BH

Vayihyu Chayey Sara 5712

1) What is this Ma’amar about (that makes it a classic)?

2) What is the Zohar’s question on the Parsha of Sara’s death?

3) How does Rav Chiya attempt to answer the question?

4) How does Rav Yosi refute Rav Chiya’s argument?

5) How did WE explain the question and the answer?

IOW in truth why is the death of each of the Avos a separate story in the Chumash and nit the death of the Imahos?

6) What is unique about the creation of human beings versus animals?

7) How does this play out in their lives (and purpose)?

8) How did it play out in the lives of Adam and Chava?

9) What is the Possuk זכר ונקבה בראם ויקרא את שמם אדם saying? (several points please).

10) What happened to Chava?

11) How is this explained? IOW what does this have to do with death?

12) What happened to Noach?

13) What is the connection between Noach and Chava?

14) How is this connected to Sara?

15) What Possuk supports this idea?

16) Why is this easier for Avraham than for Sara?

17) Explain דילה הויין חיין.

18) What is the Rebbe’s first question?

19) What is the Rebbe’s second question?

20) What כלל in Torah can be linked to this question?

21) Sara achieved complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

22) What is the proof for this?

23) Why did Sara achieve this and not Avraham?

24) What Possuk supported this?

25) What is the simple meaning of this Possuk?

26) What is the deeper meaning of this Possuk?

27) How dies the Gemarah say it?

28) What does the Possuk say about Liasid Lavo?

29) The words מאה שנה is what level?

30) Why the number 100?

31) What about the umbers 1,000 and 10,000?

32) What is the Hebrew word for 10,000?

33) (cont.) What are the two meanings of this word?

34) Why does it say מאה שנה in singular?

35) The words עשרים שנה is what levels?

36) Why is the number 20?

37) Why does it say עשרים שנה in singular?

38) How is this different than the reason for singularity by the number 100?

39) The words שבע שנים is what levels?

40) Why is it plural (שנים) in this case?

41) A world of Chessed alone would be?

42) A world of Gevura alone would be?

43) Tell me the two things SBG brought out about Tiferes.

44) What question is now repeated again?

45) Why is it repeated again?

47) Word:

מציאות

יש

מציאות אור

עצמות

נאצל

מאציל

נקודה ספירה פרצוף

פרצוף, [פנים, אדם, עולם]

יש מאין two translations

[התחלקות, התכללות]

**Perek 2**

48) Explain what is “the Ma’amar” and what is the “Biur”

49) In our case, what is the Ma’amar and what is the Biur?

50) What is the “big deal” about Simcha?

51) What are the sources for Simcha in Yiddishkeit?

52) What bothered the Misnagdim about Chassidus as far as Minhag?

53) What bothered the Misnagdim about Chassidus as far as Achdus?

54) What bothered the Misnagdim about Chassidus as far as Chassidic culture, particularly Simcha?

55) Why is Simcha so big a deal to Chassidim?

56) What do we learn from the Possuk תחת אשר לא עבדת את הוי' אלוקיך וגו' ועבדת את אויביך?

A. What is the simple meaning?

B. What is the deeper meaning?

57) What is (are) the (two) source(es) for this deeper meaning?

58) What brought the Arizal all his “Hasagos”?

59) And the Baal Shem Tov?

60) Who do we (Chasidei Chabad) follow more closely in this case?

61) Dira Bitachtonim is a "תאוה" what does that mean

A. when people have a תאוה

B. and when Hashem has a תאוה

IOW what do the two have in common?

62) What does עצמות mean?

63) What is the opposite of עצמות?

64) Is עצמות אין סוף referring to Hashem or not?

65) What term means Hashem more precisely than אין סוף?

66) What contradiction is described here?

67) Translate these words, that are all בינה related:

A. השגה

B. תפיסה

C. עיון

D. הבחנה

E. הבנה

68) Why can’t you “reach” עצמות through הבנה והשגה?

69) How **can** you reach עצמות?

70) In other Ma’amarim it explains two aspects to reaching עצמות- what are they?

