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CHUMASH :: Parshas Ki Savo - Revi'i with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, Moshe Rabbeinu gives the Yidden instructions for the day they cross the Yardein and go into Eretz Yisroel.

Moshe Rabbeinu, together with the *Zekeinim*, tell the Yidden that they need to be careful to keep the Torah!

Yidden need to "guard" the *Mitzvos*, by learning about them and making sure they won't forget!

Since this is so important, the Yidden will need to do something that will remind them about this important job, right when they come to Eretz Yisroel.

When the Yidden cross the Yarden, they will take 12 stones out of the river. They will take these stones to *Har Grizim* and *Har Eival*, where the *Kohanim* will remind the Yidden what happens if they *chas veshalom* don't keep the Torah.

The Yidden will build a *Mizbeiach* with these big stones, by covering them with a kind of cement so they will stick together. It had to be built this way because we aren't allowed to use any metal to cut rocks to build a *Mizbeiach*. Instead, we stick rocks together to fit.

They will write words of Torah on these stones, translated into 70 languages! Then they will bring *Korbanos* to Hashem on this *Mizbeiach*.

Now Moshe reminds the Yidden:

Listen carefully! See how much Hashem wants you to always be close to him.

Usually, when a person starts something new they are excited! But later on, they get a little bit bored and they aren't so careful about it anymore. But the Yidden should feel like (and act like!) they are promising Hashem

to be His nation for the very first time, every day!

So keep all of the *mitzvos* Hashem asks you to do.

TEHILLIM :: 69 - 71

Today's *shiur Tehillim* is *kapitelach Samach-Tes, Ayin, and Ayin-Alef*. We also say three *kapitelach* for *Elul*: *Lamed-Zayin, Lamed-Ches, and Lamed-Tes*.

In today's *Tehillim*, we say a *posuk* "***Yemalei Fi Tehilasecha***." "My mouth should be full of Your praises."

The *Gemara* says that we learn from here that when we say a *bracha*, our mouth needs to be FULL of the *bracha*. That's why we shouldn't say a *bracha* with food in our mouth — our mouth should be full of Hashem's *bracha*, not full of food!

In today's shiur Tehillim, there are niggunim in EVERY kapitel! Can you find them? Do you know how to sing them all?

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Gimmel

Yesterday we said that there are two kinds of *Yidden* — some that are more serious and strict with themselves, and others that are more *freilich* and ready to give EVERYTHING, in their *Avodas Hashem*.

There are two examples for these two types:

1. ***Beis Shamai and Beis Hillel***: *Beis Shamai* was usually very strict, and *Beis Hillel* would find a way to be patient with the most annoying people, and not as strict when he *paskened Halacha*.
2. ***Yitzchak and Avraham***: *Yitzchak* was very strict with himself. He was always working to become better . He used his *midah* of *gevurah*. *Avraham* was kind (*Chesed*) and had a lot of *Hachnosas Orchim* — even to people who didn't believe in Hashem.

The Alter Rebbe tells us that in *kedushah*, these two *midos* are not by themselves! *Chesed* has *Gevurah* and *Gevurah* has *Chesed*! (We also know this from *Sefiras Ha'omer*, where we see that every *midah* has all the other *midos* inside of it too!)

Since they are all connected, we see that sometimes even *Beis Hillel* was MORE strict than *Beis Shamai*! And sometimes, *Beis Shamai* was LESS strict than *Beis Hillel*!

Avraham Avinu, whose *Avodah* was *Chesed*, was also able to show a lot of *Gevurah*, like when he brought *Yitzchak* to be a *Korban*.

The same is with EVERY *Yid's neshama* — everyone has both *midos* of *Chesed* and *Gevurah*, and there is a time to use each one.

So if everyone has *Chesed* AND *Gevurah*, why do we say that there is a difference, and that there are different ways in *Avodas Hashem*?

Beis Shamai was USUALLY strict, and the *Chesed* was hiding. *Beis Hillel* was USUALLY kind, and the *Gevurah* was hiding. The same thing is with *Avraham* and *Yitzchak*! Each of them had BOTH *midos*, but one of them was usually hiding.

So each of us have both *midos*, but our *Avodah* is usually in one way.

