

## Hayom Yom: 24 Iyar

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Day 39 of the Omer

מְבָרְכִים ראש חֲדָשׁ סִיּוֹן. אֲמִירַת כָּל הַתְּהִלִּים בְּהַשְׁכָּמָה. יוֹם הַתּוֹעֲדוֹת. לְשִׁלְשִׁי עוֹלָה הַבַּעַל קוֹרָא, וּמַעְצָמוֹ. אֹמְרִים אָב הַרְחָמִים.

[On Shabbos Mevarchim, it is our custom] to recite the entire Book of Tehillim early in the morning and to hold a farbrengen on that day.

[In years in which Parshas Bechukosai is read alone,] the third aliyah<sup>2</sup> is customarily taken by the baal koreh,<sup>3</sup> on his own initiative.<sup>4</sup>

[After the Torah Reading,] the passage beginning Av HaRachamim is recited.<sup>5</sup>

אִם בְּחֻקוֹתַי תֵּלְכוּ, אִם זֶה הוּא לְשׁוֹן תַּחֲנוּנִים כְּמֵאֵמֶר רַז"ל, שְׂכַוְנָתוֹ הַלּוֹאֵי בְּחֻקוֹתַי תֵּלְכוּ. וְזֶה שֶׁהַקַּב"ה כְּבִיכּוֹל, מִתְחַנֵּן לִפְנֵיהֶם שִׁישְׁמְרוּ אֶת הַתּוֹרָה, זֶה עֲצָמוֹ מְסִיעַ וְנוֹתֵן כַּח לְאָדָם שִׁיעֲמוֹד בְּבַחֲרֵתוֹ הַטּוֹבָה. וְעוֹד זֹאת אֲשֶׁר בְּחֻקוֹתַי תֵּלְכוּ דִנְעֲשִׂית הַנְּשָׁמָה מֵהַלֵּךְ.

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בְּבִיאַת הַמָּשִׁיחַ תִּתְגַּלֶּה מַעֲלַת הַפְּשִׁיטוֹת וְהַתְּמִימוֹת שִׁישׁ בְּעִבּוּדָתָם שֶׁל אֲנָשִׁים פְּשׁוּטִים שֶׁמִּתְפַּלְלִים וְאֹמְרִים תְּהִלִּים בְּתִמְיָמוֹת.

[It is written:]<sup>6</sup> “If you will follow My statutes.” Our Sages say<sup>7</sup> that G-d is pleading here with the Jewish people: “If only you would follow My statutes!” The fact that G-d entreats the Jews, as it were, to observe the Torah, in itself helps and empowers a person to stand firm in his positive choices.

Moreover, [the phrase Im bechukosai teileichu, here translated as “If you will follow My statutes,” literally means, “If you will walk in My statutes”]. [This implies that] by walking along the path of the Torah, the soul becomes a mehalech (lit., “one who walks”).<sup>8</sup>

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When Mashiach comes, the value of the simplicity and artless devotion of the common folk, who pray and recite Tehillim with heartfelt sincerity, will be manifest.<sup>9</sup>

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