And here we have only the one: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

71) In Tanya Ch 41 what does Avoda mean?

72) What is the difference between יראה and עבודה in Tanya Ch 41?

73) The Gemarah has an idea of עבודה שבלב, how do we reconcile that idea with the Tanya’s idea of עבודה?

74) When we Daven, we used two basic parts of the Nefesh- what are they?

75) What is the relationship between these two?

76) What two ideas separate between the two things (question 75)?

77) How do we understand this difference?

78) What does רש"י say about the repetition of the names of certain people (נח נח, אברהם אברהם etc.).

79) What does כ"ד במ"ש stand for and what does it mean?

80) What would Chassidus say about this (answers 78-79)?

81) So, how does Chassidus (Zohar) explain the repetition on names (נח נח, אברהם אברהם etc.)?

82) What doesפסיק טעמא בגווייהו mean; and what does לא פסיק טעמא בגווייהו mean?

83) What is difference between אברהם אברהם and משה משה?

84) What is אגרת הקדש סימן ט"ו about?

85) What is the משל ונמשלin that letter?

86) What introduction does the Alter Rebbe use before his explanation?

87) How is this connected to the Possuk ואנכי עפר ואפר?

88) What is the simple meaning?

89) What is the Chassidic meaning?

90) How does this apply to the issue of אברהם אברהם versus משה משה?

91) And… to the issues in OUR Ma’amar?

92) Please explain why Havana VihaSaga cannot grasp עצמות? (in two steps)

Step One:

Step Two:

93) And what can touch עצמות?

94) why?

95) Are there levels of Simcha and Ta’anug (similar to the levels of Havana VihaSaga)?

96) Simcha and Ta’anug are different from Havana VihaSaga- how?

97) Why is there this difference?

98) Explain: Tzimtzum.

99) How is this similar to Mimalei Kol Almin?

100) Explain: Naga Bo HaTzimtzum.

101) How is this similar to Sovev Kol Almin?

102) What does השתלשלות הכתרים mean?

103) How does it play out? Give me an example.

104) Three words:

A. קטנות

B עיגולים.

Cבלי גבול.

105) How are these three words connected?

106) How is this connected to the idea of השתלשלות הכתרים?

107) How does this add up to Simcha and Ta’anug touching Atzmus (Ein Sof) through Simcha and Ta’anug?

108) Explain גילוי הנפש.

109) Explain כחות הנפש.

110) What is the advantage of גילויי הנפש and what is the disadvantage?

111) What is the advantage of כחות הנפש and what is the disadvantage?

112) In our discussion of הבנה והשגה and שמחה ותענוג which of the above is which?

A. הבנה והשגה is like?

B. שמחה ותענוג is like?

113) What does this explain in the Ma’amar?

114) What is our Ma’amar about, and what are we setting up (in Perek 2) to explain going forward?

**Perek 3**

115) The prerequisite to Simcha is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

116) What Possuk proves this?

117) What does Bittul mean?

118) What is the only useful Mashal for Bittul?

119) What are the two definitions of freedom?

A.

B.

120) Why can’t you have one without the other?

121) So, in our relationship with G-d how would you understand Bittul?

122) Why does the Previous Rebbe say that Kabbalas Ol is Jewish?

123) In other words, in order to have Bittul you must have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

124) Without that (Question 123) one cannot have Bittul, why?

125) So, what is Bittul really?

126) In one’s Bittul to Hashem what is the hardest part?

127) What question does the Rebbe ask about the connection made between Simcha and Bittul?

128) What is the difference between an עניו and a שפל?

129) Being humble means acknowledging that…

A. All I have is….

B. If someone else…

130) The Rebbe gives two examples of gifts that we should look at with humility, what are they?

A.

B.

131) What makes Moshe the humblest man who ever lived?

132) What is “Kivutz” (כיווץ)?

133) What is Anava (again)?

134) How are they different?

135) Why can Anava be a Keli for Simcha?

136) A person is joyous when he is given a gift, how did we explain this?

137) Why can’t a person without Anava ever really be joyous?

