

...לשנה אחרת קבעום ועשאום ימים טובים בהלל

והודאה וכו': תלמוד בבלי מסכת שבת דף כ"א ע"ב

...The following year they established and made it days of Yom Tov, Hallel and Hodo'oh etc. (Gemoroh Shabbos 21:2)

On the third day of Chanukah it is the Yohrtzeit of the Be'er Mayim Chayim ZY" A. It is said on the Be'er Mayim Chaim, that after he was Toivel (immersed) himself in a Mikvah Tiharoh (ritual bath) on Erev Shabbos, he came out a head taller. He once put on mistakenly his weekday clothing after the Mikvah and they were short on him. On a similar note one of the Shabbos socks of the Lechevitcher got wet in the Mikveh on Erev Shabbos, so his Gabbai gave him his weekday sock and the Lechevitcher said he did not feel the Kedushas Shabbos in that foot. What are we to make of these great heightened levels? How do we even aspire to such heights? To this we can say, what every Yid must say "Mohsei yagiyu maseiy limasei Avosay - when will my actions reach the actions of The Avos (forefathers), Avrohom, Yitzchok and Yaakov". Tzadikim said on this, is it possible for one to reach the actions of the Avos? Rather it says "Yagiyu - Ess zohl uhnlerin - It should touch". If a person lives with such ambitions, he will surely reach great heights in Avodas Hashem, and come to fulfill HIS Tafkid - goal of achievement in this world and be a Ben Olam Habboh - one who inherits the World to Come. One who can great Moshiach and say I have done what "I" was commanded. As the great Rebbe Reb Ziesha of Anopoli said "Zisheleh Zisheleh, you will not be asked why you did not acquire the greatness of the Rambam, Rashboh and Ritvoh. You will be questioned why you are not Zisheleh"! every person has great altitudes that only he can fulfill, as we ask Hashem in Davening, a few times every day "Visein CHELKEINU BiSorohechoh - give us OUR portion in you Heilige (holy) Torah." As we are now in the days of Chanukoh, we must realize that this is in celebration and commemoration for the Neis (miracle) that Hashem did not only for the Yidden over two thousand years ago. Rather the Hashpoh (Spiritual nourishment) comes every year anew. As Seforim HaKedoshim say on the Gemoroh (Shabbos 21:2) "Lishonoh acheres kovum biHallel viHoidoh - the following year they commemorated it with joy and thanksgiving". As when the Neis of Chanukoh happened the Chachomim did not recognize if this was a one-time Neis, or one who's Hashpo'oh returns. So, they waited for the coming year and it was comprehended that the Kedusha of the Neis transpired again, then the Chachomim instated it as a Yom Tov.

- Mipi Sforim ViSofrim

וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מְגוּרֵי אָבִיו וַיֵּוָגוּ: בְּרֵאשִׁית פְּלִזְפִּיא

Yaakov settled in the land of his father's sojournings, (37:1) Vayeishev - both in Derech erez (mundane topics) and dealings of Masa umatan (dealings), Bi'erez - also in areas of Torah and Teffiloh, Migurei Aviv - Avienu Shebashomayim - Hashem, one is obligated to do with Yishuv Hadas (calm and collective mind) - Vayeishev.

- Sefer Pnini HaTorah - Divrei Yisroel - Modzitz

יְקָרְאֵנִי וְאֶעֱנֶהוּ עִמּוֹ אֲנֹכִי בְצָרָה אֶחְלָצֶהוּ וְאֶכְבְּדֶהוּ:

ספר תהלים פרק צ"א ט"ו

He will call upon Me and I will answer him, I am with him in distress; I will release him, and I will bring him honor. (Tehillim 91:15)

Also, a Yid who is empty from any essence and struggles with his Yetzer Hora (evil inclination), he too also knows that Hashem is with him in his troubles. The Shechinoh dwells with every Yid in the situation that he is. As it says in the Possuk (Vayikroh 16:16) Hashochein eitom bisoich tumohsom - that dwells with them amid their contamination. So too Achaltzeihu ViAchabdeihu. Hashem exits and redeems a Yid from all his situations of hardship.

- Sefer Divrei Shmuel - Slonim

דבר ה' זו הלכה The word of Hashem is Halochoh

As Klal Yisroel is at the recent loss of the great Goan, Manhig and Posek Rav Dovid Feinstein ZT" L it would be appropriate to repeat a Dvar Halochoh I was Zoche to hear from him personally on Chanukoh 5774 in Mesivta Tiferes Yerusholayim. I presented to him the situation that in Lakewood NJ there are those who are in the process or have constructed neighborhood Eruvin, which are in contrast to the Psak (Halachic decision) and determination of The Rosh HaYeshiva Rav Aharon Kotler ZT" L. Upon hearing this, Rav Dovid ZT" L responded "If this is as you say , it is surprising that there are those who are doing kineged (against) his Ratzon (will), Ehr iz doch givehn der Paisek (He was the Halochoh authority).

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