

Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 18 Feb 2010 20:05

The following are a hodgepodge of Torah'dig thoughts that Hashem planted in my head.

Comments, Cashiyos, & constructive criticism calmly collected by PM. I locked this thread to replies so that it should be easy reading for those that are interested in my Torah. You shouldn't have to search for the Torah between all the other stuff.

(Public comments to me can be made in my thread in the Introduce Yourself section entitled [**Tov veyoshor Hashem al kein yoreh chata'im baderech!**](#))

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 06 Dec 2010 16:54

Chanukah:

U'le'amcha Yisroel assisa teshu'ah gedola upirkan kehayom hazeh. (Al Hanissim)

The Chashmonaim were writing an Hodaah to Hashem for the great nissim that Hashem did.

How do they describe it? They're searching for the perfect metaphor.

Hashem judged, struggled, and took revenge for us. He rescued us from many powerful impure wicked heathens.

Hashem's name became greater & holier in the world; and to Your nation Yisroel You made a great salvation & redemption..... like..... like.....

(looking for an appropriate simile)

Like.... like: **Today!!!!**

The **Miracle of Today** is the greatest miracle of all!

Zeh hayom assa Hashem!!!!

He made it! Without Him there is nothing!

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 06 Dec 2010 17:00

Halel:

V'tzivanu likro ess haHalel = He **commanded** us to sing his praises.

Doesn't that sound a bit weird? It isn't much of an honor when the 3rd grade Rebbi instructs his

students to rise in respect when he enters the classroom.

*Asher kideshanu b'mitzvosas = Ratza hakodosh Boruch Hu lezakos ess Yisroel, Hashem doesn't need our praise; **WE** need it!!*

He wants it for *our* benefit. Not much unlike the educator who is teaching his students!

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 06 Dec 2010 17:08

Parshas Vayigash:

Vayigash eilav Yehuda vayomer bi adoni.

K'shem shemivorach al hatov kach mevorach al hara'ah. - Thank Hashem. But also daven for it to get better!

If someone see that by him there is *Midas haDin* he should give *toda'ah* to Hashem & then pray.

Vayigash - bring close

Eilav - Keil-av - his *Midas haDin* (*Keil zoam b'chol yom*)

Yehuda - to praise (*Hapa'am odeh ess Hashem*)

but also:

Vayomer bi - daven

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 06 Dec 2010 17:22

Chanukah:

*Yetzer Horah maniach umos haolam umisgareh b'son'eihem shel yisroel. Omar Abayeh
ubetalmudei chachamim yoser mekulam.* (Gemara Sukkah)

Torah scholars are *misalta umishamna* of Klal Yisroel. the Yetzer Horah aims for the top. He tries to get the best of the best. (Didn't he try to get us? ;D)

V'tim'u kol hashmanim = The Best.

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 06 Dec 2010 17:28

Chanukah:

*Mitzvas ner chanukah hu ner ish u'beiso; v'hamehadrin ner l'chol echod v'echod; v'hamehadrin
min hamehadrin mosef v'holech.*

In the 1st night there is no noticeable difference between the *Mehadrin* & the *Mehadrin min hamedhadrin*, they both light one per household member.

Seforim explain the Rashi *L'hagid shevacho shel Aharon shelo shina*, that he didn't slacken off in his enthusiasm. He lit the Menorah every day as if it was his first time ever.

The Mehadrin light a candle every night, but there is no 'freshness' in their lighting. To the Mehadrin min hamedhadrin every night is a new beginning, greater than ever before!!!

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 09 Dec 2010 18:51

Zos Chanukah:

Every Yom Tov's *kriyas HaTorah* is connected with that day.

Can the greatness of Zos Chanukah be somehow connected with the fact that on today we read about the individual karbanos of many Nesiim?

The Power of Unity is what makes it into a continuation of the Gmar Chasima of Yom Kippur!

(Yom Kippur is a 'Day of leaving our Jealousy & Quarrels' (The piyut after the Avodas Kohen Godol) (As my Mashgiach pointed out)

The 12th day in Nissan isn't called "Zos", even though we read 'Zos Chanukas Hamizbeiach' on that day.

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 09 Dec 2010 19:49

Chanukah:

U'le'amcha Yisroel assisa teshu'ah gedola upirkan kehayom hazeh. (Al Hanissim)

In the Sefer Shemen Rosh (Vol. 9, Shemos, Pgs. 17-18)

The Yevanim understandably sought to abolish *Shabbos* & *Milah* as these are from the mitzvos that distinguish Jews from the rest of the nations. What needs an explanation is, why did they hate *Chodesh* so much too?

Chodesh symbolizes Renewal. Even in the darkest of times the option of starting over exists. That is an idea that the Greeks wanted to uproot from our psyche.

Aveira goreres aveira, aside from its simple meaning, can also be understood that the feeling of dejection one experiences after stumbling into a sin. The feeling of inferiority, of worthlessness, can be so demoralizing that the person begins to think that there is no value to his mitzvos anyhow and he may as well continue to sin.

Hayom hazeh hashem Elokecha metzvecha.... - B'chol yom yiyeh b'einecha k'illu hayom nitna.
Do not dwell on the past. What was, was; what happened yesterday, happened yesterday. Today is today. Today we can grow. Today is the day that Hashem is commanding us to do his will.

Maybe we can add to his words:

The vast majority of Jews weren't with the *Chashmonoim*. Many became *Misyavnim*. When Hashem helped them anyhow, they all saw his greatness and removed the shackles of the Yetzer Horah.

U'le'amcha Yisroel assisa teshu'ah gedola - Hashem wrought a great salvation for his Jewish Nation.

upirkan - & redeemed them from the 'bondage' that they found themselves in...

kehayom hazeh - like the lesson we learn from **hayom hazeh!**

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 09 Dec 2010 23:10

Parshas Vayigash:

V'Yosef yashis yado al einecha. - Yosef will rest his hands on your eyes.

