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CHUMASH :: Parshas Netzavim - Revi'i with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, Moshe Rabbeinu tells the Yidden what will happen to them in the times of *Golus*. After all of their *tzaros*, they will do *teshuvah* and Hashem will bring the *Geulah*!

Don't worry Yidden, it's never too late
Even if your *aveiros* are very great.
Even if the scary *Tochacha* comes true
And even if into *Golus* Hashem sends you.

You will do *Teshuvah*, and Hashem will forgive!
Back to Eretz Yisroel you will go to live.
From *Golus* you will all go out, it's true —
And Hashem will also — He was in *Golus* too!

No matter how far away a Yid might become
Hashem will take them all out of *Golus*, one by one
(Do you know when this will happen and how?
It's our *mitzvos* that bring *Moshiach* NOW!)

Then Hashem will do a "*bris*" on our heart

To take off the *Yetzer Hara* part!
We'll be able to serve Hashem perfectly
And the world will look just like Hashem wants it to be!

TEHILLIM :: 119 (first half)

Today's *shiur Tehillim* is the first half of *kapitel Kuf-Yud-Tes*. Since this *kapitel* is so long, we will finish it tomorrow! We also say the three *kapitelach* for *Chodesh Elul*: *Ayin-Gimmel*, *Ayin-Daled*, and *Ayin-Hey*.

The last *posuk* of today's *Tehillim*, which starts with a *Lamed*, is "**Lechol Tichla Ra'isi Keitz, Rechava Mitzvas'cha Me'od.**" "I have seen an end to every goal, but Your *mitzvah* is very wide."

The Alter Rebbe explains that "*Lechol Tichla*" is like the words "*Klos Hanefesh*," which means that the *neshama* wants to become close to Hashem. For all of these feelings, there is an end! There is only so much a person can love Hashem and come close to Hashem by just wanting.

But a *mitzvah* — "*Rechava Mitzvas'cha Me'od*" — a *mitzvah* has NO limits, it connects us to Hashem more than anything else! We will get to see how high we reach through our *mitzvos* only in the time of *Techiyas Hameisim!*

The Rebbe Rashab also explains this posuk even deeper according to Chassidus, in his famous hemshech Tof-Reish-Samach-Vov. (A hemshech is a group of maamorim that are connected to each other, and help us understand one inyan very very well. This sefer has 61 maamorim, and explains why Hashem made the world.)

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Tes

This letter in *Igeres Hakodesh* is an explanation of *inyonim* in *Chassidus*. One of the *inyonim* explained here is the difference between what a *Navi* sees and what a *Chochom* understands about Hashem. Today we will learn the question that starts the explanation.

We learned in *Parshas Ki Sisa* that Moshe Rabbeinu asked for permission to see Hashem.

Hashem said he would be able to, but only the "back." A person is not able to see the "face" of Hashem.

But if you look in *Kabbalah* and *Chassidus*, you will see that a person CAN understand what the "face" of Hashem means. In fact, if you learn this *Igeres Hakodesh* well, you can learn it right here!

Does that mean that the Arizal, and anyone else who knows *Kabbalah*, knew MORE than Moshe Rabbeinu? How could that be? Doesn't it say in the end of *Chumash* that there will never be another *Navi* as great as Moshe Rabbeinu?

The answer, as we will see, is that there is a big difference between Nevuah and Chochmah. What Moshe Rabbeinu saw was with Nevuah, and what the Chachomim like the Arizal understood was with Chochmah.

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Hey Elul

In today's *Hayom Yom*, we learn that Hashem *bentches* the month of *Tishrei*. That gives us the *koach* to *bentch* each new month on *Shabbos Mevorchim* the rest of the year!

Minhagim and Reminders for Shabbos Mevorchim Tishrei (which was Chof-Hey Elul the year Hayom Yom was first printed):

- Say the whole Tehillim in the morning of Shabbos Mevorchim. Farbreng.

- On Shabbos Selichos, we say Selichos after midnight, but all the rest of the days we say Selichos in the morning.

