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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 :: 90 - 96

The first *kapitel* in today's *Tehillim* was said first by Moshe Rabbeinu. Dovid Hamelech later put it in *Tehillim*. It starts with the words "**Tefillah LeMoshe, Ish HaElokim.**" "It is a *Tefillah* by Moshe Rabbeinu, a person of Hashem."

In fact, in this week's *parsha*, *Vezos Habracha*, Moshe Rabbeinu is also called an "*Ish HaElokim*," a person of Hashem!

Why is Moshe Rabbeinu called with this name?

Even though Hashem created the world and runs the world constantly with *Hashgacha Protis*, Hashem made it in a way that *Elokus* is hidden. Still, Hashem gave every Yid a *shlichus* to live their life according to Torah and *mitzvos* and through that to reveal *Elokus* in the world.

If Hashem is so hidden in the world, where do we get the strength to be able to reveal *Elokus* in it?

For this, Hashem gave Yidden a Moshe Rabbeinu, who is "a person of Hashem." A Moshe Rabbeinu has two parts — one part of him that is "of Hashem" — very close to Hashem, but he is also "a person" — so he can show us how to do this *shlichus*!

The *Zohar* says that the *neshamas* of Moshe Rabbeinu spreads to the leaders of the Yidden throughout the generations, so they can help the Yidden fulfill their *shlichus*. Now, the Rebbe is our Moshe Rabbeinu! By following the Rebbe's *horaos*, we will know how to do our *shlichus* in the world today!

For example, during *Chol Hamoed*, the Rebbe reminded us to use the time to add in learning Torah and to help other Yidden with the *mitzvos* of the *Yom Tov* — *Sukkah*, *Lulav* and *Esrog*, and to bring *Simcha* to as many Yidden as we can!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof-Beis

In the letter we learn today, the Alter Rebbe begs *Chassidim* to work on making sure they have a lot of *Ahavas Yisroel*.

Of course everyone has things they aren't doing right and need to change or fix, but that should not stop us from being comfortable with another Yid or group of Yidden. We need to do what the *Chachomim* say and be humble in front of everyone. Everyone has something special, something they are good at. Even if we don't see it, the *Chachomim* said so and we need to believe them! This will help us have more *Achdus*.

It is also important to be careful not just not to SAY *Lashon Hara* but even not to THINK it. Thinking is something we do deep inside, so it's "closer" to the *Neshama*. It can even be worse to think than to talk!

We need to be VERY careful with how we think about other people. Then we will have *Ahavas Yisroel* and *shalom*.

When the Alter Rebbe asks chassidim to work hard to make shalom, he calls chassidim “my loved ones, brothers and friends.” Chassidim explain that when someone works to strengthen his Ahavas Yisroel with other chassidim he becomes close to the Alter Rebbe, like a good friend!

HAYOM YOM :: Yud-Tes Tishrei

In *Shemoneh Esrei*, we ask Hashem for many *brachos*. One thing we ask Hashem for is that the fields should grow this year, and give us lots of good food!

It is brought in *seforim* that all year long when we say this *bracha*, we have in mind the special foods we need for the *Yomim Tovim*: The wheat for *Matzah*, and a good *Esrog*! (Somewhere else it also says wine for *Kiddush*.)

If our *mitzvah* foods grow well, everything else will too, of course!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #165 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #89, Asei #39, #29, Lo Saasei #81, Asei #30

1) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #89*) We are not allowed to bring a *korban* onto a *Mizbeiach* anywhere except in the *Beis Hamikdash*. This is called “*Maaleh Bachutz*,” and is a separate *mitzvah* than what we learned yesterday about not *shechting* a *korban* outside of the *Beis Hamikdash*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Reeh*: **הַשְּׂמֶר לְךָ פֶּן תַּעֲלֶה עֲלֵיךָ בְּכֹל מְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר תִּרְאֶה**
The details are explained in *Perek Yud-Gimmel* of *Mesechta Zevachim*.

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #39*) Every single day, we need to bring the *Korban Tomid* — once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas* (it’s also in *Korbanos* that we say every day in *davening*):
שְׁנַיִם לַיּוֹם עֲלֵה תָמִיד
The *halachos* are explained in *Perek Beis* of *Mesechta Yoma*, and in *Mesechta Tamid*.

3) (*Mitzvas Asei #29*) We need to make sure that the fire on the *Mizbeiach* burns all the time! We put more wood on the *Mizbeiach* in the morning and in the afternoon.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Tzav*, that we also say in *davening*! **אֵשׁ תָּמִיד תִּוְקַד עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לֹא תִכָּבֶה**

4) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #81*) It is *asur* to let the fire on the *Mizbeiach* go out, or even to put out just one part of it!
This *mitzvah* comes from the same *posuk* — **אֵשׁ תָּמִיד תִּוְקַד עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לֹא תִכָּבֶה**
The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Yud* of *Mesechta Zevachim*.

