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## **CHUMASH** :: Parshas Vezos Habracha - Chamishi with Rashi

*Moshe is giving brachos to the Shevatim before he passes away:*

First Moshe gives a *bracha* to **Shevet Dan**: They live in a place near the border, and they get a *bracha* to be very strong to keep the Yidden safe!

To **Shevet Naftali**: They are happy with the part of Eretz Yisroel Hashem gave them! They will be able to catch a lot of fish in the Kinneres, which is in their part.

**Asher** should have many sons. They will make the rest of the Yidden happy because they will trade oil and fruit for grain. Asher's daughters will be beautiful, and the rest of the Yidden will want to marry them.

Shevet Asher will have so much olive oil!

The mountains in Asher's part of Eretz Yisroel have metal inside, and they protect the Yidden from anyone coming to attack the Yidden from the top (north) of Eretz Yisroel.

*Now Moshe gives a bracha to ALL of the Yidden:*

Your soldiers are strong, and keep the borders of Eretz Yisroel safe, as if they were locked tightly with metal locks that can't be broken!

All of your life will be wonderful, and you will have plenty of *parnasa* — as much as you serve Hashem every day.

There is no one like Hashem! Hashem helps you, and keeps you safe.

## **TEHILLIM :: 97 - 103**

In today's *Tehillim* there is a *posuk* "**Moshe VeAharon BeChohanov, U'Shmuel BeKorei Shemo.**"

The *Gemara* explains from this *posuk* that compares Shmuel to Moshe and Aharon, that Shmuel *Hanavi* in his generation was as great as Moshe and Aharon in their generation!

The Rebbe teaches us that when the Yidden went out of Mitzrayim, Hashem gave them TWO leaders: Moshe, who taught them the Torah that is the same for everyone, and Aharon, who helped each person do their best to connect to Torah on their own level.

Shmuel *Hanavi* was able to do BOTH jobs together — to teach Yidden the truth, AND to help everyone according to their own level.

*The Rebbe tells us that the Chabad Rebbes were each like Shmuel, who have both kochos together — they teach us Torah and how we need to serve Hashem, and help each one of us come closer to doing our own special shlichus.*

## **TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof-Gimmel**

In this letter, the Alter Rebbe asks *Chassidim* not to waste the time in *Shul* between *Mincha* and *Maariv*. After we *daven Mincha*, there are still a few minutes before we can start *Maariv*.

Some people might want to use this time to talk, but they should remember that there is a *Minyan* in *shul*. Like we learned in *Pirkei Avos*, whenever there are ten Yidden together, the *Shechina* is there too! We shouldn't waste this special time with the *Shechina* there! Instead of just talking, we should learn together.

## **HAYOM YOM :: Chof Tishrei**

When we are shaking the *Lulav*, we have a *minhag* to touch the *Lulav* to the place by our heart where we bang when we say the paragraph of "*Ashamnu*" (the place in *davening* where we ask Hashem to forgive us for our *Aveiros*).

Once at a *Farbrengen*, the Rebbe Rashab explained this:

The two feelings of being serious before *davening* and being happy during *davening* are connected! By preparing for *davening* in a serious way, like when we decide to make our behavior the best it can be, we can be full of joy when we connect to Hashem in *davening*.

In *Tishrei*, we have two *Yomim Tovim* which are like the "before *davening*" and "during *davening*" that we have every day!

*Yom Kippur* is like before *davening*, when we realize that we need to be serious about how we behave. We say *Ashamnu* many times, thinking about the things we need to do better.

*Sukkos* is like during *davening*! It is a *Yom Tov* that is full of *simcha*, the way our *davening* should be full of *simcha*.

These two are also connected — by being serious on *Yom Kippur*, we are able to have *simcha* on *Sukkos*! That is why we first touch the *Lulav* to our heart, the place where we “*klap*” *Ashamnu*, before continuing to shake the *Lulav*. That reminds us about how the *Yomim Tovim* are connected, that being serious at the right time brings us *simcha* on *Sukkos* and then throughout the year.

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #166 - Mitzvas Asei #28, #25, #40, #41, #27, #42**

*Today we learn SIX mitzvos about the Avodah in the Beis Hamikdash!*

1) (Mitzvas Asei #28) The *kohanim* need to bring the *Ketores* to Hashem two times every day!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* *Parshas Tetzaveh*: וְהִקְטִיר עָלָיו אֶהָרֹן קְטֹרֶת סָמִים בְּבֹקֶר בְּבֹקֶר

The *halachos* of the *ketores* are explained in the beginning of *Mesechta Kerisus*, and in a few places in *Mesechta Tamid*.

2) (Mitzvas Asei #25) The *kohanim* have to light the *Menorah* every day in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

This *mitzvah* also comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Tetzaveh*: בְּאֵהָל מוֹעֵד מוֹעֵד מְחֹזָן לְפָרֹכֶת אֲשֶׁר עַל הָעֵדוּת יַעֲרֹךְ אֹתוֹ אֶהָרֹן וּבָנָיו

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Ches* of *Mesechta Menachos*, in the first *Perek* of *Mesechta Yoma*, and in a few places in *Mesechta Tamid*.

3) (Mitzvas Asei #40) The *Kohen Gadol* brings a special *Korban Mincha* (flour *korban*) to Hashem, two times every day, called the “*Chavitei Kohen Gadol*.”

