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CHUMASH :: Parshas Pinchas - Revi'i with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, we finish the story of the daughters of Tzelofchad. Hashem tells Moshe Rabbeinu that he will pass away, and Moshe makes sure that there will be a good leader for the Yidden in the next generation.

As we learned yesterday, Tzelofchad's daughters wanted a piece of Eretz Yisroel very much! Moshe Rabbeinu asked Hashem what to do.

Today's *Chumash* continues that Hashem told Moshe that Tzelofchad's daughters are right!

Every family gets a piece of Eretz Yisroel. Usually, if the father passed away, it goes to his sons. But if there are no sons, it should go to his daughters! And if *chas veshalom* there are no daughters either, it should go to his brothers, or to his closest relative.

So Tzelofchad's daughters WILL get his piece of Eretz Yisroel, and it will stay with his family forever.

The Torah also tells us now the *mitzvah* of *Nachalos*, how to pass on a *yerusha* in a family after someone passes away.

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Moshe Rabbeinu was hoping that since Hashem told him about giving a part of Eretz Yisroel to the daughters of Tzelofchad, maybe Hashem's decree that he wouldn't be able to enter Eretz Yisroel is gone, and he would also be able to go in! But Hashem told Moshe no. Soon he will go up on *Har Nevo*, where he will be able to SEE Eretz Yisroel, but he won't get to go there. He will pass away on *Har Nevo*, like Aharon did. (When Moshe Rabbeinu saw the way Aharon passed away, he hoped that he would pass away the same way. Hashem told him

now that he would.)

When Moshe heard he would pass away soon, he was worried about one thing: Who would take care of the Yidden? Will this leader take care of each person, and go out with them when they fight, and have enough *zechus* to keep the Yidden safe?

Hashem told Moshe that his son will not become the next leader, but his *Talmid*, Yehoshua bin Nun, will.

Hashem told Moshe to put his hand on Yehoshua, and give Yehoshua some of his special *kochos*. Moshe should show the Yidden that he respects Yehoshua, so they will listen to him when he becomes their *Nasi*.

Still, someone from Moshe's family will be very important — Yehoshua will need to ask Elazar the *Kohen Gadol*, Moshe's nephew, before going to fight any wars.

Moshe did even more than what Hashem asked — he put BOTH hands on Yehoshua, giving him many more *kochos* and making his face shine!

TEHILLIM :: 79 - 82

Today's *kapitelach* are *Ayin-Tes* to *Pey-Beis*.

In *Kapitel Pey-Alef* (81), the *posuk* says “**Tiku BaChodesh Shofar, Bakeseh LeYom Chageinu. Ki Chok LeYisroel Hu, Mishpat Leilokei Yaakov.**” These *pesukim* are talking about blowing the *shofar*, which is the *mitzvah* of *Rosh Hashana*.

The *Gemara* says that it is also talking about the *parnasa* that every Yid will have for the coming year. There is an argument in the *Gemara* whether a person is judged on *Rosh Hashana*, or every day, or even every hour!

There is a *maamar* from the Alter Rebbe in *Parshas Korach*, and a *kuntres* from the Rebbe Rashab, called *Kuntres Umaayan*, that discuss this according to *Chassidus*. The Rebbe Rashab explains in this *kuntres* how to be a *mentch* and not allow ourselves to be fooled by the tricks of the *Yetzer Hara*.

It is explained there that this is really not an argument. The different opinions in the *Gemara* about when we are judged are talking about different things! The opinion that says we are judged on *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* is speaking about *Ruchnius*. In *Ruchnius*, it is decided then what a person will have.

The opinion that says we are judged every day or even every hour is speaking about *Gashmius*. Based on how we act every day and every moment, it is decided whether that *Ruchnius koach* we deserve will come into *Gashmius* and give us *Gashmius parnasa*, or stay in *Ruchnius* for *Gan Eden*.

The *Yetzer Hara* tries to trick us to think that since anyway Hashem decided on *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* what will happen, it doesn't matter if we *daven* with a *minyán* or go to a *shiur* in Torah or do other *mitzvos*. The *Yetzer Hara* wants us to think that what we do every day doesn't make a difference.

But based on what we learned, we understand that this is not true! Even if in *Shomayim* it was decided that a person will get a lot on *Rosh Hashana*, that is only in *Ruchnius*! If we don't earn Hashem's *bracha* today, we won't get the *bracha* in *Gashmius*. And the opposite is also true — even if someone isn't supposed to get a lot from the *Ruchnius* that was decided on *Rosh Hashana*, with Hashem's *bracha* today, that little bit of *Ruchnius* can help us in *Gashmius* with all we need!

TANYA :: Igeres Hateshuvah Perek Daled

We are learning about how special a Yid's neshama is, so that we will understand what happens when a Yid does an aveira (Chas Veshalom) and how to do teshuvah. Yesterday we learned about the four letters of Hashem's name. The Alter Rebbe explained that these letters are the 10 Sefiros, split into two parts — the first two letters are the first Sefiros that are used to make the “hidden” worlds, and the second letters are the last Sefiros, through which Hashem makes the worlds we can see.

Now we will learn more about how we see these letters in the *neshama* of every Yid:

The first two letters of Hashem's name (the *sefiros* of the hidden worlds) is the *koach* a Yid has to learn Torah and to think about the greatness of Hashem. We think about how Hashem gives us *chayus*, and how lucky we are that Hashem chose us as the Yidden to be His precious nation! That is HIDDEN — what we are thinking and feeling.

The second letters shine when we ACT the way a Yid should act — like learning Torah and doing *mitzvos*. Those are things we can see! That's from the second part of Hashem's name, that makes things we can see.