5) (*Mitzvas Asei #30*) The *kohanim* should take off the ashes from the *Mizbeiach* every day. This is called *Terumas Hadeshen*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a different *posuk* in *Parshas Tzav*, which is also part of *Korbanos*: **וְלָבַשׁ הַכֹּהֵן מְדוּ בַד**
וּמְכַנְסֵי בַד וְגו’ וְהָרִים אֶת הַדָּשָׁן
The *halachos* are explained in *Mesechta Tamid* and *Mesechta Kipurim*.

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Maaseh HaKorbanos - Temidin U'Musafin

In today’s *Rambam*, we finish learning about the types of *korbanos* and how they are brought, and start to learn the *halachos* of the *korbanos* we bring regularly, the ones for every day and the special ones for *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov*.

Perek Yud-Tes: We learn the *halachos* about the first *mitzvah* in today’s *Sefer Hamitzvos* — if someone brings

a *korban* outside of the *Beis Hamikdash*. We learn that a *goy* IS allowed to bring a *korban* outside of the *Beis Hamikdash*.

Perek Alef: Now we start learning *Hilchos Temidin Umusafin!* The first *perek* is about the *Korban Tomid*, the *korban* that we bring EVERY day. No other *korbanos* should be brought BEFORE the morning one, and no other *Korbanos* (except the *Korban Pesach*) can be brought AFTER the afternoon one. If *chas veshalom* the morning *Tomid* was missed, we should bring the afternoon one — unless it's the first time we're using that *Mizbeiach* (like if *Moshiach* comes in the afternoon!)

Perek Beis: We learn the *halachos* of the last three *mitzvos* of today's *Sefer Hamitzvos*, about how to make sure that the fire on the *Mizbeiach* burns ALL the time, and about the *Terumas Hadeshen*.

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Chomeitz Umatzah - Perek Ches

In today's Rambam, we learn how to run a *Seder* properly. We learn about all the steps of the *Seder*, and the *Mah Nishtana*, and the whole *Haggadah!*

INYANA D'YOMA :: Ushpizin

Today's *Ushpizin* (special *Sukkos* guests) are Aharon Hakohen and the Tzemach Tzedek. Both of them teach us the lesson of *shalom*, peace.

The *Mishna* says that Aharon made *shalom* between people, and it is known that the Tzemach Tzedek made *shalom* between the *Chassidim* and the *Misnagdim*.

We get the *koach* from our two special guests of today to make *shalom* too!

TEFILLAH :: Feeling Hashem

In *Likutei Torah* for the *Yom Tov* of *Sukkos*, the Alter Rebbe writes that a *Yid* can be very excited during *davening* and feel very close to Hashem. But after he finishes *davening*, that feeling can go away!

What should we do to KEEP that special feeling?

The way to do it is by learning Hashem's Torah — Hashem's *Chochma*. The Torah tells us how Hashem wants us to act with the *Gashmius* we use all the time.

When a *Yid* learns *halachos*, he is thinking about Hashem all the time, just like when he *davens Shemoneh Esrei!*

The Rebbe gave us the takana to learn Rambam every day. By learning these halachos during the day, we keep our neshamos connected to Hashem the way they are during davening!

See maamar Ushe'avtem, Likutei Torah

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Lulav & Esrog for Lefties

When we make the *bracha* on the *Lulav* and *Esrog*, we take the *Lulav* with the right hand and the *esrog* with the left hand. We do this because the *Lulav* has 3 *mitzvos* (three of the *minim*) and the *Esrog* only has one. If a person does it the wrong way, he still did the *mitzvah*, but it is best to shake it again holding it the right way, this time without a *bracha*. When we hold the *Lulav* and *Esrog* by *Hoshaanos*, we also do it this way.

A lefty uses HIS most important hand, meaning his left hand.

For someone who is ambidextrous (can use both hands the same), he should hold the *lulav* with his right hand.

See the Alter Rebbe's *Shulchan Aruch*, *siman Tof-Reish-Nun-Alef*

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Torah When Moshiach Comes

The *Chachomim* tell us in the *Talmud Yerushalmi* that all of the *seforim* of the *Neviim* and *Kesuvim* will be *botul* in the times of *Moshiach*. We will only have the *Chamisha Chumshei Torah*, the five books of the Torah, and the *halachos* of *Torah Shebaal Peh*.

But how could this be? The Rambam tells us in *Hilchos Yesodei HaTorah*, that the Torah NEVER changes! How can we say that parts of Torah will be *botul*?

The answer is that these parts of Torah will not disappear, but we won't need to learn them anymore!

The *Neviim* and *Kesuvim* are mainly an inspiration for Yidden to keep the Torah. When *Moshiach* comes, and the world is full of the knowledge of Hashem, we won't need this inspiration anymore. We will be able to understand everything that is in the *Neviim* and *Kesuvim* from the Torah itself!

That is also why we won't need the discussion of the *Gemara* anymore. When *Moshiach* comes, we will understand the *halachos* even without the explanations of the *Gemara*!

So when *Moshiach* comes, our main Torah learning will be *Chamisha Chumshei Torah*, *halacha*, and the secrets of Torah that will be revealed then!

See *Sefer Hasichos* 5752 p. 27 (*Kuntres Halachos Shel Torah Shebaal Peh She'ainam Beteilim L'olam*)

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