

# Chitas for Wednesday, Parshas Haazinu Erev Rosh Hashana Chof-Tes Elul, 5784

**For the safety and security of the Yidden in Eretz Yisrael  
and the success of the soldiers fighting for its protection**

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*May Elul's inner light shine forth and illuminate the world!*

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*In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of our son*

**Sender Yehuda Tansky**

~ Chof-Tes Elul ~

*May he grow to be a Chossid, Yerei Shomayim, and Lamdan and bring much nachas to the Rebbe and to his family!*

Mazel Tov **Dovid Halevi Shusterman** (shliach in Mt Olive, NJ)

~ 11th birthday Chof-Tes Elul ~

Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

Mazel Tov **Major Fraida Sossonko** (Shlucha in Miami Shores, Florida)

~ 9th birthday Chof-Vov Elul ~

Shnas Bracha Vehatzlacha!

## **CHUMASH :: Parshas Haazinu - Revi'i with Rashi**

Today we are continuing to learn Shiras Haazinu, the song Moshe Rabbeinu told Yidden on the day he passed away. In this song, he tells the Yidden that Hashem loves and takes care of them. He tells them about the Golus that will come from the things they do, but that in the end they will do teshuvah and come back to Eretz Yisroel. Moshe uses the sky and the earth as witnesses, because the very same sky that Moshe stood beneath on that day, and the very same earth he stood on, are here today as well to remind us that what he said was true!

In today's Chumash, Moshe Rabbeinu is speaking about what will happen when the Yidden come into Eretz Yisroel. Hashem will give them many brachos there!

Unfortunately, they won't use these brachos in the right way, and it will look like Hashem is hiding from the Yidden. They will end up going into Golus, away from Eretz Yisroel and the brachos there.

The Maharal writes that we should say this song, Shiras Haazinu, all the time! It reminds us how to use the brachos

*Hashem gives us in the right way, so that Hashem will accept our teshuvah and bring the Geulah.*

## **TEHILLIM :: 140 - 150**

Today we are going to finish the whole *Sefer Tehillim*! Since there are only 29 days in *Elul*, we say the *Tehillim* for day 29 AND day 30, *kapitelach* Kuf-Mem to Kuf-Nun. We also say three *kapitelach* for *Chodesh Elul*: *Pey-Hey*, *Pey-Vov*, and *Pey-Zayin*.

In *Kapitel Kuf-Mem-Zayin*, Dovid Hamelech talks about the greatness of Hashem and how He runs the world! At the end, he says “**Maggid Devarav LeYaakov, Chukav Umishpatav L’Yisrael.**” “Hashem tells over His words to the Yidden, and His *mitzvos*.”

The *Medrash* says about this *posuk* that people will sometimes tell others to do something, even though THEY don’t do it! Like a person will say “Eat all the food on your plate” — even though they didn’t finish their chicken.

But Hashem does everything that He tells us to do! That’s why it says HIS words and HIS *mitzvos* — Hashem does them too!

For example, Hashem puts on *Tefillin*. The *Gemara* tells us that in OUR *Tefillin*, it says how great Hashem is. In *HASHEM’S Tefillin*, it says how special the Yidden are and how proud Hashem is that we make the world into a comfortable place for Hashem!

(We learn about this in the *Bar Mitzvah Maamar*!)

## **TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Yud-Tes**

*This letter wasn’t printed in the Tanya at first — it was added in later! It doesn’t have a Perek number itself, and we just count it as part of Igeres Yud-Tes which is before, since it is about the same thing.*

In the last letter, we learned how Moshe Rabbeinu had his *nevuah* from the “back” (so to speak) of Hashem. The *posuk* says that he couldn’t see Hashem’s face. In this letter, we learn a *mashal* about this from the way a person thinks and speaks. Like the *posuk* says, “**MiBesari Echezeh Elokah**” — when I look at the way my *guf* works, I can understand Hashem.

Here is the *mashal*:

When a person talks, they are saying a lot of letters put together into words and then sentences and ideas. Where did those letters come from? They came from what the person was thinking. A person’s thought has the *Pnimius* and the *Chitzonius*, the “face” and the “back.”

Sometimes a person just thinks an idea, without words. That’s the *pnimius* of a person’s thought (*Machshava ShebeMachshava*).

Then there are times when a person thinks something with letters and words. That is the *Chitzonius* of a person’s thought (called *Dibur ShebeMachshava*).

When a person talks, they have to use words that they thought about before in the *Chitzonius* of their *Machshava*. Even if you are thinking about something else and talking at the same time, you can only say things that you have thought about before with letters and words.

That is a *mashal* for what we learned about Moshe Rabbeinu: The *nevuah* that he told the Yidden came from the “back” of Hashem, not straight from Hashem’s *pnimius*. That’s like our talking — it can’t come straight

from the *Pnimius*, it has to come first from the *Chitzonius* of the *Machshavah* that has letters and words.

## **HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Tes Elul**

Today is the birthday of the Tzemach Tzedek!

*In a letter to a chosid, the Frierdiker Rebbe tells him that he needs to be very careful to stay healthy — the Torah warns us about this! Then the Frierdiker Rebbe tells him:*

The Alter Rebbe says that we have NO IDEA how precious a Yid's body is to Hashem!

