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CHUMASH :: Parshas Vaeira - Rishon with Rashi

In last week's parsha, Moshe complained to Hashem that things were now WORSE for the Yidden!

Hashem told Moshe that he shouldn't complain, Hashem will keep His promises! Sometimes it doesn't look better right away, but Hashem will always do what He says.

"Now tell the Yidden that I am about to keep the promise I made to the Avos, that I will give their children the land of Eretz Yisroel! I will take them out of Mitzrayim, and bring them to Eretz Yisroel!"

Moshe told the Yidden what Hashem had said, but things were so hard in Mitzrayim, that the Yidden didn't feel better by hearing this.

Then Hashem told Moshe to tell Paraoh to let the Yidden go. Moshe said, "But even the Yidden didn't listen to me — how will Paraoh listen?"

Hashem gave Moshe and Aharon instructions: He told them to be patient with the Yidden, and speak to Paraoh with *kavod*.

We will IY"H see the continuation of their shlichus in the Chumash for Yom Shlishi.

TEHILLIM :: 106 - 107

Today's shiur Tehillim is *kapitelach Kuf-Vov* and *Kuf-Zayin*.

In *kapitel Kuf-Zayin* we talk about four kinds of dangers a person can go through.

When the *kapitel* speaks about the people in each danger, it says that they cried out to Hashem when they were in pain.

From here we see that when we have any kind of troubles and something is bothering us, we need to cry out to Hashem to ask Hashem to help us. Then, like the *posuk* says many times, **Yodu LaHashem Chasdo, Venifle'osav Livnei Adam** — Hashem will show us His kindness and give us everything we need, and we will thank Hashem!

See *Farbrengen Yud-Beis Tamuz 5727, Tehillim with Pirush Tehillas Menachem*, p. 9

TANYA :: Likutei Amarim Perek Yud-Daled

In today's *Tanya*, we learn that a Yid needs to try to be like a *tzadik*, and how to do it.

Earlier in *Tanya*, we learned that a *tzaddik* loves Hashem very much and thinks that *aveiros* are disgusting!

Not everyone can become a *tzadik*, but we can still try to love Hashem a little bit more and try to practice thinking of *aveiros* as disgusting.

One idea that the Alter Rebbe gives, based on the *Gemara*, is to look at some kind of food that doesn't help us serve Hashem better and think about what happens to it if you leave it for a while — it becomes rotten and smelly!

Also we can try to practice loving Hashem more like a *tzaddik* by thinking about how great and special Hashem is and imagining the way a *tzadik* loves Hashem.

This way, we are able to fulfill what the *neshama* is told before it comes into a body, to be a *tzadik*! Even though not everyone can become a real *tzadik*, everyone can try to behave a little bit like one.

If a *beinoni* does this, Hashem might even connect a *tzadik's* *neshama* to his *neshama*! Then, just like a *tzadik*, he will REALLY be able to have a love for Hashem and a disgust for anything that isn't there to serve Hashem!

HAYOM YOM :: Chof-Beis Teves

Today's *Hayom Yom* teaches us that it is EVERYONE's job to spend time every day towards *chinuch* of children.

You know that there is a *mitzvah* for boys over *Bar Mitzvah* to put on *Tefillin* every day. It doesn't matter if the boy is a big *Talmid Chochom* or can't even read the *Alef Beis*.

The Rebbe Rashab said that the same thing is with the *mitzvah* of *chinuch*! All Yidden, whether they are big *tzadikim* or simple people, need to spend a half an hour every day thinking about the *chinuch* of children.

They need to do everything they can — and even more! — to make sure that children are going in the path of *Yiddishkeit*.

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #167 - Mitzvas Asei #43, #44, #45, #46, #47, #48, #50, #51

Today we learn EIGHT *mitzvos*, about bringing eight special *Yom Tov korbanos*! We learn these *mitzvos* in *Parshas Emor* and *Pinchas*, where we learn about the *Yomim Tovim*.

