Parshat Ki Sisa — Adar I 18, 5779— February 22, 2019

YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Dvar Torah: Shmuel Gluck

Shabbos Times	
Mincha & Maariv	5:25 pm
Candle Lighting	5:25 pm
Sunset	5:43 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha	5:15 pm
Maariv	6:27 pm
Shabbos Ends	6:36 pm

Lessons from הודו and כוש since *Purim Katan* was on Tuesday this past week.

The Gemara brings two opinions about the positions of הודו and כוש. One opinion says that they were the closest cities to each other, and the other opinion says that they were at opposite ends of the world.

הודו is rooted in the word הוד which means shine or light. The word כוש means black or darkness. These refer to the different forces within a person. שחורה אני ונאוה

So how should we look at ourselves?

"" שבע יפול צדיק וקם" A Tzadik falls seven times and gets up."

It would seem that the message of the Posuk is that even though he falls, the Tzadik picks himself up. This is certainly true. But it leaves a question: If it's only the Tzadik that gets up after he falls, that means that everybody falls, and it's only the Tzadik who gets up. If so, why does the Posuk mention צדיק by the falling- there is nothing unique to a Tzadik about falling- everybody falls! It should say- "Everybody falls, but a Tzadik gets up."

Perhaps the Posuk is teaching us an extraordinary insight. There *is* something unique to the way a Tzaddik falls. And it's only because he falls that in a way which enables him to get up. The Posuk is teaching us, that if we connect to the part of ourselves that is a Tzadik then we will be able to get up.

There are no two places closer to each other than הודו and כוש. They are literally right next to each other- they are both inside of you. However, there are no two places that are further away from each other than הודו and כוש. When a person identifies with his הודו, he is מגלה that the darkness within him is so far from being him. It is a foreign element that is as distant from his truest self as הודו is from כוש. And even as they both remain inside of him, he has made a clear havdala within himself, between who he is and who he is not.

All a person has to do is decide where he stands. Does he identify himself as a הודו person, who is stuck with a כוש? Or does he see himself as a כוש person who happens to live next to a הודו? Once he decides who he is, He is not one person with two allegiances. He is one person, with a יצר הרע מבחוץ.

But after that, there is still another level of birur. Once a person is standing firmly in הודו, the question becomes then, how to deal with the כוש? Even though we know it's not us, and we don't agree with it, it still lives in our world, is our closest neighbor, and seems to have an effect on us. How can we get rid of its influence?

About this, the Chiddushei Harim said, " סור מרע - סור מרע ועשה טוב" turn away from the רע - don't focus on it. ועשה טוב - just do good." If a person stands in הודו and faces כוש, then כוש is still the closest place on earth. But if a person turns his back to כוש, then it becomes the furthest place in the world. This is the next step: After distinguishing Yaakov from Esav, we are told, "" לאם מלאם יאמץ" When one goes up, the other automatically goes down." If we want to get rid of the evil, the way is not to face the evil and focus on getting rid of it. The way is to turn your back on it, and fill your focus being the shining הוד that you are. If we do that, we are promised that those rays will reach the אפסי ארץ - the ends of earth. Our light will reach מסוף העולם ועד סופו - from one end of the world to the other. If we put הודו and כוש on opposite ends of the world, we are promised that our light will shine into all the places that are occupied by כוש.

All evil will dissipate, and our world will be filled with light.

הודו and כוש are so close to each other- all it takes to begin the Geula is one step….

May we live to see it, maybe we live to be it.

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Duke McCarthy: All praise, honor, glory, and blessings to the Glorious Great G-d in heaven above. Hashem is His name. May He continue to bless all Israel, and Jews and families, especially Young Israel of Cherry Hill. And we thank Him for giving us the Jewish People to shine His light on the world. Please, Amen

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Mazel Tov to Beatrice & Tzvi Stobezki on the birth of a grandson Meir (Max).
May his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Chaim (Robert) Stobezki, Grandparents Stobezki, & our machatonim of St. Louis, Dr. Hilton & Mrs.Renee'Price, see lots of nachas from Meir.

In addition to the community mishloach manot program, the Young Israel of Cherry Hill is once again selling Purim cards this year. The cost is as follows: 1 – 9 cards $5 each; 10 – 24 cards $4.50 each; 25 and above $4 each. To order your cards, please place your order by e-mailing Joyce Joseph at jjoseph7@aol.com or text 609-471-2770 and your cards will be put aside for you. Cards can be paid for on the Shul website or by a check made out to the Young Israel of Cherry Hill and given to Joyce when you pick up your cards. Thank you so much and have a Purim Sameach!

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- Eitz Chaim: $120
- Weekly Newsletter: $50

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$500 First year at YI—Family
$250 First year at YI—Single
$500 Associate Membership
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Next Week	
Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	5:30 pm
Mincha & Maariv (Fri)	TBD
Nightfall/Shma after	6:31 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos– Men (Mon)	8:30 pm
Parsha Class– Women (Wed)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.