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<u>CHUMASH</u> :: Parshas Tazria - Sheini with Rashi

In today's Chumash, we learn more about tzoraas.

If a person has a white spot somewhere on his body, and the *kohen* couldn't tell right away if it was *tzoraas*, the person has to wait a week by himself. If the white spot got bigger, then the *kohen* will say that he is *tomei*. But if the spot got darker and didn't get bigger, then the person can go to the *mikvah* and do the steps to become *tahor*.

If white hair grew inside the white spot, or if some healthy skin grew inside of it, the person is *tomei*.

But if the person got white ALL over his body, from his head to his toes, even if it looks like *tzoraas*, he is NOT *tomei*!

TEHILLIM :: 140 - 150

Because there are 29 days in Chodesh Adar Sheini, we say ALL of the rest of the Tehillim today! (If there were 30 days, we would say part today and part tomorrow.)

In one of today's *Kapitelach* is a *posuk* we all know very well, because we say it every day at the end of *davening*! "*Ach Tzadikim Yodu Lishmecha*!" Do you know what it means?

TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Lamed-Tes

The world of *Atzilus* is a *Ruchnius'dike* place where nothing can be felt except for Hashem.

That's why *Atzilus* is the "home" for *neshamos* of great *tzadikim*, who feel that nothing exists except for Hashem alone. An example of these *tzadikim* is the *Avos*. The *Chachomim* say about the *Avos* that throughout their lives, there was not even one second (even when they were sleeping!) that anything else existed for them, besides for Hashem and what Hashem wants.

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Tes Adar Sheini

The Rebbe Rashab said at a *farbrengen*:

Hashem created the world "Yeish Me'ayin" — something out of nothing!

The Avodah of a Yid is to change it around — we need to make "something into nothing (Me'Yeish Le'Ayin)!"

We need to take the world, that is called *Yeish*, because it is *Gashmius*; and make it into *Ayin*, which means *Ruchnius*. We do this by using the *Gashmius* to help us with *Ruchnius* and *Avodas Hashem*!

This is an *avodah* that EVERY Yid needs to do.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #13 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #10, #47, #60, #6, #5, #2, #3, #4, #15, Asei #186, Lo Saasei #23, #24

Now we have started learning Hilchos Avodah Zarah, the halachos about not serving Avodah Zarah. Hashem gave us many mitzvos about keeping away from Avodah Zarah, so we will be learning many mitzvos every day while we learn these perakim!

1) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #10*) We are not allowed to learn about or think about *Avodah Zarah*, for example to learn about a religion which is *Avodah Zarah*. We are also not allowed to look at and think about an image of *Avodah Zarah*, like a picture or statue.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Kedoshim: אַל הִפְנוּ אֶל הָאֲלִילִם

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #47*) "*VeLo Sasuru*" — This is a *mitzvah* for our thinking. We are not allowed to feel free in our mind to think into non-Torah ideas. Our thoughts need to be only according to the way Torah teaches us. The second half of this *mitzvah* is not to let our minds get too busy thinking about *taavos*, enjoying things which won't help our *Avodas Hashem*. (This is one of the 6 *Mitzvos Temidiyos*, the *mitzvos* we need to keep ALL the time.)

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Shelach: וְלֹא תָתוּרוּ אַחֲרֵי לְבַרְכֶם וְאַחֲרֵי שֵׁינֵיכֶם

3) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #60*) "Birchas Hashem" — We are not allowed to give the opposite of a bracha to Hashem.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: אֱלֹקִים לֹא תְקַלֵּל The details are explained in *Mesechta Sanhedrin perek Zayin*.

4) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #6*) We are not allowed to do things to an *Avodah Zara* if that is how it is served, even if it is not bowing down to it or bringing it *korbanos*. So if a certain *Avodah Zarah* is served by throwing a rock at it, we aren't allowed to throw a rock (even though it's okay to throw rocks in other places where they won't hurt anyone!)

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Yisro*: וְלָא תְּעָבְדֵם The details are explained in *Mesechta Sanhedrin perek Zayin*.

5) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #5*) We are not allowed to bow to or bring *korbanos* to ANY *Avodah Zarah*, even if that's not how most people worship that *Avodah Zarah*.

6) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #2*) We are not allowed to make an idol ourselves or pay someone else to make an idol, even if we won't use it.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Yisro*: לא תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ פֶּסֶל וְכָל הְמוּנָה The details are explained in *Mesechta Avodah Zarah*.

7) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #3*) We are not allowed to make an idol for someone else who will use it as an Avodah Zarah, even for someone who is not Jewish.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Kedoshim*: וַאלהֵי מַסֵּכָה לא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם The details are explained in *Mesechta Avodah Zarah*.

8) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #4*) We can't make a statue of a person, even just because it looks pretty.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Yisro*: לא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכָם The details are explained in *Mesechta Avodah Zarah perek Gimmel*.

9) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #15*) We are not allowed to say things that get a group of people to do Avodah Zarah. A person who does this is called a *Madiach*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: לא יָשֶׁמַע עַל פִּיך The details are explained in *Mesechta Sanhedrin perek Yud*.

10) (*Mitzvas Asei #186*) If there is a city of people who serve Avodah Zarah, we need to burn it down! This is called an *Ir Hanidachas*, a city that let themselves be convinced by a *Madiach* to serve Avodah Zarah.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Re'eh*: וְשָׁרַפְּתָּ בָאֵשׁ אֶת הָעִיר וְאֶת כָּל שְׁלָלָה The details are explained in *Mesechta Sanhedrin*.

11) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #23) We can't rebuild an Ir Hanidachas after it was burned down.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Re'eh*: וְהָיְתָה תֵּל עוֹלָם לא תִבָּנֶה עוֹד The details are explained in *Mesechta Sanhedrin perek Yud*. 12) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #24*) We can't take anything from an *Ir Hanidachas* — it ALL needs to be burned.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: לא יָשֶׁמַע עַל פִּיך The details are explained in *Mesechta Sanhedrin perek Yud*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Avodas Kochavim

Perek Alef: In today's Rambam, the Rambam explains how people starting serving *Avodah Zarah* in the first place. Of course Adam *Harishon* knew that Hashem created the world! How did so many people start *davening* to idols?

At first, it was just a little mistake — people thought that since Hashem created the sun and moon, they need to show the sun and moon special *kavod*. Then later, they forgot that Hashem made the sun and moon in the first place...

Later, Avraham *Avinu* thought for a long time and realized that Hashem created the world! He started teaching everyone again to *daven* only to Hashem, and NOT to *Avodah Zarah*.

In **Perek Beis**, the Rambam explains to us why we have so many *mitzvos* to keep us away from *Avodah Zarah*: Because it is easy for a person to make a mistake. We sometimes have questions about Hashem and Torah, but many times we just didn't know enough to really understand. If we just do whatever we think makes sense, it would be very easy to end up serving *Avodah Zarah*. So we have many *mitzvos* to keep us from making a mistake!

Perek Gimmel teaches us *halachos* about when something a person does is considered *Avodah Zarah*. If a person makes a statue of a person, he gets punished, but it is fine to paint a picture of someone.

<u>RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD</u> :: Hilchos Erchin V'Charamin - Perek Hey

We finish learning the *halachos* about giving a field as a donation to the *Beis Hamikdash*. We also learn the *halachos* of donating a house, or an animal that can't be a *korban* (like a non-kosher animal or one with a *mum*). An animal that IS good for a *korban* is sold to people who need to bring a *korban*, and the money goes to *Bedek Habayis* (maintenance of the *Beis Hamikdash*).

INYANA D'YOMA :: Simcha!

On the last day of *Chodesh Adar*, there needs to be a tremendous *simcha*!

During the whole *Chodesh Adar* (and this year, during TWO months of *Adar*), we were constantly growing in *simcha*, *Marbim Besimcha*! Now we are at the highest part, the day of the MOST *simcha*!

All of this *simcha* during *Adar* gives us the *koach* to bring *Moshiach* in *Chodesh Nisan*! *Nisan* is an especially good time for *Geulah*, since it was also the month when we had the *Geulah* from Mitzrayim.

The *Chachomim* tell us that in *Nisan* we were freed from the first *Golus*, and in *Nisan* we will also be freed from this last *Golus*! "*Benisan Nigalu, Uv'Nisin Asidin Lehiga'el*!"

It is the *simcha* of *Chodesh Adar*, and especially this last day, that breaks through the rest of *Golus* and will bring the *Geulah* with *Moshiach Tzidkeinu Bekarov Mamosh*!

See Likutei Sichos chelek Daled p. 1274

TEFILLAH :: Asking to Be a Mentch

One of the earliest *seforim* of the Rebbe is a *Haggadah*.

In this *Haggadah*, the Rebbe brings the reasons and sources for why the *Haggadah* is set up the way it is, and the reasons for the things we do on the night of the *seder*. These are printed in the *Haggadah*, together with *halachos* and Chabad *minhagim* of the *seder*!

One of the things the Rebbe writes in the *Haggadah* is something the Rebbe Rashab told his son, the Frierdiker Rebbe, when the Frierdiker Rebbe was still a child: The Rebbe Rashab told him that during the *seder*, it is a special time to *daven* to Hashem for *Ruchnius'dike* things, especially to be a *mentch*! Even though this is true during the whole *seder*, it is especially true at the time of *Shefoch Chamos'cha*, when the door is opened for Eliyahu *Hanavi*.

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Yom Kippur Katan

Erev Rosh Chodesh is called "Yom Kippur Katan," the "little Yom Kippur."

Yom Kippur is the time when we do *teshuvah* and Hashem forgives us for our *aveiros*. Before *Rosh Chodesh* we make a *Cheshbon Hanefesh* (self-audit) of our behavior over the past month. We ask Hashem to forgive us for whatever we didn't do so well, and we have a fresh start for the new month!

(It was the Rebbe's minhag to go to the Ohel every Erev Rosh Chodesh.)

The Rebbe teaches that we should add in Torah, Avodah, and Gemilus Chasadim on this day.

See Halachos Uminhagei Chabad p. 172

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: The End Will Be Good

In the end of *Perek Beis* of *Micha*, the *Navi* tells us what will happen in the time of *Moshiach*!

Asof E'esof Yaakov Kulach — Hashem says to the Yidden, "I will surely gather together all of you!

Kabeitz Akabeitz She'eiris Yisrael — "I will surely gather the remaining Yidden.

Yachad Asimenu Ketzon Batzra — "I will make them like sheep surrounded by a fence.

K'eder Besoch Hadavro Tehimena Mei'adam — "The place I will bring them to (Eretz Yisrael) will be as noisy as a stall of sheep!"

Hashem tells Yidden through the *Navi* that even though we will have gone through a hard *Golus*, in the end Hashem will bring us all back to Eretz Yisrael, and we will be protected and happy!

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