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CHUMASH :: Parshas Vezos Habracha - Revi'i with Rashi

Moshe is giving the last brachos to the Yidden before he passes away:

Yissachar and **Zevulun** work together — Zevulun earns money so that Yissachar can learn Torah. Because Yissachar wouldn't be able to learn without Zevulun, Moshe gives Zevulun the *bracha* first!

Shevet Zevulun should be happy when they go out to work, and *Shevet Yissachar* should be happy when they sit and learn Torah. *Talmidei Chachomim* from *Shevet Yissachar* will learn all about the moon, and they will be the ones to decide when it's *Rosh Chodesh*, so all of the *korbanos* will be at the right times!

Zevulun will earn money by sailing big ships on the ocean and doing business with people from other lands. They will be the ones to get the Chilazon from the sea to dye the *Techeiles* (blue) strings of the *Tzitzis*! They will also make a *Kiddush Hashem* with the people they do business with, and many of them will come to the *Beis*

Hamikdash and become Yidden.

Shevet Gad lives on the other side of the Yarden, with non-Jews living right near them. Hashem should help them to be able to have even more land, and to be able to guard the border of Eretz Yisroel so that nobody can come in to fight with the Yidden. Moshe Rabbeinu will be buried in *Shevet Gad* (nobody knows EXACTLY where), so it will be a *zechus* for them.

Of course, Gad will do what they promised and fight in front of the other Yidden to get Eretz Yisroel!

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

We learned earlier in this Igeres about how the greatest koach of Hashem is used to create Gashmius, and that in Gashmius, the greatest koach of Hashem is in the lowest part of it — the soil in the earth!

People, animals, and plants, grow and walk and talk much more than soil! Still, they all need the soil to live — they grow and eat things that grow in the soil. Now we understand why! Because the greatest *koach* of Hashem is in the lowest part of what Hashem created — in the soil — and everything needs part of that *koach*!

We also finally finish the part that we have of this letter of the Alter Rebbe, where he tells us how we should feel so lucky to have chances to do *mitzvos*, with *Gashmius* things — where we can find the greatest *koach* of Hashem!

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 *mitvzoyim* — 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 won't be a waste! Even if what happens isn't what you were hoping would happen, you DEFINITELY helped.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #158 - Mitzvas Asei #60, Lo Saasei #100, #98, Asei #62, Lo Saasei #99

Today we learn five mitzvos that are all talking about what we SHOULD bring and what we CAN'T bring as a korban

to Hashem.

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #60*) The first *mitzvah* is that a *korban* has to be a certain age to be a *korban*. Do you know how old? It has to be at least eight days old (like a baby for his *bris*)!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְהָיָה שְׁבַעַת יָמִים תַּחַת אֲמוֹ וּמִיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי וְהִלָּאָה יִרְצָה לְקַרְבָּן
The details are explained in *Sifra*, and in the end of *Mesechta Zevachim*.

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #100*) The second *mitzvah* is not to bring an animal that was used for certain *aveiros*. Sometimes when people wanted to act in a non-*tznius* way, they would pay someone else to help them. If someone used an animal to pay for this kind of *aveira*, it can't be brought on the *Mizbeiach* — it's not *kavod* to bring it in front of Hashem.

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Ki Seitzei*: וּמִדְּבַר כָּן יִנָּקֵר לֹא תִקְרִיבוּ
The details of the *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Vov* of *Mesechta Temurah*.

3) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #98*) The third *mitzvah* is that we are not allowed to bring **HONEY** or **CHOMETZ** with a *korban*. All of the *korbanos* in the *Beis Hamikdash*, even the ones with flour cakes, were Kosher *L'Pesach* (except for one on *Shavuos*, that we'll *IY"H* learn in a different *mitzvah*)!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Vayikra*, that you might know because we say it in *Korbanos* every morning! כִּי כָל שְׂאֵר וְכָל דְּבַשׁ לֹא תִקְטְרוּ מִמֶּנּוּ אֲשֶׁה לָהּ

4) (*Mitzvas Asei #62*) It is a *mitzvah* to bring **salt** with every *korban*. (There was a pile of salt on the ramp of the *Mizbeiach* for this!)

This *mitzvah* comes from another *posuk* in *Parshas Vayikra*: עַל כָּל קָרְבָּנְךָ תִקְרִיב מֶלַח
The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Sifra*, and in a few places in *Mesechta Menachos*.

5) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #99*) It is a *mitzvas Lo Saasei* that we are not allowed to bring a *korban* WITHOUT salt.

We learn this *mitzvah* from different words in the same *posuk* from *Parshas Vayikra*: וְלֹא תִשְׁבֵּית מֶלַח בְּרִית אֱלֹהֶיךָ
The details are explained in *Perek Zayin* of *Mesechta Zevachim*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Isurei Mizbeiach

In today's *Rambam*, we learn *halachos* that explain these *mitzvos*.

Perek Hey: We learn about today's *mitzvah* of not bringing a *korban* with honey or *Chometz*, and other kinds of things we can't use for *korbanos* — like using stolen wood for the fire on the *Mizbeiach*. We also learn about using salt with the *Korban*.

Perek Vov: We learn that not only can the ANIMAL not have a *mum*, but ALL of the things on the *Mizbeiach* need to be good and not ruined! That means that the wood, the oil, the wine, and all of the other things we use can not be rotten or broken.

Perek Zayin: The *Rambam* teaches us that it's not enough just to find an animal without a *mum*, we need to find the BEST one for Hashem. In fact, ALL of the *mitzvos* we do for Hashem should be with the best! The *shul* should look nicer than our house, and we should give poor people from our BEST food and clothes!

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Chomeitz Umatzah - Perek Alef

Now we start learning the *halachos* of *Chometz* and *Matzah*. There are eight *perakim* in this section — four

about *chometz*, then four about *matzah* and the night of the *Seder*. This will be followed by the Rambam's *Nusach HaHaggadah*.

First we learn about the *isur* of *chometz*. Even the tiniest drop is *asur*! The time when this *isur* starts is the middle of the day on *Erev Pesach*.

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 *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 Hisvaadyos 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 Kriyas 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*!

See Sefer Hasichos 5751 Parshas Acharei-Kedoshim ha'orah 120

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