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CHUMASH :: Parshas Vezos Habracha - Sheini with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu is giving brachos to the Shevatim on the day he will pass away:

Levi: Aharon, who was the most famous Levi, was such a Tzadik! The Kohanim, who come from Aharon, will teach the Yidden Torah, and bring Ketores and Korbanos in the Beis Hamikdash.

If anyone tries to fight because they want to be Kohanim, Hashem should help the Kohanim win.

And if the Kohanim need to fight for Yiddishkeit, Hashem should help them! (This happened in the story of Chanukah — the family of Matisyahu Kohen Gadol won over the Greeks who wanted to stop the Yidden from doing mitzvos.)

Since Moshe talked about the Beis Hamikdash, now he gives the brachos to Benyamin who had the Beis Hamikdash in his part of Eretz Yisroel, and in tomorrow's Chumash to Yosef, who had the Mishkan in his part of Eretz Yisrael.

(Even though Yosef should really be next, because he is older, Moshe gives the bracha to Benyamin first since the Beis Hamikdash — which is more important than the Mishkan — is in HIS part of Eretz Yisroel.)

Benyamin: The *Shechinah* will be in his part of Eretz Yisroel, as soon as the *Beis Hamikdash* is built! Once it is built, the *Shechinah* will never leave there.

TEHILLIM :: 66 - 68

In today's *Tehillim*, one of the *pesukim* speaks about seeing what Hashem does in the world. The *posuk* says, "**Nora Alila al Bnei Adam**" — "the things Hashem does for people are amazing!"

Chassidus explains this *posuk* to be also talking about how Hashem sometimes makes things happen in a way that Yid might do an *aveira*.

Even though this is a terrible thing to happen, it's still amazing — because Hashem wants a Yid to come even closer to Him by doing *teshuvah*.

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof-Alef

The Alter Rebbe is writing this letter to *Chassidim* who have been giving *Tzedakah* to the *Tzadikim* and *Chassidim* who lived in Eretz Yisroel.

Every city had a *Gabbai* who would collect the *tzedakah* from the *Chassidim*. Once a year, a messenger would come and collect this money from all of the cities, and bring it himself to Eretz Yisroel.

Many *Chassidim* would give whatever amount they were planning to give only at the end of the year.

The Alter Rebbe is telling the *Chassidim* that this is not a good idea! Instead, they should give smaller amounts as soon as they have them — every week, or at least every month.

The Alter Rebbe gives two reasons:

1) First of all, as we learned yesterday, it is important to have *Zerizus* in every *mitzvah*! We shouldn't push off doing *mitzvos*, we should be doing them right away! We learn from Avraham *Avinu* how important this is — his reward from the *Akeidah* came mainly from doing the *mitzvah* with *Zerizus*, showing how happy he was to do the *Ratzon* of Hashem!

This is especially true for the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*, which saves a person from harm.

2) Second of all, doing a *mitzvah* many times makes a bigger difference than just doing it once!

The Rambam teaches, based on the *Mishnah*, that when a person gives *tzedakah* many times, he becomes more *aidel*! For example, if a person gives \$300 or \$400 one time a year to *Tzedakah*, he gave a lot of *Tzedakah*. But if he gives \$1 every day, he also gets used to giving! This makes him a more *aidel* person and a better Yid.

According to *Chassidus*, it is also better to give *tzedakah* more often. Giving *tzedakah* brings the *Shechinah* out of *Golus*! Every time we do the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*, we are taking the *Shechinah* a little more out of *Golus*!

So to become more *aidel* ourselves, and to bring the *Shechinah* out of *Golus* faster, we need to be giving *tzedakah* much more often!

That's why Chassidim should give every week or month to the Gabbai Tzedakah, instead of only once a year, to be given to the Chassidim in Eretz Yisroel!

HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Beis Tishrei

Maybe you have a friend who isn't doing so well in class. You want to help... but you think — "What is the point? It's not going to make a difference anyway!"

Or maybe you want to go on mitzvoyim — but you think you probably won't be able to convince anyone to shake the Lulav anyway.

Today the Rebbe teaches us a very important rule that we need to know, that will help us make the right decisions!

Hashem gives a promise that if you try to help someone else, and try to figure out the best way to do it, and do it in a friendly way, FOR SURE it will not be a waste! Even if what happens isn't what you were hoping would happen, you DEFINITELY helped.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #202 - Mitzvas Asei #107, #113

Today's mitzvah is the same one as yesterday:

(Mitzvas Asei #107) When a *neshama* leaves a body, the body becomes *Tomei*. Someone who touches, carries, or is in the same house as the body gets some of this *Tumah* too, called *Tumas Meis*. There are many *halachos* about how this *tumah* is passed on. Today's *mitzvah* is to follow all of these *halachos*!

