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CHUMASH :: Parshas Tzav - Revi'i with Rashi

We already learned about the week before *Rosh Chodesh Nissan*, where Moshe will get the *kohanim* ready to serve in the *Mishkan*. Now it's happening! It is *Chof-Gimmel Adar*, and Hashem tells Moshe to get together all the things he needs — Aharon and his sons, the *kohanim*'s clothing, the *Shemen Hamish'cha* ("anointing oil"), the bull for the *Chatas*, two rams, and a basket of 30 *matzos*!

Moshe should have all of the Yidden come stand near the *Mishkan* so they can see. Moshe will act as the

Kohen Gadol, wearing the white clothing the *Kohen Gadol* would wear on *Yom Kippur*. He will bring the special *korbanos* (a *Korban Olah*, a *Korban Chatas*, the special “*Miluim*” *korban*, and three *Korban Minchas*).

Moshe told all of the Yidden that he is doing this because Hashem said so, not because he likes the *kavod* or because he wants his brother to have *kavod*!

Moshe dressed Aharon in the special clothes of the *Kohen Gadol*, and put the *tzitz* on his head.

Moshe put or sprinkled *Shemen Hamish'cha* on each part of the *Mishkan*, so they will be ready to be used.

TEHILLIM :: 60 - 65

One of the *Kapitelach* we say in today’s *Yom of Tehillim* is *Kapitel Samech-Gimmel*.

In this *Kapitel*, we have one of the Rebbe’s *niggunim*: “**Tzoma Lecha Nafshi!**” There are many tapes and videos of the Rebbe singing this *niggun*.

The words mean that our *neshama* is “thirsty” for Hashem, just like a person who is in a *Midbar* is SO thirsty for water. Our *neshama* wants to be with Hashem very much!

We also feel this way when we are in *Golus* and can’t see Hashem. We try to do a lot of *mitzvos* and bring the *Geulah* so we will be able to see Hashem here in this world!

TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Lamed-Tes

In *Tanya* we learn that our *mitzvos* won’t be able to go up to higher *Ruchnius* worlds if we don’t do *mitzvos* “*Lishma*.”

What does “*Lishma*” mean? It means that we can’t do the *mitzvah* just because that’s what our parents or teachers taught us to do. We need to do the *mitzvah* with a love for the *mitzvah* and the fear of being separated from Hashem through an *aveira*.

When we do *mitzvos* in this way, our *mitzvos* will be able to go up higher and become more *Ruchnius’dik*.

HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Alef Nisan

Today we learn one of the things we are supposed to do on a Yom Huledes:

On a person’s birthday, he should spend some time by himself to think. He should try to remember things that happened to him in the past, and think about them to see if they were the way they should be. He should do *teshuva* for things he realizes were wrong, and fix up the things that should be done better.

On Yud-Alef Nissan Tof-Shin-Chof-Beis, Shnas Hashishim, the Rebbe explained why we spend time on a birthday doing teshuvah. The Rebbe compares it to two times that we say Tachanun, even though you might think we don’t need to:

On a Bar Mitzvah, which the Zohar says is a simcha like a Chasunah, the Bar Mitzvah boy says Tachanun. Why? Because the idea of Tachanun is to do teshuvah for things that were not done right, and the special day of Bar Mitzvah is a special time to fix up whatever was missing before!

Many people don’t say Tachanun on the yartzeit of a tzadik, but it is the Chabad minhag to say Tachanun on these yartzeits. Why? Because there is so much special Ruchnius koach on that day, we want to use it to help us do teshuvah!

For the same reason, we make sure to use our birthday as a time to do teshuvah. Since on a person’s birthday Mazalo

Gover, it is the best time to spend time thinking about the things that need to be corrected, and use the koach of this day to correct them!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #40 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #320

Today's *mitzvah* (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #320*) is the same as yesterday's. We are not allowed to do any of the kinds of work called *melacha* on Shabbos.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Yisro*: **לֹא תַעֲשֵׂה כֹּל מְלָאכָה**
The details are explained in *Mesechta Shabbos*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Shabbos

In today's Rambam, *perakim Tes, Yud*, and ***Yud-Alef***, we learn many of the *Lamed-Tes melachos* that we started in the last *perek* of yesterday's Rambam! We learn about not cooking, or even putting something near a warm place so it will cook too. We learn about not writing, or cutting nails, or tying knots, and many more of the *melachos* and their details!