*This is also very important to think about Erev Rosh Hashana! Hashem judges us for all of the Gashmius things we will need this coming year — we need to remember how important it is to Hashem that Yidden should be healthy and have everything Gashmius that they need.*

## **SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #190 - Mitzvas Asei #72**

Today's *mitzvah* (*Mitzvas Asei #72*) is that a person who does certain *aveiros* needs to bring a *Korban Oleh V'Yored* — a kind of *Korban* that could either be worth MORE (*Oleh*) like an animal, or worth LESS (*Yored*) like a *korban* of a bird or flour — depending on how rich the person is.

These are the *aveiros* that a person needs to bring a *Korban Oleh V'Yored* for:

- Someone who was *Tomei* and came into the *Beis Hamikdash* by mistake
- Someone who was *Tomei* and by mistake ate meat from a *Korban*
- Someone who made a *Shevuah* not to do something and by mistake did it
- Someone who was supposed to be a witness in *Beis Din* and lied that he didn't have anything to say, whether it was by mistake or on purpose.

This *mitzvah* is explained in *Mesechta Krisus* and *Mesechta Shevuos*.

## **RAMBAM :: Hilchos Shegagos**

*In today's Rambam, we learn about when a Sanhedrin makes a mistake in their psak and Yidden do an aveira because of what they said. Sometimes, the SANHEDRIN need to bring a Korban, and sometimes EACH YID who did the aveira needs to.*

**Perek Yud-Beis:** Depending on what kind of *aveira* the *Sanhedrin* made people do, they need to bring a different kind of *korban*. If it was an *aveira* of *Avodah Zara*, they bring a *korban* called *Se'irei Avodah Zarah*. For other *aveiros*, they bring a *korban* called *Par Helem Davar Shel Tzibur*.

**Perek Yud-Gimmel and Yud-Daled:** The Rambam teaches us the conditions that need to be there for the *Sanhedrin* to need to bring this *korban*. If those conditions are not there, then every single Yid who did the *aveira* needs to bring their own *korban*.

## **RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Me'ilah - Perek Beis**

In today's Rambam, we are learning more about the *halachos* of *me'ilah*. *Me'ilah* means enjoying for ourselves something that belongs to Hashem. If a person does *me'ilah*, he needs to pay the worth of what he benefited from plus an extra fifth, and bring a *korban*.

In this *perek* we learn at what point the *isur* of *me'ilah* starts for different kinds of *korbanos*.

## **INYANA D'YOMA :: Chassidishe Yom Tov**

Today is the Tzemach Tzedek's birthday!

In the time of the Tzemach Tzedek, the *Chassidim* were hoping more than ever before that *Moshiach* would come. The Tzemach Tzedek made *shalom* between the *Chassidim* and *Misnagdim*, and explained how *Niglah* and *Chassidus* fit together.

With all of that *Achdus*, *Chassidim* were sure that *Moshiach* must be coming right away!

*Our Rebbe also made Achdus with all kinds of Yidden, and showed us how all parts of Torah are really connected! So we can be SURE that Moshiach MUST be coming right away!*

## **TEFILLAH :: Maariv of the Night of Rosh Hashana**

Today is *Erev Rosh Hashana*, so we don't say *Tachanun*! We also don't blow the *shofar* after *davening*, like we usually do during *Chodesh Elul*. One of the reasons why is so that we separate between the *shofar* blowing of *Elul* which is a *minhag*, and the *shofar* blowing on *Rosh Hashana* which is a *mitzvah*. It is a *minhag* to have extra *kavana* and *daven Mincha*, the last *tefillah* of the year, with extra *kavana*!

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The *Rebbeim* would always have a very special *davening* on the first night of *Rosh Hashana*. In *Tof-Shin-Nun-Beis*, the Rebbe asked us that we also try to make our *davening* on the first night of *Rosh Hashana* extra special!

It is our *minhag* that after *davening* on the first night of *Rosh Hashana*, we wish each other personally, "***Leshana Tova Tikaseiv Veseichaseim!***" "You should be written and sealed for a good year!" (For a girl, we say "***Leshana Tova Tikaseivi Veseichaseimi.***")

## **HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Erev Rosh Hashana**

Here are some *halacha* newsletters for *Rosh Hashana*: *Halacha Newsletter by Rabbi Lesches (Melbourne)* and *Day By Day Halachic Guide by Badatz of Crown Heights*

Some of the things we need to do *Erev Rosh Hashana* are:

- An extra-long *Selichos*
- *Hataras Nedarim* (it's not our *minhag* for women to do it, they take away their promises in *Kol Nidrei*)
- We DON'T blow the *Shofar*
- Give extra *Tzedakah*
- Write a *Pa"n* — we ask the Rebbe to ask Hashem for us that we should have a *Shana Tova* (The Rebbe is like the "head" of all Yidden, and since the head sometimes feels pain from the body more, and since the head is closer to Hashem, we make sure to ask the Rebbe — the head — to ask Hashem for a *Shana Tova* for each of us and for all Yidden together.)
- Make a *hachlata*
- This year — make an *Eruv Tavshilin*!

## **GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Moshiach Down Here**

The Frierdiker Rebbe once said that in a higher *Ruchnius'dike* world, *Moshiach* already came. They are already celebrating there! But here in this world, Hashem is waiting for Yidden to do *teshuvah* so that *Moshiach* can come.

The Rebbe also told us similar words, that *Moshiach* is already here and all we need to do is open up our eyes! Each of us just needs to do our part to prepare to greet *Moshiach B'poel Mamosh!*

*See Sefer Hasichos Tof-Shin-Alef p. 81, Sefer Hasichos Tof-Shin-Nun-Alef and Nun-Beis in many places*

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