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Mazel Tov **Benny Binyomin Moshe Wolf** (Scranton, PA)  
~ 9th birthday Tes-Vov Kislev ~  
Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

*In honor of the second birthday of  
Rochel bas Fraida Malka, shlucha of Mt Olive, NJ  
~ Beis Teves ~  
May she have arichus yomim veshonim tovos, and continue to be an inspiration to everyone she meets!*

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~ 9th birthday Gimmel Teves ~  
Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

## **CHUMASH :: Parshas Vayigash - Shishi with Rashi**

In today's *Chumash*, we learn how Yosef and Yaakov finally meet again. Yosef brings his brothers and father to Yaakov, and Yaakov gives Paroh a *bracha*.

Yaakov's whole family was coming down to Mitzrayim! Yaakov sent Yehudah to hurry ahead, to get things ready for everyone else. What's the most important thing he needed to get ready? To set up a place to learn Torah, a *yeshiva*!

Finally, the whole family came to Goshen. Yosef came to meet them right away! In honor of seeing his father, Yosef set up his carriage by himself instead of having a servant do it like he usually would.

When Yosef saw his father, he hugged him and cried for a long time. Yaakov did not do anything then, because he was in the middle of reading *Shema* and was not allowed to interrupt.

When he finished, Yaakov said to Yosef, “Now I can die happy, because I can see you and I know that you’re still alive.”

Yosef told his whole family that he would tell Paraoh that they are shepherds, and they have their sheep with them. He told them that if Paraoh would ask, they should also say they are shepherds. This way, Paraoh will have them live in Goshen, the best part of Mitzrayim, where there is plenty of grass for sheep to eat. Goshen isn’t so close to the big cities of Mitzrayim, and the *Goyim* won’t have to see them taking care of sheep which they would *shecht* later. This would bother the Mitzriyim, who used sheep as *Avodah Zarah*.

Yosef brought some of his brothers to Paraoh, and Paraoh did tell Yosef exactly what he had wanted, that his brothers should live in Goshen. Paraoh asked them to take care of his own (Paraoh’s) sheep too.

Yosef then brought his father Yaakov to Paraoh. Paraoh asked Yaakov how old he was, and Yaakov answered that he was 130 years old. But those were 130 HARD years, not happy years like his father’s and grandfather’s! Then Yaakov gave him a *bracha* that whenever Paraoh would come to the Nilus river, it would overflow and water the ground in Mitzrayim. This way, the hunger would be over!

When the Mitzriyim saw that the *bracha* of Yaakov, who believed in Hashem, is what made the Nilus overflow, they didn’t believe in the Nilus as an *Avodah Zarah* as much anymore.

## **TEHILLIM :: 18 - 22**

*Today’s kapitelach are Yud-Ches through Chof-Beis.*

Dovid Hamelech wrote the *Sefer Tehillim* with *Ruach Hakodesh*, for all of the Yidden. He gives us words to praise Hashem, to ask Him to help us when we need Him, and words to ask for forgiveness when we want to do *teshuvah*. Each *kapitel* has a message!

In the *Tehillim* called *Ohel Yosef Yitzchok*, before most *kapitelach* there are a few sentences explaining the message of that *kapitel*.

In the first *kapitel* of today’s *Tehillim*, we are given words to say when a miracle happens to us! We praise Hashem, and remember the many *nissim* that Hashem did from the time He created the world. We ask that the One who did all of the *nissim* should continue to make *nissim* for Yidden!

Dovid Hamelech said this *kapitel* towards the end of his life, thanking Hashem for being saved from so many different troubles. He was saved from many enemies, and from King Shaul who was chasing him.

The message of the next *kapitel*, *Kapitel Yud-Tes*, is how to see the greatness of Hashem. When we look at the *Shomayim*, and when we look at the Torah, we are looking at the wonders of Hashem. Like one of the *pesukim* says, “**Hashomayim Mesaprim Kevod Keil.**” (“The sky tells about Hashem’s *kavod*.”) Seeing the incredible things Hashem created helps us to speak about Hashem’s glory and honor.

## **TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Vov**

*We are learning about the two nefashos which control our mind and heart and the way we behave. We learned about*

*the Nefesh Elohis. Now we are learning about the Nefesh Habehamis.*

The Alter Rebbe says that the *Nefesh Habehamis* isn't only used for *Aveiros*, but ANYTHING that's not specifically *kedusha* is automatically coming from the *Nefesh Habehamis*.

The Alter Rebbe explains why: *Kedusha* is something which is especially for Hashem. If it's something we're doing for ourselves, even if it's not an *aveira*, it's not *kedusha*. Anything that's not *kedusha* is called *kelipah*, and is done using the *Nefesh Habehamis*.

But not all *Kelipah* is the same! There is some *kelipah* that can NEVER be a part of *Kedusha*. It can never be used by the *Nefesh Elohis*. There are actually 3 of these (we learn their names from the *Navi Yechezkel*), and they're called the *Shalosh Kelipos Hatemeios*.

In the end of today's *Tanya*, the Alter Rebbe talks about what kinds of things get their *chayus* from these *kelipos*. There are things that Hashem CREATED that get *chayus* through these *kelipos*. They are *goyim* who don't keep the *Sheva Mitzvos Bnei Noach*, non-kosher animals, and non-kosher food. Then there are kinds of things that weren't CREATED with *chayus* from these *kelipos*, but if it is used for an *aveira*, it gets its *chayus* from these kinds of *kelipah* too.

In tomorrow's *Tanya*, we're going to learn about the OTHER kind of *Kelipah*, that even though it's *kelipah*, it can be used for and become a part of *Kedusha*.