In tomorrow's Tanya, we will see that the Alter Rebbe uses this explanation to encourage even those Chassidim who

are usually more strict, that they should use the Chesed inside of them and give tzedakah without a limit to the chossid who is collecting for Colel Chabad!

HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Gimmel Elul

In today's *Hayom Yom*, we learn what happens to a *chossid* the first time he goes into *Yechidus*.

We all know what a *bris* is.

A baby boy is born with an extra piece of skin called the *Orlah*, which needs to be taken off. This is the *mitzvah* of *Bris Milah*! Once a baby has a *Bris Milah*, his body becomes connected to Hashem.

There is also a *Ruchnius'dike* kind of *Bris Milah*!

We are born with ways of thinking that come from the *Yetzer Hara*. These ideas can cover over our *Neshama*, like an extra piece of skin, and make it harder for us to be connected to Hashem!

The *Chossid* R' Chanoch Hendel said that all *Chassidim* knew that when a *Chossid* goes into *Yechidus*, he gets a "bris milah" for his *Neshama*! Once a *chossid* goes into *Yechidus* for the first time, that "Orlah," the *grobkeit* and way of thinking of the *Yetzer Hara*, are taken away, and he can now think and feel like a *Chossid*!

It only takes one time for a Chossid to go to the Rebbe, and it changes him forever!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #130 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #137

Today's *mitzvah* is that certain women are not allowed to eat *Terumah* or parts of a *Korban Shelamim* that are given to a *kohen* (the *chazeh* and the *shok*).

This includes two kinds of women:

- 1) A *Chalalah*. This means someone who got married to a *kohen* when she wasn't allowed to, or their daughter.
- 2) A *Bas Kohen* (daughter of a *kohen*) who married someone who is NOT a *kohen*. While she is married, she is not allowed to eat *terumah* OR *korbanos*, since her husband is not a *kohen*.

If her husband passes away or she receives a *get*, and she does not have children, she can eat *Terumah* again if she goes back to live with her father who is a *kohen*. Still, she is not allowed to eat from these *korbanos*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Terumos

In today's Rambam, we learn the last three *perakim* about *Terumah*, *perakim* *Yud-Gimmel*, *Yud-Daled*, and *Tes-Vov*.

These *perakim* talk about what happens if *Terumah* gets mixed up with regular food.

One thing we learn is that it doesn't become *botul* (not counted) unless there is 100 times as much regular food! (For milk and meat, if there's 60 times as much it is enough.) So, for example, if one *Terumah* apple gets mixed up in a box of 100 other apples, we can take one apple and give it to the *kohen*, and the rest is all fine to eat.

If there is less, then the food is called "*Medumah*" and only a *kohen* can eat it.

The last *halacha* in today's Rambam teaches us about the special *bracha* on *Terumah*. First the *kohen* makes

the regular *bracha* on food, and then he says the *bracha* “...*Asher Kidishanu Bikdushaso Shel Aharon Vetzivanu Le’echol Terumah!*”

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shabbos - Perek Chof-Beis

Today we learn more types of *sh’vus*. A *sh’vus* is something which the *Chachomim* said is *asur* either because it is LIKE the way we do a *melacha*, or because it is something that might make someone forget and actually DO the *melacha*. The Rambam organizes them by *melacha*.

One example that we learn today is we are not allowed to clean with a sponge on Shabbos, because we might end up squeezing it (*sechitah*).

INYANA D'YOMA :: Yud-Gimmel Elul

Today is the *Yom HaChasunah* of the Frierdiker Rebbe and Rebbetzin Nechama Dina!

The Frierdiker Rebbe was the only son of the Rebbe Rashab and Rebbetzin Shterna Sara. When he was seventeen, it was time to look for a *shidduch*. A few choices came up, but the Rebbe Rashab said that he wanted his son to get married to someone who was related to the family. They chose Rebbetzin Nechama Dina, who was also a great-granddaughter of the Tzemach Tzedek.