We also learn the first mitzvah about Parah Adumah:

2) (Mitzvas Asei #113) It is a *mitzvah* to prepare the *Parah Adumah* so its ashes can be used to make Yidden *Tahor* from *Tumas Meis*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Chukas*: וְהִיְתָה לְעֹדָת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמִשְׁמַחַת

There is a whole *mesechta* of *Mishnayos* that deals with the *dinim* of *Parah Adumah*, called *Mesechta Parah*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Tumas Meis - Parah Adumah

In today's Rambam, we finish learning the *halachos* about *Tumas Meis*, *Perakim Chof-Daled* and *Chof-Hey*. There are many *halachos* that explain to us how *tumah* can spread in a house! We learn about a house that is split by a wall, and there is *tumah* in the house. Sometimes the whole house can become *tomei*, and sometimes just one part.

Then we start a new set of halachos — about the Parah Adumah! Many times the Rambam finishes a set of halachos with a lesson, but this time the Rambam goes right away from talking about Tumas Meis to talking about the Parah Adumah, which makes us tahor from Tumas Meis!

Perek Alef: The Rambam explains the words in the Torah that tell us to take a *Parah Adumah*. We learn from the *posuk* that it has to be a cow (not a baby cow), ALL red (without even 2 hairs that are a different color), and it can't be used for ANYTHING else! If someone even just leaned on the cow, it can't be used for a *Parah Adumah* anymore.

RAMBAM— PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Korban Pesach - Perek Vov

There are some people who are not allowed to bring the *Korban Pesach*. Someone who was *Tomei*, and won't become *Tahor* in time, has to wait until *Pesach Sheini*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Leben Mit Der Tzeit

There is something very special that happened today, on *Yud-Beis Tishrei*!

The *Medrash* tells us that Avraham *Avinu* had his *bris* on *Yom Kippur*. That means that the story we know from *Parshas Vayeira* — how Hashem appeared to Avraham while he was doing *Hachnosas Orchim* with the *malochim*, and the *malochim* promised him and Sarah a son — happened today, on *Yud-Beis Tishrei*!

So today has a very special message for us in doing our *shlichus*: Someone might think, “It can be very hard to go and try to spread *Yiddishkeit* and *Chassidus*! They might not want it! It’s not a normal thing to do! Who knows if it will work?”

But today is the day when Avraham was promised that Yitzchak would be born. That was a huge *neis* — after all, Avraham and Sarah were very old.

We can learn from today that Hashem promises us *nissim* too! We don’t have to worry even if it doesn’t seem to make sense! Hashem promises us that we will have “children” too, that people WILL want to learn Torah and to be connected to *Yiddishkeit*. And not only one — after Yitzchak was born, all of the Jewish people came from him. Our *shlichus* will also have *hatzlacha* like that!

See Hisvaaduyos 5742, p. 103

TEFILLAH :: Bitachon

When Yidden have problems, they *daven* to Hashem to help them, and they turn to the Rebbe to give them advice and *brachos*.

Sometimes, the Rebbe would answer people that they need to work on their *bitachon*. When a person has more *bitachon*, Hashem will give more *bracha* in whatever he needs!

So how do we make our *bitachon* stronger?

The Rebbe would sometimes tell people to learn the section about *Bitachon* from the *sefer Chovos Halevavos*. In *Chovos Halevavos*, it explains that for our *bitachon* to be strong, there are certain things we need to know:

We need to know that Hashem is in charge of everything that happens in the world. We need to know that Hashem is the ONLY one in charge, and we shouldn’t trust anyone except Hashem. We should remember that Hashem can help us without anyone or anything getting in the way, and that Hashem loves us and cares about us! It is also important for us to check that our behavior is the way Hashem wants it to be.

We speak about all of these things in *davening*, in *Pesukei Dezimra*, *Birchos Krias Shema*, and *Shema*. By speaking about them and thinking about what they mean, we will be able to make our *bitachon* stronger too. This way, we can be sure that we will bring down all of the *brachos* that we ask for in our *davening*!

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Happy Days!

Even though Dovid Hamelech wanted to build the *Beis Hamikdash* himself, Hashem only let his son, Shlomo Hamelech, build the *Beis Hamikdash*.

It took almost 7 years to build the *Beis Hamikdash*, and they were finally finished on *Zayin Tishrei*! The Yidden brought *korbanos*, ate, drank, and celebrated for a week, until *Sukkos*. They didn’t even fast on *Yom Kippur*!

Nowadays, we still have part of their *simcha*. We make the days between *Yom Kippur* and *Sukkos* into days of joy!

During these days, we are not allowed to fast, and we don't say *Tachanun*.

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

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: All About Moshiach

At the end of the Rambam, the Rambam shows us where in the Torah it talks about *Moshiach*! But the Rambam doesn't bring any *pesukim* from *Navi*, because he says that all of those *seforim* are FULL of talking about *Moshiach*!

But if you look in *Navi*, there are lots of stories that don't seem to be about *Moshiach*, and may even seem like the OPPOSITE of *Geulah* and *Moshiach*.

The Rebbe explains that if we work hard to learn about what *Geulah* and *Moshiach* really are, we will be able to find how every part of Torah really talks about *Moshiach*!

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