- When we lein Netzavim and Vayelech separately, Shvi'i and Maftir are the same!

The Alter Rebbe teaches us something that he heard from the Maggid, who heard it from the Baal Shem Tov! It is about *Shabbos Mevorchim Tishrei* — where we DON'T *bentch* the *Chodesh* in *Davening*!

Why don't we give a *bracha* to the month of *Tishrei*? Because HASHEM gives the *bracha* Himself!

What is this *bracha*? We can see this *bracha* in the *parsha* we lein on *Shabbos Mevorchim Tishrei: Parshas Netzavim*.

The *parsha* starts "*Atem Netzavim Hayom*" — "you are standing today."

"Today" means *Rosh Hashana*, the *Yom HaDin* (day of judgment). "*Netzavim*" means standing strong — winning the case and getting a *Shana Tova*!

Tishrei is the seventh month. It is so full of *brachos* from Hashem! It gives the *koach* to fill up the rest of the year too with Hashem's *brachos*. It is with the *koach* of Hashem's *bracha* for this special month that we are able to *bentch* all of the other months ourselves!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #126 - Mitzvas Asei #126, #129

Today we learn the first 2 *mitzvos* about *Terumah*:

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #126*) That we need to give the first part of the food we grow, called *Terumah Gedolah*, to the *kohen*. (This *mitzvah* is only kept in Eretz Yisroel.)

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #129*) The *Leviim* need to give *maaser* from the *maaser* they get from *Yidden*, to give to the *kohen*. This is called "*Terumas Maaser*" or "*Maaser Min HaMaaser*." They need to give the BEST part to the *kohen*!

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Terumos

In today's Rambam, we are starting to learn the *halachos* of *Terumos*. There are 8 *mitzvos* in these 15 *perakim*. Three *mitzvos* are about separating the *Terumah*, and five *mitzvos* are about who can eat it.

Perek Alef: The Rambam starts talking about WHERE the food needs to grow to need to take *Terumah*.

Perek Beis: Then the Rambam talks about the KINDS of foods that need *Terumah*, like if we need to take *Terumah* from *Leket*, or *Pe'ah*, or *Hefker* foods. We learn what happens if the food becomes *tomei* or mixed up with other foods. We also learn about making a *bracha* when we take *Terumah*, and not taking it outside of Eretz Yisroel, because it will become *Tamei*.

Perek Gimmel: Now we learn the first 3 *mitzvos*, which are: separating *Terumah*, separating *Terumas Maaser*, and doing them in the right order.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Mechirah - Perek Yud-Ches

The Rambam teaches us about not tricking people when we sell something. We can't paint an old car to make it look new, or put fancy apples on the top of a bag of rotten ones so someone will buy it. But we ARE allowed

to give out balloons or candies to kids who come to our store so they will want to come back!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chof-Hey Elul

Today is *Chof-Hey Elul* — the day when Hashem made the world! *Rosh Hashana* is really the SIXTH day of Creation, when Hashem made Adam *Harishon*!

The Arizal says that special dates on the Jewish calendar are really *b'ruchnius* happening again every year! We can get the special *kochos* of the day by learning about it in Torah. There is a *minhag* of *Chassidim* (that the Rebbe told us about) to learn the part of *Parshas Bereishis* that talks about what Hashem created on that day!

On the first day of creating the world, Hashem said “*Yehi Ohr*” — there should be light. We also need to make sure that we fill the world with light — the light of Torah!

TEFILLAH :: Malchiyos, Zichronos, Shofros

Musaf is an extra *Shemoneh Esrei* we add on Shabbos and special days. *Musaf* is instead of bringing the *Korban Musaf*, the *korbanos* in honor of the day.

Musaf is set up with three *brachos* at the beginning to praise Hashem, one *bracha* in the middle about the *korbanos* that were brought in the *Beis Hamikdash* on this *Yom Tov*, and three *brachos* at the end thanking Hashem.

In the *Musaf* of *Rosh Hashana*, we have THREE *brachos* in the middle!

