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## **Chaburah 19 – Shaar HaHakdamos, 39b**

In today's Chabura we hope b'ezras Hashem to complete the Sugya of Nitzotzos Hakedusha, and to answer the original question we had:

Question: If our goal is to build a Positive and MUTUAL Relationship with Hashem, what is it that Hashem Gives to us in an ongoing way, each and every day, that is in the form of "giving for the purpose of building a relationship", and is somehow equivalent to the amount of giving that we sacrifice and invest of ourselves to do for Him?

Review: We have learned in regard to Nitzotzos Hakedusha – what they are; the concept called "Birur": how to uplift them and connect them back to Hashem; and the concept called "Mochin": the richness, satisfaction, and pleasure that a person can feel upon reconnecting the experience of the Nitzos to its Source, Hashem.

Today we introduce a new concept, to explain "Where do the Nitzotzos come from?"

New concept - that is passed down to us through the Secrets of Torah: "Shviras Hakeilim".

Source: Shaar HaHakdamos 39b.

Explanation: Hashem Shines forth His Infinite Light from "Level one" into "Level two" – the Framework of G-dly Attributes" that He has created for us to be able to relate to Him. Yet because His Light is so Great, the only way that He could limit it to a point that we could benefit from it was to create very, very many levels of "cover-up" - where each level limits His Light more and more, until the point that it becomes so covered that we can actually benefit from it.

The way we have passed down that we are allowed to imagine it, is in the form of light (ohr) and a utensil or container (kli). Hashem created many keilim that limit the Infinite Light coming down, each one sequentially more limiting than the one above it. At a certain point during this process, the keilim that the Infinite Light entered were not able to contain the Light, and they "broke". The Light that was entering those keilim then withdrew and was super-absorbed back into the Source Light it came from. The "pieces" of the keilim themselves (the keilim are also "made up of Light" – although a less spiritual Light than the Ohros) then "fell" to a lower level than where they were originally, and that "fall" had repercussions all the way to this lowest world that we're in. We have passed down that those "shards" of the keilim that fell, contain within them "Nitzotzos Hakedusha". [Now we understand where the Nitzotzos came from.]

Question: Hashem is so complete in everything He does. Why did this "Shvira" ("breakage") have to take place?

Answer: Hashem intentionally inserted this "occurrence" in the process of limiting His Infinite Light – for our benefit.

Let's Remember: In order for us to be as close to Hashem as possible, and to receive the Greatest level of Good that we can Receive, we need to be similar to Hashem and to do something for Him.

It can only be considered that we're doing something for Him if He "really" needs something to be done; therefore, Hashem inserted the breakage of the Keilim within the process of Creation so that He "really needs something" (on Level two): He needs us to fix what became broken.

The way we "fix" the broken keilim, is by "extracting" the Nitzotzos that are included within the "pieces" of the keilim that fell - by reuniting those "Infinitesimal Experiences of Infinite Pleasure" (=the "Nitzotzos", "Sparks") back to their Source, to Hashem.

The Deeper Message: A physical spark in this world, is really just an "infinitesimal piece" of the greatest fire that exists, embodying within it all the same properties as the actual fire. Just that it's so small, that if ignored and not fanned upon so that it grow, it will just go out of existence.

In a spiritual way, a Nitzos is the same. It is really just an "Infinitesimal Piece" of Hashem's Infinity, and just as the Source Level within Hashem (so-to-speak) is the Source of all Good and Pleasure, so too the Nitzos carries within it all the properties of the "Infinite Pleasure". Just that it's so small, that if it's not "fanned upon" to be used in a way to grow one's Relationship with the Creator of the World, it will just go out of existence.

It comes out, that through the process of "Shviras Hakeilim", Hashem has actually "fragmented" His Source Infinite Light (in a way that is similar to white light that enters a prism: from the side it exits, the light is now fragmented into a whole spectrum of colors for the onlooker to take pleasure in; but nothing has really changed in essence from it still being all part of that same white light that's on the side of the light that enters the prism) to become so small and limited, that we can now actually experience aspects of Infinite Pleasure and Satisfaction in our every **positive permissible experience** in this world.

Our job is just to "uplift" those experiences, to use our Wisdom and Thought while going through those experiences, and to realize that the Source of all this Pleasure IS HASHEM.

Answer to the original question: What is it that Hashem Gives us each and every day in this MUTUAL Relationship? The Positive Permissible Experiential Pleasures in this world – and those He gives to us in the quantity of hundreds – or more – each and every day.

Technically, it takes a conscious shift of perspective to start to focus on our experiences of Permissible Positive Pleasures throughout the day and to start to feel them and connect to Hashem through them, since we are generally conditioned to ignoring them and to not viewing those Permissible Positive Pleasurable Experiences (-while thinking about Hashem as we go through them) as having any type of major importance in our lives. But someone who is able to train himself slowly, by concentrating, feeling into, and appreciating those experiences, can literally turn around his perspective on life from being a negative one, into being a Totally Positive one.