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CHUMASH :: Parshas Haazinu - Shvi'i with Rashi

Moshe Rabbeinu told all of the Yidden this song of *Haazinu*. After he finished, Yehoshua repeated it to the Yidden as well. Today was his first day as the leader of the Yidden, together with Moshe Rabbeinu, and he also needed to tell them these words.

Moshe finished: "Remember what I told you! By following these words you can make sure your children keep the Torah too. Learning Torah and doing *mitzvos* is what your whole life is about! And in that *zechus*, Hashem will let you live in Eretz Yisroel."

Now Hashem told Moshe that he was about to pass away. He would need to climb up *Har* Nevo, and Hashem would take his *neshama*, just like he took Aharon's *neshama*, with a "kiss" of Hashem.

Moshe would be able to LOOK at Eretz Yisroel, but even though he wanted very much to go in, Hashem wouldn't let.

When the Yidden heard this, they said that they wouldn't let Moshe go up on *Har* Nevo — they didn't want Hashem to take Moshe Rabbeinu away from them! Moshe Rabbeinu thought he should sneak up the mountain when nobody was looking, so that they wouldn't stop him, but Hashem told him to go up even

when they were all watching. Nobody would be able to stop him from doing what Hashem asked.

TEHILLIM :: 44 - 48

The *Tehillim* for today is *kapitelach Mem-Daled* to *Mem-Ches*. We also say *Kuf-Tes*, *Kuf-Yud*, and *Kuf-Yud-Alef* for the three *kapitelach* we add each day until *Yom Kippur*.

In today's *Tehillim*, there is a very special *posuk*: "*Kol Kvuda Bas Melech Penima*" — "The *kavod* of a princess is inside." This means that a woman, because of *tznius*, shows her *kavod* inside her house, not outside in front of everyone.

(Hashem set up the world in a way that a man goes out into the world and gets *parnasa*, and the woman is the *Akeres Habayis* — making the home a place where Hashem can feel comfortable.)

But in the *Navi*, it says that when *Moshiach* comes, the women will be outside too, and even showing their *kavod* outside!

Since now we are so close to *Moshiach*, we need to start acting in a way of *Geulah*. So today, women and girls need to go outside too, to go to school and learn Torah, and to do *mivtzoyim*. But since we are still in *Golus*, and we still have a *Yetzer Hara*, we need to be careful that it should be in a way of *tznius*.

Farbrengen Parshas Tazria Tof-Shin-Mem-Alef, see Tehillim with Pirush Tehilos Menachem, Kapitel Mem-Hey p. 23

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof

In this letter, the Alter Rebbe teaches us how we can see the STRONGEST koach of Hashem especially in Gashmius. Because of this, we will feel how special it is to do a mitzvah with Gashmius!

Today, the Alter Rebbe explains how this greatest *koach* of Hashem, called *Ein Sof*, makes *Gashmius* from nothing!

The koach of Ein Sof uses the letters of the Asara Maamaros (the letters and words we see in Parshas Bereishis) to make the Gashmius. (We learned a bit of how this works in Shaar HaYichud VeHaEmunah!) In Kabbalah, the Asara Maamaros are called the Koach of Sefiras Hamalchus.

That means that when we start learning *Parshas Bereishis* again on *Simchas Torah*, we will understand what we are learning! When Hashem made the world, and said "*Yehi Ohr*" (there should be light), and made light, all the way until Hashem said "*Naaseh Adam*" (we should make man) — these "words" of Hashem that made the world had the STRONGEST *koach* of Hashem in them, the *koach* of *Ein Sof*!

HAYOM YOM :: Ches Tishrei

We are learning the system R' Zushe of Anipoli made for *teshuvah*, based on the letters of the word *Teshuvah*. There are five *pesukim* teaching us about *teshuvah*, that start with these five letters.

We learned the first four steps so far:

- 1) **TOF Tomim Tihiyeh**: We need to be serious about acting the way Hashem wants! It should be the only thing that is important to us.
- 2) **SHIN Shivisi Hashem Lenegdi**: We need to always think about how Hashem is right there in everything, giving it new chayus every second. When Hashem is with us always, we will NEED to act only the way He wants!

- 3) **VOV Ve'ohavta Lereiacha Kamocha**: Loving another Yid is loving the part of Hashem that is inside of him, and will always remind us of Hashem Who is watching everything we do.
- 4) **BEIS Bechol Derochecha Do'eihu**: Look around and see how everything happens with Hashgacha Protis! It reminds us that everything that happens to us is only because Hashem made it that way, and we need to use every chance to do more mitzvos.

Finally, today we will learn the last letter of the word Teshuvah, which is Hey.

Hey stands for "Hatzneia Leches Im Hashem Elokecha" — "Go in a way of Tznius with Hashem."

There were big *Tzaddikim* who used to do *mitzvos*, in a very careful way. They would act in a way that other people didn't realize that they were doing so many *mitzvos*! If people DID find out, it would make them feel very bad. They didn't want other people to see their *mitzvos*, their *mitzvos* were just for Hashem! They didn't want other people to look at them and think they are so special.

When we do *mitzvos* JUST for Hashem, and not so other people will see, it will remind us to only make Hashem happy and act the way He wants — the *Avodah* of *Teshuvah*.