Our taavos only work based on what we saw. *Ayin roeh v'halev chomed etc.*

The work on the Midah of Yosef, Midas Hayesod, can rest its hands from work. It can rely on the eyes. If our eyes are properly guarded we will have an easier time in keeping ourselves holy.

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 09 Dec 2010 23:36

Parshas Vayigash:

*Eineichem ro'os..... **ki** pi hamedaber aleichem*

- *b'loshon hakodesh* (Rashi)

[guardureyes wrote on 21 Jun 2009 13:32:](#)

Rabbi Twerski wrote me today that the chassidic works are replete with "bris halashon mechuvan negged bris hamaor" and that shemiras halashon leads to shemiras habris.

Does anyone have a source for this?

What the eyes see & what they don't see etc. is because the mouth speaks in a holy style!

(I might have seen this somewhere else. Anybody ever saw this vort in a sefer? Please respond via PM)

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by the.guard - 10 Dec 2010 10:52

I was reading tehilim yesterday and saw a remez to this idea too... It says "im menu'afim chelkcha... picha medaber mirma"... something like that.

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 14 Dec 2010 00:37

Parshas Vayechi:

V'asisa imadi chesed v'emes.

Chesed she'osim im hameisim nikra chesed shel emes, lfi she'eino metzapeh l'tashlum g'mul (Rashi)

[The Mashgiach, Harav Matisyahu Salamon Shlita\]](#)

[In the first bracha of Shemona Esrei we praise Hashem that he is \[i\]Gomel chasadim tovim\[/i\]. Isn't that an oxymoron? \[i\]Gomel\[/i\], by definition, means repaying, returning, or reimbursing, while \[i\]chasadim\[/i\] are gifts/favors which are done free of charge etc.?](#)

[The ultimate chesed is to do it in a matter that makes the recipient feel as if \[u\]he\[/u\] is the one who is doing the favor! \[Boaz made Rus feel that way. After benefiting from his generosity she told Naomi, wrote:](#)

Ha'ish asher assis imo hayom[/i] - The man whom I did for him today.]

That is why the term used is '*Gemilas Chasadim*' rather than '*Assiyas Chasadim*'.

Hashem, in His infinite goodness, does favors for us & makes it look as if we earned it!

Steve, Duvid Chaim, Daniel, Shlomo, & the rest of the guys who give constant help & encouragement continuously say that they are only doing it for the purpose of their own recovery. It is part of their own 12th Step work, they claim. We owe them a tremendous debt of

gratitude, but they make it seem as if it were otherwise!

When we do chesed with the dead we don't have to worry about this. Therefore Yaakov did use the term "V'asisa imadi chesed v'emes". Chasadim done for *meisim* don't need to be cloaked as a *tashlum g'mul*, as a repayment.

P.S. And Yaakov told Yosef that it is NOT repayment. He is asking to be buried in Eretz Yisroel even though he did not do so for Yosef's mother Rachel.

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 14 Dec 2010 19:05

Parshas Vayechi:

Vayir'hu achei Yosef ki meis avihem (50:15)

Because until then he would eat with them, now he ate by himself. (Rashi)

They saw Yosef Hatzadik go into 'isolation mode' so they sent his friends to reach out to him.

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 15 Dec 2010 16:18

Parshas Vayechi:

Ish asher k'birchaso beirach ossam. (50:28)

Like the bracha that is destined to come to him.

Back in Yeshiva, I asked my Rebbi: If the bracha is destined to come to them anyhow, why bless them with that?

He replied: Yaakov Avinu was informing them of their potential!

[bardichev wrote on 15 Dec 2010 07:08:](#)

We lack a clear picture of who we really are

Ask yourself

Who am I ?

What are my three strongest attributes?

What am a good at?

What defines my judgment?

What are my 3 clear goals?

What am I doing to achieve those goals?

Am I really what I think I am?

Why is this self inventory important?

Because if we had a clear and defined objective

Then we will live life in the scope of reaching that objective

Helping someone discover the latent energies that are within him, his (possibly still hidden) talents, is the greatest blessing possible!!

Maybe we can add:

The words prior to the above are: *V'zos asher diber lahem avihem vayvarech ossam.*

When giving the chizuk/encouragement/compliments described above, we should try to avoid

giving the impression that we are just trying to flatter him. (Or as they say, "Butter him up".) It works much better if it is inserted as part of an otherwise benign conversation.

V'zos asher diber lahem avihem, their father was shmoozing with them; *vayvarech ossam*, & in the shmoozing he inserted his 'blessings'.

(Zemiros Shabbos & World: This post is in your honor!)

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Re: Yosef Hatzadik's Ha'oros
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 20 Dec 2010 22:13

Parshas Vayishlach - Vayechi:

Vayigash Yosef v'Rachel.

Bein poras allei ayin banos tzo'adoa allei shur.

Why was Yosef Hatzadik zoche to the Siyata Dishmaya to keep his eyes lowered when all those maidens of Mitzraim were trying to catch his attention?

When Yosef went with his mother toward Eisav Harasha, he extended his posture in front of his mother, thereby sheilding her from Eisav's view. Why? In order to save Eisav from gazing at her (Rashi). Yosef Hatzadik wanted to save a rasha & addict like Eisav from even one more instance of gazing at a woman!

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Every single instance of *shemiras einayim* stands on its own. Having been lax yesterday has no bearing on what I should be doing today!

Yosef tried to help others with Guarding their Eyes & merited to Guard his own Eyes!!!

P.S. The 12th Step is to help others. Thereby meriting help for ourselves!

P.P.S. we get helped by this holy GYE Forum - through helping others!

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