We will finish learning the rest of the *Lamed-Tes Melachos* in the first *perek* of tomorrow's Rambam.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Mikvaos - Perek Hey

Water that comes from a *keili* and not from rainwater is called *Mayim She'uvim*. If there is too much *Mayim She'uvim* in a *mikvah*, it is *posul*! This *perek* tells us about different ways that *Mayim She'uvim* could come into a *Mikvah* and make it *posul*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chassidishe Yom Tov

Today is a special *Chassidishe Yom Tov* — *Yud-Alef Nissan*, the Rebbe's birthday!

On a person's birthday, “*mazalo gover*” — their *neshama* has a LOT of *koach*! When it's the Rebbe's birthday, all of the *Chassidim* get from this *koach* too.

One of the *minhagim* the Rebbe told us to do on our own birthdays, is to have a *farbrengen* with our family and friends. We say a *Shehecheyanu* on a new fruit, and thank Hashem for His *chesed* to us, by bringing us into the world and giving us the chance to do our *shlichus* here in the world as *Yidden*.

On *Yud-Alef Nissan*, *chassidim* also join together with their family, friends, and other *Yidden* and make a *farbrengen*. We thank Hashem for His *chesed* to us by giving us such a great Rebbe. We thank Hashem for the *zechus* to be living in this special generation, which the Rebbe told us is the last generation of *Golus* and the first generation of *Geulah*!

Yud-Alef Nisan is a good time for us to make *hachlatos* to strengthen the *shlichus* which each of us have, and to add in learning Torah, especially in the Rebbe's *sichos* and *maamarim* and *Igros Kodesh*, through which we are able to be connected with the Rebbe all the time!

LEARNING FROM THE REBBE :: The Rebbe's Kapitel

One of the minhagim of a birthday, as the Rebbe teaches us, is to learn our new kapitel. It is a minhag of Chassidim to learn the Rebbe's kapitel in honor of the Rebbe's birthday on Yud-Alef Nissan! This year, the Rebbe's kapitel is Kuf-

Chof-Daled.

Every *kapitel* has its message, which becomes the theme of the whole year!

In this *kapitel*, Dovid Hamelech sings to Hashem the words of Yidden in *Golus*. He praises Hashem that even though the *goyim* try so hard to attack us, Hashem saves us. If not for Hashem being with us, how could we have survived?

Dovid Hamelech uses *mashalim* to show how dangerous the *goyim* are:

Like an angry person who doesn't even wait to cook his food, the *goyim* tried to "swallow" us up! Like big stormy waves try to pull a person down, the *goyim* tried to "drown" us! Like a hunter catches a bird in a cage, the *goyim* thought they "caught" us and we would be stuck forever!

But Hashem didn't let them do their mean plans. Hashem "broke the cage" and let us escape from the *goyim*. We thank Hashem who keeps us safe even in the scariest times of *Golus*.

In Tof-Shin-Mem-Daled, the Rebbe said a sicha about this kapitel, when it was the kapitel of the Rebbe Rashab.

The Rebbe explained the beginning of *Kapitel Kuf-Chof-Daled* based on an explanation of the Tzemach Tzedek, on the words "**Lulei Hashem Shehaya Lanu**," "If not for Hashem helping us in *Golus*..." These words hint to very high light of Hashem that Yidden can connect to, especially through *Teshuvah*.

The Rebbe taught that this has a message that encourages us in *Golus*:

Even during the time of *Golus*, there are actually special *Ruchnius kochos* that are there for Yidden to use!

It is true that *Golus* is there to prepare for the *Geulah*, but this *kapitel* teaches us to look for and use the light of Hashem that is hiding in *Golus* even now.