At the time of the *Chasunah*, the Rebbe Rashab said a very long *maamar* that starts with the words *Samach Tesamach*. This *maamar* talks about *Simcha*, and how *Simcha* is stronger than anything! It teaches what a person should think about when he does a *mitzvah*, so that he will have *Simcha Shel Mitzvah!*

During the *Sheva Brachos*, the Rebbe Rashab announced the beginning of Yeshivas *Tomchei Temimim*, and made the Frierdiker Rebbe the *Menahel Poel*, the one who will run the *yeshivah!*

TEFILLAH :: Tefillos of Yomim Noraim

We are a little more than two weeks away from *Rosh Hashana!* Let’s take the time to learn more about the upcoming *Yomim Tovim*.

It is important to understand the meaning of the special *davening* of *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. We add many sections to *davening*, which speak about the meaning of these holy days. We speak about crowning Hashem as King, how Hashem judges the world, and asking for a good year.

Even though we might already know how to look inside of our *Machzor* and say the words clearly, it is also important to UNDERSTAND what we are saying.

The Rebbe told *Baalei Tefillah* (the ones who will be a *Chazan*) for the *Yomim Noraim*, that before *davening* they should first spend time going over the meaning of the *tefillos*. This is especially important for someone who is being the *Shliach Tzibur* for a whole *shul*, but it is also important for everyone!

IY”H over the next two weeks we will look at the general meaning of the *tefillos* and *piyutim* (poems) that we say in the *Machzor*. We will also review some of the *halachos* of these special days.

See Shevach Hamoadim, Kitzur Hilchos Yomim Noraim siman yud

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Checking Mezuzos in Elul

It is brought in *halacha* that a *Yerei Shomayim* should check his *tefillin* and *mezuzos* during *Elul*, and that all of the other *mitzvos* should also be “checked” and fixed if they need it.

We may be able to understand this *halacha* better by thinking about another *Yom Tov*!

About a month before *Pesach*, our Mommies start getting busy! They make lists and charts and calendars, to make sure that everything is taken care of, so we will have a kosher and happy *Pesach*.

They make sure all the drawers will get cleaned, the kitchen will get scrubbed, each room of the house will be checked, the car will get vacuumed, the *Pesach* food will get bought in time, and they will have recipes for everything we need to eat. They make sure we will have all of the pieces of our *Seder* plate, and not one bit of *chometz* will be found anywhere! This way we can keep all of the *mitzvos* of *Pesach* and feel like we are going out of *Mitzrayim*.

Preparing for *Rosh Hashana* is the same thing! A month before *Rosh Hashana*, we all need to start getting busy. We need to think about each part of our life as a *Yid*: How we dress, how we act, how we think, and how we feel.

We need to look at all of our *mitzvos* and make sure they are done right: We make sure our *mezuzos* are kosher, put up the right way, and are on every door they need to be on. We make sure we are *bentching licht* on time every week and giving *tzedakah* before. We make sure we have good *Kibud Av Va'em*, and that we are treating other people nicely. We make sure that all of our *mitzvos* are “clean” and just right!

This way, we'll be ready for *Rosh Hashana*, when we are making Hashem our King. We tell Hashem that we are ready to use the new *chayus* from the new year to make our *Yiddishkeit* much better than ever before!

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Hashem Will Again Choose Yerushalayim!

Hashem showed the *Navi* Zechariah a *malach* who asked why Hashem is not helping the *Yidden*. Hashem told the *malach* not to worry, because the second *Beis Hamikdash* will be rebuilt. The *malach* told Zechariah to tell this to the *Yidden*!

The *malach* also told the *Navi* that even though there will be another *Churban*, there will also be another *Geulah*. In the end, there will again be a *Beis Hamikdash* in *Yerushalayim*.

עוד קרא לאמר פה אמר ה' צבאות עוד תפוצנה ערי משוב ונחם ה' עוד את ציון ובחר עוד בירושלם

Od Kra Leimor — And you should say even more!

Ko Amar Hashem Tzeva'os — So says Hashem:

Od Tefutzena Arai Mitov — “My cities will be scattered, and sent away from the good land of Eretz Yisroel.

Venicham Hashem Od Es Tzion — But Hashem will again one day comfort Tzion,

U'vachar Od BiYerushalayim — And again choose Yerushalayim!”

See Zechariah perek Alef posuk Yud-Zayin

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