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<u>CHUMASH</u> :: Parshas Vezos Habracha - Shishi with Rashi

In today's Chumash, Moshe Rabbeinu finishes giving brachos to the Yidden before he passes away. Moshe Rabbeinu said many beautiful things to the Yidden! Here are some of them:

Because Hashem takes care of the Yidden, they will all feel safe to live in Eretz Yisroel, everyone in their own part. They won't need to all squeeze together into the same place because they are scared of the *Goyim*!

Moshe didn't need to say more details of the *brachos* — the Yidden have *brachos* in EVERYTHING!

Now Moshe finished writing the Sifrei Torah, because he will soon go onto Har Nevo and pass away.

TEHILLIM :: 79 - 82

ון בן מינדל

Today's *Kapitelach* of *Tehillim* were the Rebbe's *Kapitel* in the early "*Mems*" (1980's), and every *Kapitel* has a *niggun*!

One of the *niggunim* is "**Roeh Yisroel Haazinah**." Hashem is like our shepherd, taking such good care of us. We ask Hashem, please listen to our *tefillos*!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof-Beis

In this letter, the Alter Rebbe encourages *Chassidim* to *daven* the way a *Chossid* should! (We will see more letters about this later in *Igeres Hakodesh* too!)

The words the Alter Rebbe uses show us how important it is. He asks *Chassidim* to be "*Akshanim*" (stubborn) — to make sure do *daven* all the words out loud (except *Shemoneh Esrei*), even if the *Yetzer Hara* tries to tell them not to or if people laugh at them!

When we are "stubborn" in the way we serve Hashem, Hashem will also be "stubborn" to give us *brachos* in all of the things we need and want.

The Alter Rebbe also begs *Chassidim* to work on making sure they have a lot of *Ahavas Yisroel*.

Of course everyone has things they aren't doing right and need to change or fix, but it's not our job to fix everyone else's problems! We need to do what the *Chachomim* say and be humble in front of everyone. Everyone has something special, something they are good at. Even if we don't see it, the *Chachomim* said so and we need to believe them! This will help us have more *Achdus*.

It is also important to be careful not just not to SAY *Lashon Hara* but even not to THINK it. Thinking is something we do deep inside, so it's "closer" to the *Neshama*. It can even be worse to think than to talk!

We need to be VERY careful with how we think about other people. Then we will have *Ahavas Yisroel* and *shalom*.

When the Alter Rebbe asks chassidim to work hard to make shalom, he calls chassidim "my loved ones, brothers and friends." Chassidim explain that when someone works to strengthen his ahavas Yisroel with other chassidim he becomes close to the Alter Rebbe, like a good friend!

HAYOM YOM :: Tes-Zayin Tishrei

On the second night of Sukkos, in kiddush first we say Shehecheyanu, and THEN Leisheiv Basukah (the first night was the opposite order).

The Tzemach Tzedek said:

The Alter Rebbe had a *farbrengen* in the year *Tof-Kuf-Samach-Tes*. He said a *maamar* that starts with the words *"Ushe'avtem Mayim*" that is now printed in *Likutei Torah*. It was the SIXTH time that the Alter Rebbe said this *maamar*!

The *Gemara* says that *Tzadikim* used to get special *hisorerus* (inspiration) from *Simchas Beis Hashoeiva*. Yonah Hanavi got a *hisorerus* for *Nevuah*!

The Tzemach Tzedek said that from hearing this *maamar* that talks about *Simchas Beis Hashoeva*, *Chassidim* got a *hisorerus* too — a *hisorerus* about *Moshiach*, which is the reason Hashem made the whole world!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #206 - Mitzvas Asei #108

Today's *mitzvah* is the same as yesterday's: (*Mitzvas Asei #108*) This *mitzvah* is about *Mei Nidah* — the water that is mixed with the ashes of the *Parah Adumah*. There are some kinds of things that it makes *tamei*, and other things that it makes *tahor*! The *mitzvah* is to follow all of these *halachos*.

At the end of this *mitzvah*, the Rambam tells us the source of all of the *mitzvos* of *Tumah* and *Tahara* in the

Torah (*Parshas Shemini*, *Tazria*, *Metzora*, and *Chukas*), where they are explained in *Mishnayos* (*Seder Taharos*), and which *mesechtos* explain which *mitzvos*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Parah Adumah

In today's Rambam, we learn more halachos about using the Mei Nidah for making someone (or something) Tahor from Tumas Meis.

Perek Yud-Alef: In this *perek* we learn all of the details of how the water is actually sprinkled, using the *Eizov* branch.