HAYOM YOM :: Tes-Zayin Tammuz

We can learn about *Ahavas Yisroel* from the Baal Shem Tov. His *Ahavas Yisroel* was even more than we can imagine!

The Maggid said, “If only we could kiss a *Sefer Torah* with as much love as the Baal Shem Tov had when he kissed the children he brought to *Cheder*, when he was the *bahelfer!*” (Before the Baal Shem Tov became known as a big *tzadik*, he spent some time as a helper — a *bahelfer* — for a *melamed*. He brought the *kinderlach* to and from school, and helped them say *brachos* and *Amen* in *shul*.)

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #74 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #262

In today's *Sefer Hamitzvos* (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #262*), we learn the *mitzvah* that a man is not allowed to hold back certain things from his wife — two of them are that he has to take care of her food and clothes.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: שְׂאֵרָהּ בְּסוּתָהּ וְעִנְתָּהּ לֹא יִגְרַע

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Ishus

In today's Rambam, we learn many *halachos* about what a husband has to do for his wife. He has to pay for a doctor if *chas veshalom* she gets sick, and if she gets put into jail he has to pay money to take her out of jail. He should talk to her nicely, and not get angry.

We also learn what a wife has to do for her husband: The Rambam says that she should have a lot of *kavod* for him, and do her best to do things the way he likes.

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Tefillah - Perek Yud-Beis

Now we learn *halachos* about *Kriyas HaTorah*! Moshe Rabbeinu taught us to *lein* from the Torah on Mondays, Thursdays, and Shabbos, so that there are never 3 days in a row without hearing the holy words of the Torah.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Ahavas Yisrael

One of the ways we show *Ahavas Yisroel* is by noticing when a Yid is missing something, and then doing our best to help.

We see from the Rebbe how to have *Ahavas Yisroel* with *Ruchnius*. The Rebbe noticed that many Yidden were missing the chance to do a *mitzvah*, so the Rebbe taught the *Chassidim* to go on *mitvzoyim* and go on *Shlichus*.

We also can learn from the Rebbe how to have *Ahavas Yisroel* with *Gashmius*! Here is one story:

The Rebbe was sitting in his office in 770, and heard sounds of a *chuppah* from outside. The *chosson* broke the glass, everyone shouted *Mazel Tov*, and then the *chosson's* friends started to sing *Siman Tov U'mazal Tov!*

The Rebbe noticed that even though the *bochurim* were singing very happily and clapping their hands, there was no music being played.

The Rebbe sent out Rabbi Groner, one of the Rebbe's secretaries, to quietly find out why. Rabbi Groner came back and told the Rebbe that this couple did not have a lot of money for their *chasunah*, so they couldn't afford to pay for a musician.

The Rebbe told Rabbi Groner to go back outside right away and let them know that the Rebbe himself would pay for musicians to make their *chasunah* a happy and special time!

TEFILLAH :: Mesiras Nefesh

We just celebrated the Yom Tov of Yud-Beis Tammuz, the Yom Tov that celebrates the Frierdiker Rebbe's Mesiras Nefesh for Torah and mitzvos. We will now learn about the Mesiras Nefesh we start our day with, when we daven!

The Alter Rebbe says in *Tanya* that when we *daven* and learn Torah, it's really a kind of *Mesiras Nefesh*.

Why? It doesn't put us in danger!

The words "*Mesiras Nefesh*" mean "to give up the *neshama*." When a person does *Mesiras Nefesh*, he gives up the life of his *guf* and returns his *neshama* to Hashem. We do something similar, when we *daven*!

When we don't pay attention to our *guf* like we usually do, we are having *Mesiras Nefesh*, giving up part of its life! We can eat before *davening* if we need to, so that it won't bother us in the middle of *davening*. But when we actually *daven*, we focus completely on the words of our *tefillos* and on our connection to Hashem. Our *neshama* is returned to the way it felt when it was in *Gan Eden*, when nothing *Gashmius'dik* distracted it!

That's a kind of *Mesiras Nefesh*.

So when it comes time to stand before Hashem and *daven*, we need to do it in a way of *Mesiras Nefesh*. At least during *Shema* and *Shemoneh Esrei* (the most important parts of *tefillah*), we should forget about all of our *Gashmius* distractions. Instead, we should think only about how the *neshama* is speaking directly to Hashem, asking to have *hatzlacha* in fulfilling the *shlichus* it has in the world. We should also think about the *nachas* Hashem has from a Yid in this world connecting to Hashem through *davening* and keeping Torah and *mitzvos*.

See Tanya end Perek Mem-Alef

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Changing the Truth for Shalom

It is very important to tell the truth. We don't make up things that didn't happen, and we don't promise

things that we aren't going to keep, like the Torah tells us.

But sometimes we ARE allowed to change the truth if it will bring *shalom*.

Here is an example:

Ari is at a birthday party, and the boys are playing different games in the room. He hears a boy say that Yitzy is not fun to play with, because he gets so upset when he loses!

Yitzy notices that someone was talking about him, and asks Ari what the boy said.

Does Ari have to tell the truth, even though it will make Yitzy feel bad?

No. For shalom, he can change what happened, and say that the boy just said that he won the game with Yitzy.

But this is only about something that already happened. We are NOT allowed to make a promise that we don't plan on keeping, or say something not true about something in the future, even if we think it will bring *shalom*!

See the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, siman Kuf-Nun-Vov, se'if Beis

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: A Healthy World

The *Medrash* says that when *Moshiach* comes, everyone will be healthy!

The truth is that when Hashem created the world, it was supposed to be a world where nobody gets sick.

But because of things like the *Cheit Eitz Hadaas*, the *Cheit Ha'eigel*, and *Golus*, that changed. The world wasn't able to be that way.

When *Moshiach* comes, the world will go back to the way it was supposed to be, and everyone will be healthy!

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