138) What is the difference between “healthy self-esteem” and Bittul?

139) How can two people be given the same thing and one sees it as a gift and the other sees it as an entitlement?

140) How is this idea so manifest in modern American life (“the American dream”)?

141) How is Anava (Bittul) connected to Simcha?

142) Translate בלתי מורגש and מורגש (try and describe the difference between them).

143) What story did we tell about Murgash?

144) What is the risk and fear of מורגש when it comes to Simcha (particularly)?

145) What does התפשטות mean? And why is this a fear by Simcha?

146) What מאמר חז"ל is quoted, and what unusual source is brought?

147) Who was ראומה historically?

148) How is this name explained according to Chassidus?

149) ראומה is from what world?

150) And where does she live? And why?

151) What happens to evil people when they are happy?

152) And what happens to humble people when they are happy?

153) What are the three steps in Avoda the Ma’amar has been talking about? [in order].

154) When was בלתי מורגש realistic?

155) …and when did that become far too difficult to maintain?

156) Quote and explain the Possuk that indicates this (change).

157) What was the source of today’s class? Where is this quoted in Chassidus?

158) What are the two types of intellect called?

159) Explain מושכלות.

160) How does this tie into philosophy?

161) What is the modern attitude towards philosophy? And why?

162) what is (would be) Torah’s response?

163) What requirements are there for being a real philosopher?

164) Who is a philosopher nowadays?

165) Explain מפורסמות.

166) In what way is this similar to modern science?

167) Please explain advantage of ‘objective reasoning’ and the advantage of ‘abstract reasoning’.

168) What does this have to do with Adam and Chava?

169) And how is this connected to Murgash and Bilti Murgash?

170) What kind of ideas (שכל) was Adam HaRishon busy with before the original sin?

171) When his Sechel was on the level of Murgash it was susceptible to what?

172) Why?

173) Where was Adam HaRishon’s head? Body? Feet?

174) What is the meaning of being in Gan Eden?

175) where was the Klipa then?

176) So, how did he sin in the first place?

177) How did we attempt to explain it?

178) What is the most important thing that must be said about free will?

179) So, what two attitudes can exist in free will?

180) What does the Rebbe say about the Avoda of Simcha after the original sin?

181) Why?

182) Who CAN have Simcha even n ow?

183) What should the rest of us do about Simcha?

184) What Possuk represents this idea?

185) How are these two opposites realistic?

186) What is the Hebrew expression for this idea?

187) Please explain it.

188) What obvious difficulty is there regarding the information in this class?

189) What did the Rebbe say later (in his Nesius) about this issue?

190) What Possuk did he quote and how did he explain it?

191) If one has perfect Kabbalas Ol he will then have…. ?

192) And when one has…. He will successfully make a ??

193) Where in the Ma’amar (earlier) was this explained?

194) We now start Perek 5 and go away from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and return to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

195) Who are the three personalities and what do they have in common?

196) The result of Chava’s sin was?

197) Who does it affect?

198) It is described as divorcing Adam from Gan Eden; how do we understand this in Chassidus? (there are two points that must be made here).

199) Why couldn’t they stay in Gan Eden?

200) What is בירור בדרך התלבשות?

201) And, what is בירור בדרך ממילא?

202) Who was able to do בירור בדרך ממילא?

203) How did it “look” by him?

204) Why was he able to do it ממילא and we must do התלבשות?

205) Do you remember the name of Hashem I mentioned that is caught up in the Birur?

206) How is “Murgash” corrected?

207) Explain the difference between Chochma and Bina.

208) The Rebbe in the Ma’amar uses the terms ידיעת החיוב and ידיעת השלילה to make this pint, translate **literally** these two terms.

209) How is this similar to Chochma and Bina?

210) Intellectually what kind of intellectual would represent Bina (and ידיעת החיוב)?

211) And, what kind of intellectual would represent Chochma (or ידיעת השלילה)?

212) How would you describe bringing Bittul into Murgash in this model (of Bina and Chochma)?

213) How is this connected to wine?

214) What happens to Noach?

215) Why is this failure?

216)