When we follow these five steps of Teshuvah, we will be sure to have done the Avodah of Teshuva the way a Yid should.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #154 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #68, #165, Asei #31, Lo Saasei #77, #78

Today we learn more *mitzvos* about keeping the *Beis Hamikdash* holy:

1) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #68) A Kohen is not allowed to go into the part called the Kodesh unless he has a reason to do avodah there. The Kohen Gadol also is not allowed to go into the Kodesh HaKodoshim even on Yom Kippur, unless it is to do the Avodah.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Acharei: וָאַל יָבֹא בָכָל עֵת אֱל הַקֹּדֵשׁ

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #165*) A *Kohen* is not allowed to leave the *Beis Hamikdash* in the middle of his *avodah*. A *Kohen Gadol* is not allowed to leave the *Beis Hamikdash* during his *avodah* even if he finds out that a close relative passed away.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Shemini: ומַפַתַח אהַל מועָד לֹא חַצָּאוּ

3) (Mitzvas Asei #31) We need to take people who are tamei out of the Beis Hamikdash.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Naso: וִישֵׁלְחוּ מָן הַמַּחָנָה כַּל צַרוּעַ וְכַל זָב וְכֹל טָמֵא לְנָפֵשׁ

4) (Mitzvas Lo Saasei #77) A person who is Tamei is not allowed to go into the Beis Hamikdash.

We learn this mitzvah from a posuk in Parshas Naso: ולא יטמאוּ את מחניהם

The details are explained in the beginning of Mesechta Shevuos, and in Mesechta Horios, and Mesechta Kerisus, and in places in Mesechta Zevachim.

5) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #78*) Certain people who are *Tamei* are not even allowed onto the *Har Habayis*, the mountain where the *Beis Hamikdash* stands!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Ki Seitzei*: לֹא יָבֹא אֶל תּוֹךֶ הַמַּחֲנֶה The details are explained in the beginning of *Mesechta Keilim*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Biyas HaMikdash

In Rambam, we learn about today's mitzvos:

Perek Beis: A *kohen* is not allowed to go into the *Kodesh* without a good reason, and the *Kohen Gadol* is not allowed to go into the *Kodesh Hakodoshim* except on *Yom Kippur* to do the *Avodah*. We also learn what happens if a *kohen* is an *avel*, mourning for someone.

Perek Gimmel: People who are *tamei* are not allowed to come into the *Beis Hamikdash*. One *halacha* is that if a person who is *tamei* comes in by climbing over the roof, or in a box flying in the air, he doesn't get *Kareis*, but he does get *Makas Mardus* — *malkos* from the *Beis Din*.

Perek Daled: We learn about how a *kohen* who is *tamei* is not allowed to do ANY *avodah* in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

RAMBAM-PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shevisas Yom Tov - Perek Hey

We are allowed to carry without an *eruv* on *Yom Tov*, but just like with lighting a fire, there are exceptions. Today the Rambam teaches us the *halachos* about carrying on *Yom Tov*, and about not leaving the *Techum Shabbos* on *Yom Tov*.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Mivtzoyim

There is a *halacha* that when it is the special time for one *mitzvah*, it pushes away other *mitzvos* that can be done always. The same is with *mivtzoyim*: All year, we have so many *mivtzoyim* we need to think about — helping Yidden with *Tefillin*, Shabbos candles, *Mezuzah*, buying *Yiddishe sefarim*, and all of the other ones!

But now, there is a special *mivtza* coming up that we need to get ready for: To make sure as many Yidden as possible will make a *bracha* and shake *Lulav* and *Esrog* on *Sukkos*.

For something to work best, we need to plan before. Now we have just a week left until *Sukkos*, so we need to think about how we are going to make this year's *Sukkos mivtzoyim* the best ever!

TEFILLAH :: Shehecheyanu

When each *Yom Tov* comes during the year, we make a *Shehecheyanu*, thanking Hashem for bringing us again to this special time. Women make the *bracha* of *Shehecheyanu* when they *bentch licht*, and men make the *bracha* during *Kiddush*.

On Yom Kippur, women are able to make Shehecheyanu when they bentch licht, but of course, there is no Kiddush on Yom Kippur! Instead, the men make Shehecheyanu in davening. They say the bracha after Kol Nidrei, since we start this tefillah before shkiyah.

In order for all of the men to be able to say the *bracha*, first they all say it quietly, and afterwards the *Chazan* says it out loud. Of course, women who already said *Shehecheyanu* should NOT say it again — that would be a *bracha levatala*!

See the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, Hilchos Yom Hakipurim, siman Tof-Reish-Yud-Tes; and Shevach Hamoadim, Hilchos Leil Yom Kippur

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Kaparos

Kaparos is a *mitzvah* we do just one time every year! We usually remember most of the *halachos* about this *minhag*, but there are some things we can use an extra reminder about:

- 1) If the chicken we are using for *kaparos* will not be given to poor people to eat, we should make sure to give to *tzedakah* as much as the chicken is worth.
- 2) We shouldn't think that when we do *kaparos*, our *aveiros* are forgiven. Instead, we should think about how really, we deserve that whatever was done to the chicken should have been done to us! Thinking that will help us do *teshuvah*.

See Shevach Hamoadim, Kaparos

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Shofar of Moshiach

The *Navi* teaches us about the time of the *Geulah*: "*Vehaya BaYom Hahu, Yitaka BeShofar Gadol*" — "Hashem will blow a big *Shofar*." Then it says that all of the Yidden will come back from the far away places they are in *Golus*, and come back to Yerushalayim to serve Hashem!

The Alter Rebbe tells us that the sound of this *Shofar* will have a special *chayus* from Hashem for the Yidden to do *Teshuvah*!

The *shofar* nowadays also helps Yidden who come to *Shul*, that THEY should want to do *Teshuvah*. But the *Shofar* Hashem will blow when *Moshiach* comes will be a VERY BIG *Shofar*! It will help even Yidden who don't think about Hashem (because they are busy with the *taavos* that are in *Gashmius*), and even they will want to do *Teshuvah*!

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