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## Shabbos Hagadol

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## **CHUMASH :: Parshas Metzora - Shvi'i with Rashi**

For a *Zavah* to become completely *tahor*, after she goes to the *mikvah*, she has to bring two birds to Hashem as *korbanos*.

Now we have learned how a person can become *tahor* from *tumah* that comes from the body!

## **TEHILLIM :: 66 - 68**

In today's *Tehillim*, we have a *posuk* that says "**Boruch Hashem Yom Yom**" — "blessed is Hashem, Who gives us so much *chesed* every day!"

In the *Gemara*, we see that Hillel Hazakein used to say that this *posuk* teaches us *bitachon*: If we find a fancy or special food, we don't have to save it for Shabbos — we can use it today! Hashem will for sure give us new *chesed*, new *brachos* tomorrow, with something else special for Shabbos.

The Maggid of Mezritch explains what Hillel Hazakein says on this *posuk*, according to *Chassidus*:

Why does this *posuk* say "Yom" (day) twice?

Each time is for one of the ways we serve Hashem every day! The first “yom” is the *kedusha* things, like doing *mitzvos* and learning Torah. The second “yom” is the regular things we do, like eating and sleeping and playing. Those things can also be used for Hashem!

The Maggid tells us that a person might think that nice food can only be used on Shabbos, when eating is a *mitzvah*. But we learn from this *posuk* that “*Boruch Hashem YOM YOM*” — BOTH ways of serving Hashem are special! We can also use a nice food on a regular day in a way that will make Hashem happy.

## **TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Mem-Alef**

Before we do a *mitzvah*, it’s important to think how “*Vehinei Hashem Nitzav Alav*,” Hashem is watching and wants to see that we are acting the way we should.

Another *kavana* we should have that by doing this *mitzvah*, which is the *Ratzon* of Hashem, we will connect Hashem’s *Ratzon* to our *neshama*!

An even more specific *kavana* is to think about what this *mitzvah* does in *Ruchnius* — let’s look at *tefillin*, for example:

The *kavana* of *Tefillin* is “*Shibud Halev Vehamoach*,” to make our mind and heart “servants” of Hashem. We take our *kochos* of thinking (the *chochmah*, *binah* and *daas*) and our *kochos* of feeling (*ChaGaS*) and decide that we will only use them to act the way Hashem wants!

## **HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Beis Nisan**

*Just like in the year the Hayom Yom was written, today is Shabbos Hagadol. The Rebbe tells us that the Haftora is the regular Haftora for the parsha, and that we only do a special haftora for Shabbos Hagadol if it falls out on Erev Pesach. We say part of the Hagaddah at Mincha time on Shabbos Hagadol.*

After coming out of Mitzrayim, the Yidden started to be called “the Army of Hashem.” But in other places, the Yidden are called “servants.”

What’s the difference?

Servants AND soldiers work very hard! Sometimes they do things that are very complicated. But only soldiers have *Mesiras Nefesh*. They do even dangerous things because they are ready to listen to WHATEVER the general says.

The Yidden in Mitzrayim were not treated nicely by the Mitzriyim. Still, they had *Mesiras Nefesh* to keep their *Yiddishe* names, and their *Yiddishe* language, and their *Yiddishe* clothes. They KNEW that Hashem promised to take them out.

Whoever acts like them in a way of *Mesiras Nefesh* is a soldier in Hashem’s army, and Hashem will do *nisim* for them too!

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #25 - Mitzvas Asei #5**

In *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we learn the same *mitzvah* again, since we’re busy learning SO MANY *halachos* about it in Rambam! The *mitzvah* is *Mitzvas Asei* #5, that we serve Hashem by *davening* to Him.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: וַעֲבַדְתֶּם אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Tefillah**

**Perek Yud-Alef:** In this *perek*, we learn about a *shul*! In a place where there are 10 Yidden, we need to make sure there is a *shul*. A *shul* has to be treated with *kavod*, and we have to keep it clean — sweeping and mopping the floors!

**Perek Yud-Beis:** Now we learn *halachos* about *Kriyas HaTorah*! Moshe Rabbeinu taught us to *lein* from the Torah on Mondays, Thursdays, and Shabbos, so that there are never 3 days in a row without hearing the holy words of the Torah.

**Perek Yud-Gimmel:** In this *perek*, the Rambam teaches us the *halachos* about *leining* the *parshios* each week, so we finish the whole Torah every year. Did you know that some people had a *minhag* to read shorter parts of the Torah, and only finish it every three years?

*The Rambam writes that finishing the Chumash in three years isn't the minhag haposhut. Based on this Rambam, the Rebbe taught two ways to learn the daily Shiur of Rambam: To finish it in one year, or to finish it in three years. The Rebbe said that just like we finish Torah Shebichsav (the Chumash) in one year, the minhag haposhut should be also to finish Torah Shebaal Peh (the halachos of Rambam) in one year.*

## **RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Kilayim - Perek Tes**

We are not allowed to force different kinds of animals to get married to each other. We can only help sheep to get married to sheep and have baby sheep! We don't have them get married to goats and have baby... shoats?

