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Sicha 1 | RESTLESS SOULS

The verse “*Yelchu meichayil el chayil*” teaches us that a soul is eternal, and progresses constantly. The Arizal adds that a soul in *Olam Habah* carries on the same work it did in this world. By virtue of our connection with that soul we can grow along with it. (10 minutes)

Sicha 2 | DIFFICULT FOR G-D

Torah is the basis of all existence. It even provides knowledge about animal and plant life. Shockingly, an individual declared that Torah has no place in worldly matters, and nobody objected. (8 minutes)

Every holy day is comprised of three elements. The day's uniqueness, the way it effects human beings, and the way it affects G-d. (8 minutes)

How does a Yahrzeit affect G-d? Rashi says, “The passing of a Tzaddik is difficult for God like the breaking of the Luchos.” The explanation. (6 minutes)

If the breaking of the Luchos was a negative occurrence, why do the broken Luchos lead us into battle, when we need every merit we can get? (4 minutes)

Sicha 3 | HEAVY STONES

To answer the question, we must preface: Why did Moshe break the Luchos if they were G-d's personal creation? The answer: When the letters

of the Ten Commandments soared to heaven, the Luchos couldn't bear the fall to their previous state. (11 minutes)

Similarly, the physical body of a Jew is very lofty, and chosen by G-d. Nevertheless, the loss of the soul is devastating. (13 minutes)

This is why the broken Luchos lead us into war to conquer new territories for G-d: Its message is, we must always grow, and never be satisfied with our previous accomplishments. (6 minutes)

Sicha 4 | SOARING LETTERS

Rashi says that Moshe broke the Luchos to annul the G-d's contract, so that we wouldn't be liable for the Sin of the Golden Calf. But if the letters soared to heaven, the contract was already annulled? The answer: The physical letters remained, but their spiritual life-force soared to heaven. So, Moshe still needed to annul the written contract. (8 minutes)

But why did the righteous people, who didn't serve the Golden Calf, deserve the breaking of the Luchos? Parenthetically, although they cannot be held fully responsible, every Jew has a responsibility to others since the time of Avraham. However, their Luchos were broken for the reason brought earlier: they couldn't bear the downfall. (8 minutes)

In some respects, the downfall of exile is worse than death, for it is an extended period of time. It is comparable to the descent of the soul into the body in this world. (7 minutes).

Sicha 5 | THE WOOD OFFERING

The Gemara speaks of a Wood Offering. There are conflicting opinions as to whether it was a Korban, or it consisted of wood to stoke the fire on the Mizbeach. Based on an argument between Rebbe and Chachamim, we can infer that it included both elements. This answers numerous questions on the topic. (25 minutes)

The argument between Rebbe and Chachamim boils down to one issue: Rebbe takes words literally, down to the smallest details. This is a *l'shitasei* throughout Shas. (6 minutes)

The three stages in wood – in the forest, as firewood, and as a korban, correspond to the three individuals hinted in the name Pachat Ben Yehuda: Rus, Dovid Hamelech, and Yoav ben Tzeruyah. It also corresponds with the three categories of maidens who danced on Chamisha Asar B'av, as brought at the Mesechta's conclusion. Nonetheless, we are all one united group. (17 minutes)

Sicha 6 | A CRUCIAL BALLOT

Based on the earlier Talmud mentioned, we can infer that in our days of exile, we general dissuade converts, and only the genuine ones are accepted. (11 minutes)

Some people claim that to unite the Jewish people, we need to abolish Halachic conversion and welcome gentiles in the Land of Israel. That would be absurd and dangerous. (13 minutes)

Shamefully, a group of individuals who have the ability to influence public policy refuse to utilize their influence to correct the law. When the issue came to vote, they didn't have the courage to stand up to the Prime Minister, and chose to abstain. Meanwhile, they defended themselves with all sorts of outrageous excuses. One member of their party supported the amendment, and they immediately fired him, and plan to replace him with someone who followed instructions. (50 minutes)

Sicha 7 | LEMECH AND CHANOCH

From the new book of my father's teachings: Lemech and Chanoch are names which are found in both Kayin's and Sheis's families. My father explains the meaning of Lemech, we will focus on Chanoch. Chanoch is the point of convergence between the conflicting forces of Kayin and Sheis, who represent Tohu and Tikkun. (13 minutes)

Sicha 8 | THE POWER OF CONVICTION

The lesson from the Parsha's name – Re'eh – is that we must fulfill Torah with conviction, as if we saw its existence with our own eyes. (7 minutes)

That conviction comes from the highest levels of G-dliness, from "Anochi." That is what gives Soviet Jewry the immense strength to practice Judaism with self-sacrifice. (8 minutes)