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CHUMASH :: 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 :: 104 - 105

Today's shiur Tehillim is kapitelach Kuf-Daled and Kuf-Hey.

Kapitel Kuf-Hey talks about the things that happened until the Yidden went into Eretz Yisroel. It tells how Hashem promised the land to Avraham, how the Yidden had to go down to Mitzrayim because there was no food, how Hashem took out the Yidden from Mitzrayim, and the *nissim* that happened until they came to Eretz Yisroel. It is very interesting to see how the whole history is recorded in this one *kapitel*!

The end of the *kapitel* is “**Vayitein Lohem Artzos Goyim**,” “Hashem gave the Yidden the land of the nations,” that Hashem took Eretz Yisroel away from the *Goyim* and gave it to the Yidden — because that’s who Hashem planned for it to belong to, from the beginning!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof-Gimmel

In this letter, the Alter Rebbe is telling chassidim how important it is not to waste time in Shul, like between davening Mincha and Maariv, by talking about shtus — they should use that time to learn Torah! The Alter Rebbe tells us what happens when ten Yidden come together like for a minyan, and when we understand that, we will never even WANT to waste our time there!

The *Gemara* says that when one Yid sits and learns Torah, Hashem gives him a REWARD. When TEN Yidden come together, Hashem RESTS there.

What is the difference?

The reward is that Hashem gives the Yid a chance to UNDERSTAND Hashem’s Torah and to FEEL how Hashem is there with him when he is learning. This also is the way a Yid feels sometimes when he *davens*.

But Hashem RESTING somewhere means something completely different! Hashem is there in a way that is so strong that a Yid can’t feel it in this world. Only in *Gan Eden* Hashem gives a *neshama* the *koach* to feel it as a special PRESENT, but in this world it is impossible to feel it — it is just there, and it helps us in our *Avodas Hashem* in a hidden way.

Even *malachim* can’t handle the strong *chayus* of Hashem that is there when Yidden gather together. The Alter Rebbe says in the names of his teachers, the Baal Shem Tov and the Maggid, that if a *Malach* would come to a place where there is a *minyan* of Yidden, even if they aren’t *davening* or learning, he would become completely burned up and wouldn’t be able to exist, because of the amazing *chayus* of Hashem.

This shows us how special it is when ten Yidden are together!

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Alef Tishrei

Our Minhagim for Hoshaana Rabbah:

On *Hoshaana Rabbah*, we say the whole *Chumash Devarim*. We aren’t *Maavir Sedra* (saying the *parsha* two times, once with *Targum Onkelos*) for *Parshas Vezos Habracha* until *Erev Simchas Torah*. (The Rebbe Rashab told some people to say *Parshas Vezos Habracha* with Rashi on *Hoshaana Rabbah*, but this wasn’t for everyone to do.)

Before *Hallel* on *Hoshaana Rabbah*, we take off the top two rings from the *Lulav*, but we leave the 3 rings on the bottom that attach it to the *Hadassim* and *Aravos*. We dip our *Challah* into honey, but we don’t anymore on *Shmini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah*.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #167 - Mitzvas Asei #43, #44, #45, #46, #47, #48, #50, #51

Today we learn EIGHT *mitzvos*, about bringing eight special *Yom Tov korbanos*! We learn these *mitzvos* in *Parshas Emor* and *Pinchas*, where we learn about the *Yomim Tovim*.

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #43*) We bring an extra *korban* on each day of *Pesach*!

We learn this *mitzvah*, called the *Musaf Chag Hamatzos*, from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם אִשָּׁה לָהּ 'שְׁבַעַת יָמִים

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #44*) On the second day of *Pesach*, we bring the *Korban Omer*, which is made out of flour! This is also called “*Minchas Bikurim*.” We bring it together with a lamb as a *Korban Olah*.

We also learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְהִבְאֵתֶם אֶת עֹמֶר רְאִישֵׁי קִצְיֹרְכֶם
The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Yud* of *Mesechta Menachos*.

3) (*Mitzvas Asei #45*) 50 days after we bring the *Korban Omer*, we bring the *Atzeres (Shavuos) Korban*!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*: וַיִּזְכֹּר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֶת הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה וַיְחַזְּקֵנוּ בְּיָמֵינוּ וַיִּזְכְּרֵנוּ וַיִּבְרַח מִפְּנֵי יְהוָה וַיִּזְכְּרֵנוּ וַיִּבְרַח מִפְּנֵי יְהוָה וַיִּזְכְּרֵנוּ

4) (*Mitzvas Asei #46*) On *Shavuos*, we bring two loaves of *Chometz'dik* bread, together with certain *korbanos* that are written in the Torah.

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: מִמּוֹשְׁבֵיכֶם תָּבִיאוּ לֶחֶם תְּנוּפֵה שְׁתֵּי יָמִים

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perakim Daled, Hey, Ches, Yud*, and *Yud-Alef* of *Mesechta Menachos*.

5) (*Mitzvas Asei #47*) On *Rosh Hashana*, we bring an extra *korban*, the *Musaf Rosh Hashana*!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַחֲדָשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּאַחַד לְחֹדֶשׁ וְגו' וַעֲשִׂיתֶם עִלָּה לְרֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ לָהּ

6) (*Mitzvas Asei #48*) We bring an extra *korban* on *Yom Kippur*!