We are not allowed to make two kinds of animals work together to pull a wagon or other piece of farm equipment. It is *asur* to even sit in a wagon pulled by two kinds of animals, because that makes them shlep it! But a PERSON is allowed to help an animal pull a wagon — people aren't *kilayim* with animals!

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Haggadah Shel Pesach**

In the *Haggadah*, where it talks about the four sons, first it says the *Chochom*, then the *Rasha*, then the *Tam*, and then the *She'eino Yodeia Lishol*.

Why do we say the *Rasha* right next to the *Chochom*? The *Rasha* is the lowest level — he should be at the end! Why is he right next to the *Chochom*?

The answer is that it is specifically the *Chochom* that is able to help the *Rasha*, because you need to have someone who is at the highest level to be able to bring out the *pintele Yid* even in the lowest level, someone who is a *Rasha*.

The Rebbe says that this is why the Frierdiker Rebbe chose the closest *Chassidim* who had the most *hiskashrus*, and were obviously the ones who were at the highest level of Torah and *Avodah*, and sent them out on *shlichus*. Instead of having them stay close to the Rebbe and work on their own Torah and *Avodah* and reach the highest level themselves, they were sent to help simple Yidden to learn *Alef-Beis*, keep *mitzvos*, and do *teshuvah*!

This is because is specifically the *Chochom*, the highest level, who is able to reach every single Yid, even a Yid at the lowest level.

*See Likutei Sichos chelek Alef, p. 250*

## **TEFILLAH :: Shabbos Davening**

Hashem wants people to work for their *parnasa*. Because this is an important thing, the *Chachomim* were very careful in what they added to *davening*, to make sure it would not be too long and keep people from going to work (“*bittul melacha*”).

But on Shabbos, we don't have to work! The *Chachomim* were able to add more pieces to *davening*, speaking for longer about Hashem's praises and how lucky we are to be Yidden. There are extra paragraphs added to prepare before *Boruch She'amar*, mainly *kapitelach* of *Tehillim*. In some places, these are called *Birchos Shabbos*, the *brachos* of Shabbos! There is also a section added in *Pesukei Dezimra*, before *Yishtabach*, and in the *brachos* before *Kriyas Shema*.

That's why the Shabbos *davening* is longer than the weekday *davening*, because we have more time to connect to Hashem in this special way.

One of the *kapitelach* added before *Boruch She'amar* is “*Hodu LaHashem Ki Tov*,” also called *Hallel Hagadol*. In this *kapitel*, we praise Hashem in 26 ways! (The holy name of Hashem, *Havaya*, has a *Gematriya* of 26!)

One of the lines in it is all about this Shabbos, *Shabbos Hagadol*! The *posuk* says, “*Lemakei Mitzrayim Biv'choreihem, Ki Le'olam Chasdo!*” It means that Hashem punished the Mitzriyim, through their own firstborns. The Yidden didn't have to do anything! This *neis* happened on *Shabbos HaGadol*, when the firstborns tried to force Paroah to let the Yidden go so they would be saved from *Makas Bechoros*.

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Shabbos Hagadol**

*Don't forget the Nasi! Today's nasi is the last Shevet, Shevet Naftali. (Tomorrow we will say a summary of all of the presents brought, which is for Shevet Levi.)*

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One of the reasons why we call the Shabbos before *Pesach* “*Shabbos HaGadol*” (the big Shabbos) is that the *Rav* gives a big *drasha* on Shabbos, teaching about the *halachos* of *Pesach* for those who were not able to learn it themselves.

If you're not going to a *drasha*, it is a good idea to review the *halachos* of *Pesach* on your own!

*Here are some places you can review the halachos:*

- *Pesach Day-By-Day* (Horav Yosef Yeshaya Braun)
- *Halacha Newsletter* (Horav Shmuel Lesches)

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Ad Mosai and Simcha**

The Torah expects us to do two opposite things!

First of all, we have a *mitzvah* to serve Hashem with *simcha*, with joy. *Avodas Hashem* is a job that we do ALL the time, even when we're eating, drinking or sleeping. We're doing all these things in order to serve Hashem, so we need to do ALL of them with *simcha*!

But we're also supposed to be bothered and upset that we are in *Golus*. We are supposed to ask Hashem, “*Ad Mosai? Until when? We want Moshiach NOW!*” That's the opposite of being happy all the time!

Still, the Torah gives us *koach* that we can do both at the same time! We can serve Hashem with *simcha* all the

time, thanking Hashem for all the good things that we have. At the same time, we can have a broken heart that we are still in *Golus* and ask Hashem to bring *Moshiach* now!

*See Farbrengen Ohr L'Yud-Gimmel Nissan 5738*

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