- 1) **Malchiyos** — We say *pesukim* that speak about the *Malchus* of Hashem. Saying these words helps us to accept Hashem as King, *Kabolas Ol Malchus Shomayim*! (In this *bracha*, we also mention the extra *korbanos* of *Rosh Hashana* that were brought in the *Beis Hamikdash*.)
- 2) **Zichronos** — We say *pesukim* asking Hashem to remember us (*zikaron*) for good on this special day.
- 3) **Shofros** — All of these things happen through the *mitzvah* of *Shofar* on *Rosh Hashana*! We say *pesukim* that mention the *shofar* and what it accomplishes.

In each of these sections, we say ten *pesukim*. The first three *pesukim* come from Torah, the next three from *Navi*, and then three more from *Kesuvim*. Then we say one last *posuk* from Torah.

Chassidus explains why we bring these *pesukim* from the Torah: Showing how the Torah says that Hashem has to be our *Melech* (*Malchiyos*), that Hashem needs to remember us (*Zichronos*), and that this happens through the *shofar* (*Shofros*), gives the *koach* that it will actually happen! (See *Likutei Sichos chelek Beis p. 399*)

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Special Foods of Rosh Hashana

On *Rosh Hashana*, we eat many special foods!

On the first night of *Rosh Hashana*, we eat foods that are “*lesiman tov*,” foods that hint to *brachos*.

Although the *Shulchan Aruch* mentions many foods to be eaten for a good *siman*, here are the main ones we should make sure to have, according to our *minhag*:

We dip an **apple in honey** at the *seudah*, asking Hashem to give us a *Shana Tova Umesukah*! (Apples are not only a sweet fruit, but they hint to special *inyonim* in *Kabbalah*!) This is the only food we say a “*Yehi Ratzon*” for

according to *Minhag Chabad*.

Then we eat a *Rimon*, a **pomegranate**. We want to be packed full of *mitzvos* like a pomegranate is full of seeds! We don't say a *Shehecheyanu* on the pomegranate, even if we are having it for the first time this year. (We rely on the *Shehecheyanu* of *Kiddush*.)

We also eat the **head of a fish**! We want to remember to be like a head, and not like a tail! (In the *Shulchan Aruch*, it actually tells us to eat the head of a ram, to remind us of *Akeidas Yitzchak*, but practically nowadays it would be very hard to get a head of a ram.)

On the second night of Rosh Hashana, we should have a new fruit, but this is for a different reason. It is so we will be able to make a Shehecheyanu on the second night, which we will learn about later IY"H!

See the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, siman Tof-Kuf-Pey-Gimmel; Halachos U'Minhegei Chabad, p. 14

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Veheishiv Leiv Avos Al Banim

When *Moshiach* comes, all of the Yidden will do *teshuvah*!

The *Navi* Malachi tells us that Hashem will first send Eliyahu *Hanavi* to help the Yidden be ready. But it will first be the children that will understand, and they will help their parents to come closer to Hashem!

וְהָשִׁיב לֵב אָבוֹת עַל בְּנֵי וְלֵב בְּנֵי עַל אָבוֹתָם פֶּן אָבוֹא וְהִפִּיתִי אֶת הָאָרֶץ חָרָם

Veheishiv Leiv Avos Al Banim — The children will help their parents to do *teshuvah* and come closer to Hashem

Veleiv Banim Al Avosam — And then the parents will help their children too!

Pen Avo — This way, it won't happen that when *Moshiach* comes, the Yidden will not have done *teshuvah*

Vehikeisi Es Ha'aretz Cheirem — And Hashem will need to punish the world.

(Even though this is a good *nevuah*, in the *sefarim* of *Nach*, the *sefer* ends by again writing the *posuk* before this one, about Eliyahu *Hanavi*, in order to finish off with happy words!)

When the Rebbe made the campaign for *Tzivos Hashem*, and also for children to learn *Sefer Hamitzvos*, he connected it with this *posuk*! This *posuk* tells us that children will be the ones to help their parents to live the way Hashem wants, including learning Rambam. The parents will learn from the example of their children, and will want to become better!

See Malachi perek Gimmel perek Chof-Daled

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