

Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by Ykv\_schwartz - 19 Jun 2009 13:05

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This thread is a follow up of the thread entitled "[reference list of relevant Gemoros](#)". This thread will be devoted to understanding chazal's statements in succa daf 52. These Gemoros are perhaps one of the most famous and comprehensive in dealing with and understanding the yetzer hara. Because there are quite a bunch of statements, I will begin by loosely translating each independent statement, leaving out the pasukim and any other information that may detract from the flow. In cases that it is necessary to see the pasuk in order to understand the teaching, I will quote the pasuk and translate it. Otherwise I will just make a reference to the fact that chazal quoted a pasuk. By doing so, it will be easier for the reader to follow going forward. I will include Rashi's explanation where necessary. I encourage everyone to look up the Gemara, even if you have seen it a billion times already. Why not see it a billion and one times. Now that we are baalei teshuvah, we will be able to understand the Torah we always knew and see it in a new light.

After quoting all the gemaras, I will try as much as possible to break down the discussions into topics. Meaning, there are a few gemaras that are all saying the same basic principle. So I will discuss all of those in one shot.

I also want to comment that this is not to be intended as a shiur setting where there is a one way street. I intend for this to be a chaburah (group learning). As much as I love sharing my few insights, I really love learning from others especially on gemaras that are so dear to me. I do not view myself as someone who has all the answers and all the understanding. What I can provide here is a bit of organization and food for thought. But I do hope that the bulk of the wisdom and insight will come from all of us working together. Feel free to make references to other sugyas in shas or any commentaries that you know of. Feel free to post personal or not so personal stories that illustrate the gemara's principle. Feel free to provide your own personal insights. And feel free to ask questions on the gemaras (as long as the purpose is to lead to proper understanding).

For the first few days, I will post a few gemaras at a time; just the pshat. I will break up each main idea as a 'section'. I am doing this because there is so much there, it will be overwhelming to quote all gemaras in one shot. In order to keep it orderly, I will constantly add to the original post, so please check back with that post. After we have all absorbed the basic idea, we can begin to organize the yesodos and delve deeper.

I really want to thank again the maarganim (organizers) pintelle yid and berdichev for pushing for this. And Thanks to the Guard for your gracious hospitality. And of course thanks to the

Ribono Shel Olem for assisting us in teshuvah by bringing us to GYE, which I am now nicknaming the “gates of teshuva”. And thank you Hashem for allowing all of us baalei teshuva to relearn your Torah in kedusha and Tahara together b’chaburah.

I end with a plea to you Hashem:

**May the zechus of the Torah** enable an acceptance of our teshuva

**May the zechus of the Torah** inspire and push us for higher levels of teshuva

**May the zechus of the Torah** atone for our past and erase the decrees against us

**May the zechus of the Torah** help protect us from sin and the yetzer hara in the future

**May the zechus of the Torah** assist all of the holy struggling yidim on GYE and the rest of the world by removing their desires for lust

**May the zechus of the Torah** assist all of the holy struggling yidim on GYE and the rest of the world by giving them stronger hirhurei teshuva

**May our burning desire for Torah** replace our desires for lust

**May our burning desire for Torah** be awakened as we brush off our desires for lust

With tears in my eyes

Lover of all Jews,

Yaakov

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by Ykv\_schwartz - 10 Aug 2009 19:16

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Efshar has been requesting politely for a long time now for me to resume on this thread. In honor of his 90th day I am going to resume. For those that require refreshing, go to the beginning of this thread and read through all the sections.

Below is a list of topics that I hope to address, based on the gemoras we learned.

I hope to start tomorrow with the first topic Identifying the yetzer the hara.

**I. Identifying the Yetzer Hara**

**II. Addiction: The More You Feed it The More You Need it**

**III. The Greater A Person is, the Greater is his Yetzer Hara**

**IV. The Seven Names of the Yetzer Hara**

**V. Combating The Yetzer Hara With Torah**

**VI. Without Hashem's Assistance the Goal Is Impossible**

**VII. Hashem Regrets Creating the Yetzer Hara**

**VIII. Purpose Of The Yetzer Hara**

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by yechidah - 10 Aug 2009 20:26

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Way to go Yaakov!!!

This is what I'm talking about. I'm very excited about all this you are putting together here.

Hatzlocha & Bracha

yechida

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by 7yipol - 10 Aug 2009 20:29

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Efshar has been requesting politely for a long time now for me to resume on this thread.

Efshar, perhaps if you hadnt been so polite, Rabbeinu Yaakov would have obliged ages ago!  
When it comes to learning, patience is no virtue. We want insight *yesterday!*

(Sorry for being rude R' Yaakov, but my neshama is hungry)

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 10 Aug 2009 20:50

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Herr Tsi Rabboisai what I'm about to Say,

Reb Ykvs back & he's here to Stay.

Catch a seat before the Beis Medrash gets Full,

Or you will just have to stand in the back of the Shul.

Have your Gemores ready to use,

Because there aint a Beis Medrash without any News. (Ein Beis Medrash B'Lo Chidush)

Ready or not here he Goes,

I'm so excited, I'm on my Tippy Toes.

E.L.

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 10 Aug 2009 20:51

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Rebbitsen 7up,

As much as you are Right,

I should of been a bit more Uptight

But, Divrei Chachomim "B'Nachas" Tishmoem, is Real.

I'm not one yet, but I try at the Shpeel.

E.L.

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by Ykv\_schwartz - 10 Aug 2009 21:24

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efshar, you put me to shame

As my poems I write are so lame

If only I could rhyme

the way you did this time

I would be one happy dude

Gotta Go! My coffee just brewed

See you all tomorrow in the beis. It is going to be a heavy shiur. So rest up. I hope this milsa d'bechusa helps out a bit.

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by Noorah BAmram - 10 Aug 2009 22:59

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El and Reb Yaakov These poems are FANTASTIC!!!! ;D ;D

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Lol lol

Noorah :D ;D

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52

Posted by 7yipol - 11 Aug 2009 06:48

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Have your Gemores ready to use

I know Im really pushing limits when I force myself into a gemorah shiur. If I sit quietly and dont disturb, may I eavesdrop?

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52  
Posted by yechidah - 11 Aug 2009 13:14

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7UP,who will continue to go up up up,

you have my heiter,I put it on my shoulders,because your neshomah could takes these concepts and could help other women here with it in a way that us men are not able to do or not allowed to do,and I must add now to please give extra attention,extra love,to your dear daughter TrYing who loves you very much.You can help her a great deal with your love and care towards her but what you may not realize yet is that she is helping you in turn in many many ways,so the blessing actually is very much a 2 way street.

I won't be talking to you that much,(this is due to the great respect I have for you),so when I do talk to you on those rare occasions-please listen

yechida

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Re: Yesodos from succa daf 52  
Posted by 7yipol - 11 Aug 2009 13:21

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Thank you Yechida. I take your words to heart.

And you are correct; I gain tremendously from my tRyInG. Her neshama is a power keg!

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