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #43*) We bring an extra *korban* on each day of *Pesach*!

We learn this *mitzvah*, called the *Musaf Chag Hamatzos*, from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם אִשָּׁה לָהּ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים

2) (*Mitzvas Asei #44*) On the second day of *Pesach*, we bring the *Korban Omer*, which is made out of flour! This is also called “*Minchas Bikurim*.” We bring it together with a lamb as a *Korban Olah*.

We also learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: וְהִבְאֵתֶם אֶת עֹמֶר רֵאשִׁית קִצְרֵיכֶם

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

3) (*Mitzvas Asei #45*) 50 days after we bring the *Korban Omer*, we bring the *Atzeres (Shavuos) Korban*!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַיּוֹם הַפְּכוּרִים בְּהִקְרִיבְכֶם מִנְחָה חֲדָשָׁה לָהּ וְגו' וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עֹלָה לְרֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ

4) (*Mitzvas Asei #46*) On *Shavuos*, we bring two loaves of *Chometz'dik* bread, together with certain *korbanos* that are written in the Torah.

This *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* in *Parshas Emor*: מִמּוֹשְׁבֵיכֶם תְּבִיאוּ לָהֶם תְּנוּפָה שְׁתֵּי יָמִים

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perakim Daled, Hey, Ches, Yud, and Yud-Alef* of *Mesechta Menachos*.

5) (*Mitzvas Asei #47*) On *Rosh Hashana*, we bring an extra *korban*, the *Musaf Rosh Hashana*!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַחֲדָשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּאַחַד לַחֲדָשׁ וְגו' וַעֲשִׂיתֶם עֹלָה לְרֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ לָהּ

6) (*Mitzvas Asei #48*) We bring an extra *korban* on *Yom Kippur*!

This *mitzvah* also comes from *Parshas Pinchas*: וּבַעֲשׂוֹר לַחֲדָשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי וְגו' וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עֹלָה לָהּ רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ

7) (*Mitzvas Asei #50*) We bring extra *korbanos* each day of *Sukkos*!

This *mitzvah* is also from *Parshas Pinchas*: וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם עֹלָה אִשָּׁה רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ לָהּ

8) (*Mitzvas Asei #51*) On *Shemini Atzeres* we bring an extra *korban*!

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Temidin U'Musafin

In today's Rambam, we learn more about how we bring these Korbanos.

Perek Vov: This *perek* of Rambam is like reading a story, about how the *kohanim* wake up in the morning and go do their *Avodah*!

Perek Zayin: We learn about bringing the special *korban* for *Rosh Chodesh*, and the *Pesach korbanos* and the *Korban Omer*. We hear how they would cut the barley for the *Korban Omer*: *Erev Pesach*, they would tie the barley into bundles while it was still growing, to make it easier to cut. After *Yom Tov*, everyone would come out to watch! They would ask each of these questions three times out loud to make sure everyone understood what was happening, and everyone would answer together:

- Did the sun set? — YES!
- Is this a sickle? (a special kind of knife to cut plants) — YES!
- Is this a basket? — YES!
- If it was Shabbos: “Is it Shabbos?” — YES!
- Should I cut the barley? — CUT!

They asked each question three times, and each time, everyone would answer out loud.

The Rambam then tells us exactly how the *korban* was prepared!

Perek Ches: In this *perek*, the Rambam teaches us about the two *Chometz'dike* loaves of bread we bring on *Shavuos*.

RAMBAM- PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Shluchim VeShutfin - Perek Gimmel

In today's Rambam, we are learning more about sending someone else to do something for you (a *shliach*).

Perek Gimmel teaches us about how a person can send a *shliach* to argue for him in *Beis Din*. (That's like a lawyer.)

INYANA D'YOMA :: Chinuch

In today's *Hayom Yom*, we learned what the Rebbe Rashab said about *chinuch*: Just like there's a *mitzvah* of *tefillin* that everyone needs to do every day, everyone needs to think about the *chinuch* of children every day, how to influence children that they should follow the *derech* of *Yiddishkeit* and *Chassidus*.