This *mitzvah* also comes from *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַעֲשׂוֹר לְחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי וְגו' וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עִלָּה לָהּ רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ

7) (*Mitzvas Asei #50*) We bring extra *korbanos* each day of *Sukkos*!

Even though the Torah says the *korbanos* of each day of *Sukkos* separately, all of the seven days of *Yom Tov* are only counted as one *mitzvah*.

This *mitzvah* is also from *Parshas Pinchas*: וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עִלָּה אִשָּׁה רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ לָהּ

8) (*Mitzvas Asei #51*) On *Shemini Atzeres* we bring an extra *korban*!

The *Chachomim* explain that *Shemini Atzeres* is counted as its own *Yom Tov*, not just part of *Sukkos*, so the *korbanos* of the eighth day are counted as a separate *mitzvah*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Temidin U'Musafin

In today's *Rambam*, we learn more about how we bring these *Korbanos*.

Perek Vov: This *perek* of *Rambam* is like reading a story, about how the *kohanim* wake up in the morning and go do their *Avodah*!

Perek Zayin: We learn about bringing the special *korban* for *Rosh Chodesh*, and the *Pesach korbanos* and the *Korban Omer*. We hear how they would cut the barley for the *Korban Omer*: *Erev Pesach*, they would tie the barley into bundles while it was still growing, to make it easier to cut. After *Yom Tov*, everyone would come out to watch! They would ask each of these questions three times out loud to make sure everyone understood what was happening, and everyone would answer together:

- Did the sun set? — YES!
- Is this a sickle? (a special kind of knife to cut plants) — YES!
- Is this a basket? — YES!
- If it was Shabbos: “Is it Shabbos?” — YES!
- Should I cut the barley? — CUT!

They asked each question three times, and each time, everyone would answer out loud.

The Rambam explains why it was done with such a big deal: Because there were *Tzedukim* who explained the Torah differently, and the *Chachomim* wanted to make sure that everyone understood the correct way to follow the words of the Torah.

The Rambam then tells us exactly how the *korban* was prepared!

Perek Ches: In this *perek*, the Rambam teaches us about the two *Chometz'dike* loaves of bread we bring on *Shavuos*.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shofar V'Sukah V'Lulav - Perek Alef

Today we start to learn about the *mitzvah* of blowing the *shofar*. In the *Beis Hamikdash*, they would blow trumpets together with the *shofar* on *Rosh Hashana*, but in other places, we blow only a *shofar* to do the *mitzvah*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Horaos

For *Hakafos* on *Shemini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah*, it is our *minhag* that everyone comes to *Shul* — even the little babies, like we do for *Aseres Hadibros*!

Once at a *Farbrengen* before *Hakafos*, the Rebbe spoke about how everyone needs to come to *Hakafos*, even very little boys and girls. Then the Rebbe looked at a little girl who was there, and said, “Including a little girl, who can show the older men an example of how to sing and dance with a *chayus* — as long as she isn’t 3 years old yet, when she has to be careful with *Tznius*, and not to sing in front of men.”

TEFILLAH :: Hoshana Rabbah

One of the things we ask from Hashem in the second half of *Hoshaanos* for today, is **V'Otzarcha Hatov Lanu Tiftach** — “Open Your good treasure for us.”

The *Rebbeim* explained that we should read this a little bit differently: *Otzarcha, Hatov LANU, Tiftach*. We ask Hashem that His treasure, that WE can see is good, is what He should open. Of course, EVERYTHING that Hashem does is good, but we ask that it should be the kind of good that we all can easily see is good!

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Hoshana Rabbah

There are many things we need to know about Hoshana Rabbah, Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah. Here are links to some Halacha newsletters with all of the details: Halacha Day by Day newsletter by the Badatz of Crown Heights and Halacha Newsletter by Rabbi Lesches of Melbourne, Australia

Some important things to remember for today:

- It is a *minhag* that everyone, including women and children, *klap Hoshaanos*, and it is best for everyone to

have their own.

- We eat a *Seudas Yom Tov*, where we dip *challah* in honey and eat *kreplach*.

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Ata Horeisa

Before *Hakafos* on *Shemini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah*, we say 17 *pesukim*, starting with the *posuk* “*Ata Horeisa*.” These *pesukim* tell us why we should be so happy on *Simchas Torah*! In *farbrengens* before *hakafos* the Rebbe would explain these *pesukim*.

In *Tof-Shin-Nun-Beis*, the Rebbe explained the *pesukim*, and said that the last *posuk* shows us how ALL of the *pesukim* are really talking about *Moshiach*!

The last *posuk* is “***Ki Mitzion Teitzei Sorah***.” This is a *posuk* from the *Navi Yeshaya*, which says that when *Moshiach* comes, the *goyim* will all follow the *Yidden* to *Yerushalayim*, since the *Torah* comes out from there!

The Rebbe tells us that here, the *posuk* is telling us something else too. The word “*Ki*” (because) can also mean “when.” This *posuk* tells us that all of the things we learn in the first 16 *pesukim* will happen completely WHEN “*Mitzion Teitzei Sorah*” — when *Moshiach* comes!

See *sicha Leil Simchas Torah 5752*, *Sefer Hasichos Tof-Shin-Nun-Beis* p. 37 ff.

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