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Tzav*: זֶה קֶרְבַּן אֶהָרֹן וּבָנָיו אֲשֶׁר יִקְרִיבוּ לָהּ

The *halachos* are explained in *perakim Vov* and *Tes* of *Mesechta Menachos*, and in many places in *Mesechta Yoma* and *Mesechta Tamid*.

4) (Mitzvas Asei #41) On *Shabbos*, we bring an EXTRA *korban* (“*Musaf*”) of two lambs!

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*. We say this *posuk* at the end of *davening* on *Shabbos*! וּבָיִוִם הַשָּׁבֹת שְׁנֵי כִבְשִׂים

The way this *mitzvah* is done is explained in *Perek Beis* of *Mesechta Yoma* and *Mesechta Tamid*.

5) (Mitzvas Asei #27) We put *Lechem Hapanim* on the *Shulchan* every *Shabbos*, together with *Levonah* (a spice). Then the *Kohanim* can eat last week’s *Lechem Hapanim*!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Terumah*: וְנָתַתָּ עַל הַשֻּׁלְחָן לֶחֶם פָּנִים לְפָנֵי תְּמִיד

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Yud-Alef* of *Mesechta Menachos*.

6) (Mitzvas Asei #42) On *Rosh Chodesh*, we need to bring a special *korban* too!

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבִרְאֵשֵׁי חֹדְשֵׁיכֶם וְגו’

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Temidin U'Musafin**

*In today's Rambam, we learn about many of the mitzvos in today's Sefer Hamitzvos!*

**Perek Gimmel:** This *perek* teaches us about how we bring the *Ketores*, how we light the *Menorah*, and the *Chavitin* of the *Kohen Gadol*.

**Perek Daled:** Now we learn about how the *kohanim* took turns to do the *Avodah*! They did a lottery called the *Payis* to decide who would get the *zechus* of doing the *Avodah*: The *Kohanim* would stand around in a circle, and hold out one or two fingers. The person in charge would decide a number, and which *kohen* to start from. Then he would count the fingers, and when he reached the number he decided, that *kohen* would get to do the *Avodah*!

**Perek Hey:** In this *perek*, the Rambam teaches us all about the *Lechem Hapanim*.

## **RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Nusach HaHaggadah**

Today we say the Rambam's *nusach* of *Maggid* in the *Haggadah*.

*Mazel Tov!* We have now finished learning the *halachos* about *Pesach!*

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Hoshaana Rabbah**

Starting from the year *Tof-Shin-Mem-Alef*, the Rebbe would say a *sicha* every night of *Simchas Beis Hashoeivah*, speaking about *Sukkos*, the *Ushpizin*, and the *Chitas* of that day. The Rebbe would encourage that there should be *Simchas Beis Hashoeivah* with dancing in the streets!

The last night of *Chol Hamoed Sukkos* is *Hoshaana Rabbah*. As we will learn later, there are many *minhagim* of *Hoshaana Rabbah* that keep us busy for most of the night.

The Rebbe said that even on *Hoshaana Rabbah*, we should still make sure to have a *Simchas Beis Hashoeivah* and dance for at least a little while. During the day, we should make sure to spend some time on *Mivtzoyim* and to learn something extra in honor of *Yom Tov*.

We might wonder how we can do all of those things, but if we try our best, Hashem will give us the *koach* to get it all done!

*What did Simchas Beis Hasoeivah and Hoshaana Rabbah look like in 770 with the Rebbe? What would it feel like to be there today? Watch the nightly "Tishrei Up-Close" video, made by JEM for kids, to find out! videos.jem.tv/good-night (free registration required)*

## **TEFILLAH :: Hoshaana Rabbah**

*Hoshaana Rabbah* is when Hashem gives us the "receipt" for the *Kesiva Vachasima Tova* that we got on *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. That is why some people wish each other "A *Gutte Kvittel*," a good receipt.

(We see that sometimes the Rebbe would write *Gmar Chasima Tova* even after *Yom Kippur*, because the conclusion is not until *Hoshaana Rabbah*.)

There are many paragraphs we say at the end of *Hoshaanos* in *davening* on *Hoshaana Rabbah*, to ask Hashem to help us that everything will be good!

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Hoshaana Rabbah**

Tonight and tomorrow is *Hoshaana Rabah*.

During the day tomorrow we will say a much longer *Hoshaanos*, and before that we will go around the *Bimah* SEVEN times instead of one! At the end of *Hoshaanos* we will "klap" (hit) *Hoshaanos*, by banging five *Aravos* on the floor and saying the *Yehi Ratzon* printed in the *siddur*.

Tonight, the night of *Hoshaana Rabbah*, we stay up the whole night! We say the whole *Chumash Devarim*, and after *Chatzos* we say the whole *Tehillim* in *Shul*. After we finish the *Tehillim*, the *Gabbai* gives out apples and honey like on *Rosh Hashana!* This time, though, we eat it in the *Sukkah* — so Hashem will give us a sweet year!

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: A Sign of the Geulah**

The Rebbe points out something amazing about nowadays:

For the first time ever in *Golus*, NOBODY is stopping us from being proud Jews and sharing *Yiddishkeit* with others. There are no laws against it and nobody threatening us to stop.

Now it is just up to us, to use this special time to do as much as we can!

This is a very important preparation for the *Geulah*, when *Moshiach* will unite the world to know Hashem!

*See sicha Parshas Vayigash, Sefer Hasichos 5752 p. 224*

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