachos*, and the changes for the *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah*. Like on every *Yom Tov*, we say *Ata Vechartanu*, how Hashem chose Yidden as His special nation, and *Yaaleh Veyavo*.

On *Yom Tov*, after *Yaaleh Veyavo*, we ask Hashem to give us the special *brachos* of that *Yom Tov*.

On *Rosh Hashana*, we say a *bracha* that shows us what *Rosh Hashana* is all about! Here are some of the words from this *bracha*:

Meloch Al Ha'olam Kulo Bichvodecha — Hashem, You should rule over the world with Your glory! ...***Veyeida Kol Pa'ul Ki Ata Pe'alto*** — Everything You made should know that You made it

...***Veyomar Kol Asher Neshama Be'apo: Hashem Elokei Yisrael Melech***... — Everything with a *neshama* should say: Hashem, the *Aibershter* of the Yidden, is King, and rules over everything!

This is the main *inyan* of *Rosh Hashana*: Accepting the *Malchus* of Hashem again!

In the *Michtav Kloli* (a letter of the Rebbe written for every Yid around the world) for *Rosh Hashana*, the Rebbe would often quote this paragraph, which shows us the main *avodah* of this *Yom Tov*!

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Foods for Rosh Hashana

In *Shulchan Aruch*, it mentions that we eat sweet things on *Rosh Hashana*, as a sign that we should have a sweet year. It also tells us about eating things which have names that remind us of something good. For example, the word "carrots" in Yiddish is "*merren*," which also means to multiply. It hints to the *bracha* that

our families and our *mitzvos* grow and multiply!

We don't eat foods that are sour or bitter on *Rosh Hashana*. (Even at a *farbrengen* on *Rosh Hashana*, *chassidim* don't say *Lechaim* on *mashke*, which is very bitter.)

The Alter Rebbe tells us not to eat nuts, because they make us have more saliva. Since a main part of *Rosh Hashana* is *davening*, we don't eat foods that will make us have more saliva, which will make it harder to say the words of *davening* clearly.

We have a *minhag* to first dip the *challah* in honey, which we also do during all of the special meals connected to *Yom Tov*, until *Hoshaana Rabbah*.

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Eliyahu Hanavi

The *Navi* Malachi told the Yidden many beautiful *nevuos* about the coming of *Moshiach*! One of the things he tells the Yidden is that the Yidden should always remember the Torah and its *mitzvos*, the way they were given to Moshe Rabbeinu on *Har Sinai*.

In the *zechus* of the Torah and *mitzvos* we do during *Golus*, Hashem will send us Eliyahu *Hanavi* to prepare us for the *Geulah*!

Hashem says:

הִנֵּה אֲנִכִּי שְׁלֵחַ לָכֶם אֶת אֱלֹהֵי הַנְּבִיא לִפְנֵי בּוֹא יוֹם ה' הַגָּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא

Hinei Anochi Sholeiach Lachem — Look, I will send the Yidden

Eis Eliyah Hanavi — Eliyahu *Hanavi*

Lifnei Bo Yom Hashem Hagadol Vehanora — Before the great day of Hashem — the day when *Moshiach* comes!

And what will Eliyahu Hanavi's shlichus be? How will he get us ready for the Geulah? We will IY"H see in the next posuk!

See Malachi perek Gimmel posuk Chof-Gimmel

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