See farbrengen Chof Cheshvan 5744

TEFILLAH :: Haggadah Shel Pesach

In the *Haggadah*, we say the *Mishnah* "Bechol Dor Vador," meaning that in every generation we are supposed to see ourselves as if we ourselves came out of *Mitzrayim*.

The Alter Rebbe says in *Tanya* that not only every generation, but "Bechol Yom Vayom" — every single day! Every day, we should see ourselves as having come out of *Mitzrayim*, because in a certain way, we do! Our *guf* can be like a *Mitzrayim*, stopping us from doing what Hashem wants. When we decide to connect ourselves to Hashem through *Torah* and *mitzvos* when we say *Shema* every day, we are coming out of *Mitzrayim*!

If this is something that happens every day, what's so special about *Pesach*?

There are many times in *Yiddishkeit* where we see that a certain day gives us extra *chayus* in something!

For example, having *Kabolas Ol* is something we need to do every day. But on *Rosh Hashana*, that is a very special time for *Kabolas Ol Malchus Shomayim*, and *Rosh Hashana* gives us *koach* for the rest of the year!

Another example is thanking Hashem for the *Torah*. Every day we say a *bracha* "Nosein HaTorah," thanking Hashem for giving the *Torah* to the Yidden. But on *Shavuos* is an extra-special time to thank Hashem for this precious gift, and *Shavuos* gives us *koach* and *chayus* to receive the *Torah* anew every day!

The same thing is with *Pesach*. Every single day we thank Hashem for taking us out of *Mitzrayim* — the

Mitzrayim that the Yidden suffered in, and the little Mitzrayim inside of us. But *Pesach* is a very special night for thanking Hashem for the *neis* of *Geulah*, and *Pesach* gives us *koach* to appreciate *Yetziyas Mitzrayim* properly every single day of the year!

See *dibur hamaschil* “*Bechol Dor Vador*” in the Rebbe’s *Haggadah*, and *farbrengen* *Yud-Alef Nissan Tof-Shin-Lamed-Ches*

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Taanis Bechoros

Don’t forget to say the Nasi! Today’s nasi is Shevet Asher.

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During *Makas Bechoros*, Hashem gave the *Malach Hamaves* permission to kill ALL firstborn boys. But Hashem made a *neis* and had the *malach* skip over the houses of the Yidden, and all of them were saved!

To remember this *neis* of how the *bechorim* were saved in Mitzrayim, nowadays firstborn boys fast on the day of *Erev Pesach*. Since this year *Erev Pesach* is on Shabbos, we fast tomorrow, on Thursday, instead (since it is best not to fast on *Erev Shabbos*.)

If a firstborn son isn’t *Bar Mitzvah* yet, his father fasts for him until he is old enough to fast on his own.

We are allowed to break this fast to eat at a *Seudas Mitzvah*, like a *bris*, *Pidyon Haben*, or *siyum*. In *shul*, there is usually a *siyum* after *davening*, and the *bechorim* are allowed to break their fasts to celebrate at this *siyum*.

Even though we usually drink something or eat before *davening* to be able to *daven* with proper *kavana*, a *bechor* should remember not to eat until after the *siyum*!

See Alter Rebbe’s Shulchan Aruch siman Tof-Kuf-Chof-Zayin

Here are some places you can review the halachos that are important for this year:

- *Pesach Day-By-Day* (Horav Yosef Yeshaya Braun)
- *Halacha Newsletter* (Horav Shmuel Lesches)

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Picturing the Geulah

There is a very famous letter that the Rebbe wrote to someone in the government in Eretz Yisroel on *Yud-Alef Nissan*. The Rebbe writes that even as a child, he already started to picture in his mind what the *Geulah* will look like, including how we will thank Hashem for the *Golus* then!

The Rebbe writes in this letter:

From the day I went to *cheder*, and even before, I started to imagine what the *Geulah* will be like. It will be a *Geulah* where ALL of the Yidden are taken out of *Golus*, and it will be such a great *Geulah* that we will even be able to understand then why Hashem made the *Golus* so hard. ...In the end, we will even THANK Hashem for the hard parts of *Golus*!

See Igros Kodesh chelek Yud-Beis p. 414

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