In a *sicha*, the Rebbe explains why the Rebbe Rashab used the example of *Tefillin*, and not another *mitzvah* that we do every day. One of the things that are special about the *mitzvah* of *tefillin* is that it is one of the *mitzvos* where the *kavana* is also very important! We are not supposed to just put on *tefillin*, we are supposed to think about the purpose of the *mitzvah*, that our heart and mind should have *bittul* to serve Hashem, *Shibud Halev Vehamoach*.

Our thinking about *chinuch* needs to be like the *mitzvah* of *tefillin*! We shouldn't spend the time just to be *yotzei*, we should put our minds and hearts to it, and make sure that our children, every Jewish child, and every single Yid will follow the path of Torah that they are taught.

See *Likutei Sichos chelek Alef p. 9*

TEFILLAH :: Asher Yatzar

The next *bracha* we say in *Birchos Hashachar* in the morning is *Asher Yatzar*. We say it in *Birchos Hashachar* for two reasons:

- 1) In the morning, we are like a new creation, a "*Beryah Chadasha!*" We are starting a new day, a new *avodah*. We thank Hashem for giving us this amazing *guf* that we can use to serve Hashem with!
- 2) The *Chachomim* teach us to say the *bracha* of *Asher Yatzar* after using the bathroom. Since we aren't allowed to *daven* if we need to use the bathroom, and a person usually needs to use the bathroom in the morning, we will probably need to say *Asher Yatzar* at the beginning of *Birchos Hashachar* anyway.

In the *bracha* of *Asher Yatzar*, we speak about the amazing body Hashem gave us, and how incredible it is that it works just right!

See *Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch siman Vov, se'if alef*

HALACHOS HATZRICHS :: Kibud Av Va'Eim

Our parents are very special. They are Hashem's partners in bringing our *neshamos* into the world! Someone who is a partner with Hashem in this important job for sure deserves a lot of respect! We also owe so much to our parents for everything they have done for us, and we have a lot of *Hakoras Hatov* we need to show!

The Torah gives us some rules in how to show this *Derech Eretz* and *Hakoras Hatov* to our parents, and here are some of the *halachos*:

- 1) If a Mommy or Tatty have a place that they always sit in, we shouldn't sit there.
- 2) We should treat what our parents say with respect, and not say things like "I don't think so," or even "that's right." We can't just talk to them like we would talk to our friend.
- 3) When a Mommy or Tatty are in a room with us, that is special! When they come in, we should stand up to show them *kavod* — at least one time in the morning and at night.
- 4) We need to give them food or drink if they want it.

Are you wondering why a lot of people don't do these things? That's because a Tatty and Mommy are allowed to decide they don't need this kavod, and if they do, the kids can show kavod in different ways. Even if our parents don't mind, though, we should still try to keep some of these halachos!

But here are some things that we always NEED to do:

- 1) We need to listen to what our Mommy and Tatty tell us.
- 2) It is a very big *aveira* to hit a Mommy or Tatty or curse them — even worse than the *aveira* of hitting or cursing any other Yid!

And the BIGGEST *kavod* that we should show for our parents is to make them proud of us by going in the ways of Hashem and living like a *mentch* — to give them *Yiddishe, Chassidishe nachas!*

See Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deiah siman Reish-Mem

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: Moshiach's Job

The Rambam *paskens* about the things that *Moshiach* will do:

Moshiach will bring back the *Melucha* of Dovid Hamelech. We will again have *Yiddishe* kings, from the family of Dovid, ruling over the Yidden.

Moshiach will build the *Beis Hamikdash*, and gather together the Yidden from all over the world.

In the times of *Moshiach*, we will be able to do all of the *mitzvos* we weren't able to keep during the time of *Golus!* For example, we will be able to bring *korbanos* again, and keep the *halachos* of *Shemitah* and *Yovel*.

See Rambam Hilchos Melachim Perek Yud-Alef halacha alef

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