Perek Yud-Beis: We learn what happens when more than one person or thing are sprinkled at one time. What if the water drips from one onto the other one? What if the water went onto one part of something, like only the lid of a pot? All of the answers are in today's Rambam!

One of the things the Rambam teaches us about is called a *Klubkerin* — what we would call a winter coat! Even though there is an inside soft lining and an outside made of something else, it's called just one thing, and if the water was sprinkled on any part, the whole thing is *tahor*.

Perek Yud-Gimmel: This *perek* teaches us about the extra rules of *tumah* and *tahara* we have with things used for the *Mei Nidah*.

<u>RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD</u> :: Hilchos Korban Pesach - Perek Yud

We learn many *halachos* about the *aveira* of not breaking a bone in the *Korban Pesach*. We also learn about the *mitzva* of bringing a *Korban Chagigah* along with it. The *perek* finishes with the differences between bringing the *korban* on *Pesach* or on *Pesach Sheini*!

Mazel Tov! We have now finished learning this set of halachos!

INYANA D'YOMA :: Simchas Beis Hashoevah

Imagine you were in the *Beis Hamikdash* on *Sukkos*. With *korbanos*, we always pour wine on the *Mizbeiach* (called *Nesachim*). But on *Sukkos*, we also pour WATER on the *Mizbeiach*!

The Yidden were so excited to do this special *mitzvah*, that they danced all night long! The *kohanim* lit huge torches so it wouldn't be dark, and Yidden would dance and *Tzadikim* would juggle while the *Leviim* played happy songs on their instruments!

The women would watch from upstairs in the *Ezras Noshim* (because it was very crowded downstairs, and it wouldn't be *Tznius* if they were squashed in together with the men!).

Nowadays, even though there is no *Beis Hamikdash*, we still can do part of this *mitzvah* — to dance and be happy just like the Yidden did then!

Chassidim used to *farbreng* all night until they got so excited they would get up and dance! The Rebbe said that nowadays, EVERYONE needs to be happy, and we shouldn't only wait for the *simcha* that comes from talking about *Chassidus* — we should go right away and dance in the streets to bring *simcha* to everyone!

We shouldn't only do this in big cities, but we should bring the *simcha* of *Yom Tov* to Yidden EVERYWHERE!

TEFILLAH :: Amidah for Shalosh Regalim, Part 3

The *Shemoneh Esrei* for the *Shalosh Regalim* is different than the rest of the year. The middle *brachos* are special paragraphs just for these *Yomim Tovim*.

First we say a *bracha* that Hashem chose the Yidden, and then we speak about the Yom Tov Hashem gave us!

Then we ask Hashem to give us the special *bracha* of this *Yom Tov*, "*Vehasi'einu*." We ask that we should be able to feel and appreciate the *kedusha* and the *kochos* of this day, so they will become a part of us and help us do our *avodah* the entire year.

Like in the *tefillos* on Shabbos, we continue by asking Hashem to make us holy with His *mitzvos*, to give us a part of His Torah, make us happy by saving us, and help us do our *avodah* with *emes*!

We finish off by praising Hashem for making Yidden and the *Yomim Tovim* both holy: **Mekadeish Yisroel Vehazmanim**.

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Sukkah Kavana

When we do a *mitzvah*, it is important to have *kavana*! But the *kavana* is usually a separate thing, not part of the actual *mitzvah*. But for some *mitzvos*, we aren't doing the *mitzvah* properly unless we have *kavana*!

The *mitzvah* of eating in the *sukkah* is one of the *mitzvos* that NEED to have *kavana*.

What kavana do we need to have?

We should think about how we are sitting in the *sukkah* to do a *mitzvah* from Hashem, to sit in a *sukkah* which reminds us of how Hashem took us out of Mitzrayim and protected us with the *Ananei Hakavod*.

See the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, siman Tof-Reish-Chof-Hey

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Ushpizin

Our guests for today are Yitzchak Avinu and the Maggid.

One of the things we can learn from Yitzchak *Avinu* is how we can live with *Moshiach*! The name of Yitzchak means to laugh. When Yitzchak was born, it brought joy to Avraham *Avinu* and to everyone around him!

The name Yitzchak has a *Yud* at the beginning, meaning "he WILL laugh" — it is talking about something in the future. That is because the REAL laughing, and the REAL joy, will be when *Moshiach* comes!

But already, when Yitzchak was born, Yitzchak was already bringing joy. We can learn from this how to live with *Moshiach*. Even though the MAIN joy of *Moshiach* hasn't come yet, we can already have a taste of it now!

See Sefer Maayanei Hayeshuah

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