## **HAYOM YOM :: Gimmel Teves**

In today's *Hayom Yom*, the Rebbe brings two corrections which the Rebbe Rashab noted in the *Torah Ohr* of *Parshas Mikeitz*, where most of the *maamarim* of Chanukah are printed.

One of the corrections is an extra word that was printed by mistake. It was in the part talking about how happy the *neschama* is in *Gan Eden*, and that it's worth it to even have hard things so the *neschama* will be able to get it.

Another mistake was where it says that the lights of Chanukah are connected to *Moshiach*:

The *Moshiach* light of the *Menorah* shines out to the whole world, which is why we are supposed to make sure that the Chanukah lighting is public. The Alter Rebbe brings a *posuk* that talks about the greatness of *Moshiach*, and explains the *Ruchnius* level where *Moshiach* comes from. There is also a correction there in a letter that was printed, where an *Alef* was put in instead of a *Samach*.

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #283 - Mitzvas Asei #245**

Today's *mitzvah* (*Mitzvas Asei #245*) is — you guessed it, the very same *mitzvah* again! When we buy things and sell things (or even give presents), there are rules in Torah about how to do it, and who the things belong to when.

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Shluchim VeShutfim**

In today's Rambam, we learn more about partners:

In **Perek Hey** we learn about what happens when one of the partners doesn't do what they agreed. If he sold the potatoes for too cheap, he needs to pay his partner back for the money that was lost. But if he sold them for more money than they decided on, they need to split the extra money equally!

**Perek Vov** teaches us about a kind of partnership where one person just gives the money, and the other person does all the work. This called *Eisek*.

**Perek Zayin** tells us what happens when the person doing all the work doesn't do it right.

## **RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Tumas Tzoraas - Perek Beis**

This *perek* teaches us the *halachos* about the *siman* of *tumah* called “*Se’ar Lavan*,” white hair in the patch of *Tzoraas*.

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Lebn Mit Der Tzeit**

This week's *parsha* is called *Vayigash*. At the beginning of the *parsha*, Yehudah approaches (*Vayigash*) Yosef, and speaks to him for a long time, in a very strong way, telling him not to take Binyomin away from his father Yaakov. The *Medrash* says that Yehudah was ready to do whatever it would take — even to fight.

In the first year after *Yud Shevat*, in a *farbrengen* with *Chassidim*, the Rebbe said that parents need to take a lesson from how Yehudah acted. They need to learn from Yehudah to feel the responsibility for every single child, and make sure that no matter how hard it is, they make sure that each child will be happy to go in the *Derech HaTorah*.

*The Rebbe said this to parents, but kids can also learn from this! It is so important that EACH person is happy to go in the way of Torah. We can be part of making sure that we, our siblings, and our friends are happy to keep the mitzvos. We should show them how happy we are by acting in the way of Torah, and that will make them want to do the same!*

*See Likutei Sichos chelek Alef*

## **TEFILLAH :: Mah Tovv**

At the beginning of *davening*, the *Chachomim* gave us *tefillos* that help put us in the proper mood to *daven*.

When Hashem created the world, He gave every *Gashmius'dike* thing three ways to describe it (dimensions): *Olam*, *Shana*, and *Nefesh*.

- 1) **Olam**: Space (this means the place it fills up, the size and shape and color and feel.)
- 2) **Shana**: Time (*Gashmius* things don't stay the same forever, they change based on the time they are in)
- 3) **Nefesh**: *Chayus* (the *chayus* of Hashem is what makes things the way they are!)

In *Mah Tovv*, we say *pesukim* to show how our *davening* is special in all of these three ways!

- 1) “*Mah Tovv Oholecha Yaakov*” — “The tents of the Yidden are so good!” We say that the *Olam*, the place we are *davening* in, is special!
- 2) “*Va’ani Berov Chasdecha Avo Veisecha*” — “I come to Your house with Your great *chesed*.” We say that the *Nefesh* who is *davening*, meaning ourselves, is special!
- 3) “*Va’ani Sefilasi Lecha Hashem Eis Ratzon*” — “My *tefillah* should come to Hashem at the right time.” We say that the *Shana*, the time of our *davening* is special!

When we stand before Hashem, we think about how our *davening* is special in every way — in *Olam*, *Shana*, and *Nefesh*.

The three *pesukim* are in the order we find them in Torah: The first *posuk*, “*Mah Tov*,” is from *Parshas Balak*, the second *posuk* is from *Tehillim, Kapitel Hey*, and the third *posuk* is also from *Tehillim, Kapitel Samach-Tes*.

*See My Prayer vol. 1*

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Tznius for Little Girls**

At what age does a little girl have to start wearing *Tznius'dike* clothes and acting in a *Tznius'dike* way?

The Rebbe tells us that based on the *Shulchan Aruch*, a girl needs to dress and act in a *tznius'dike* way starting at age 3.

But it should be in a nice way, we don't have to be mean about it!

*See Likutei Sichos vol. 18 p. 448, translated in Beautiful Within*

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Non-Kosher Things When Moshiach Comes**

In today's *Tanya*, we learned that non-kosher things get their *chayus* from the *Shalosh Kelipos Hatmeios*, the lowest level of *kelipah*.

When *Moshiach* comes, and Hashem will take away the *tumah* from the world, will these things all disappear?

The answer is no! *Kelipah* itself can't give *chayus*. Hidden inside of *kelipah* there is a spark of *kedusha*, and that is what gives *chayus*!

So when the *tumah* leaves the world, these things won't get their *chayus* through *kelipah* anymore — their *chayus* will come straight from the *kedusha*!

*See Igros Kodesh vol. 3 p. 152, Tanya Hashalem Perek Vov*

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