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Parshat Ki Seitzei

# FISCHER'S PAMPHLET

Return again, return again,  
return to the land of your soul.

**HUNGRY.**





# CHANGES

BY YEHUDA KASTEL

A huge welcome to all the chevra, I'm very happy you're all back.

For those who don't know I was one of the few guys who stayed in Israel for Pesach and summer zman all the way through to now. A lot has changed between now and then, not just personally but with my surroundings as well. I mean I had my Pesach Seder in my dorms.

I remember during summer zman when Rabbi Fischer told us that the other guys in Israel who weren't on the moshav were going to be coming back to the moshav for the remainder of the zman. The guys who were already here including myself were filled with a lot of mixed feelings, because we formed this group a straight up family and now we're going to be extending it, it was a lot to take in.

The way I changed my mindset and ended up welcoming the guys with open arms was my outlook on what Hashem wants from me right now. Up until this point Hashem wanted me to be locked up on the moshav secluded from the whole world literally with 9 other guys, He wanted me to have time to reflect and to explore myself in areas that I needed to be mechazek in, and Boruch Hashem I think I did a good job. But now my avodah was to experience change, to welcome a new group to yeshiva and to share what I've gained until now with them.

So now that the guys are slowly coming back from America, I'm experiencing the same type of excitement. The excitement of being reunited, an excitement of change, of uncomfotability. I now have the opportunity to share what I've learned and gained from the past 6 months. I'm very excited, I'm writing this on the 1st day that the guys started coming back, and just to see everyone is an indescribable feeling. I want to wish everyone an amazing zman and an amazing year, filled with growth and happiness l'chaim!!!

## A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH YOSEF WEISS

A low rumble slowly covers the earth.  
Birds fly out of the tree in a panic as the trees begin to shake.  
Yosef Weiss closes his Likutei Halachot.

FP: Hey Yosef we appreciate you taking the time. You headed to Uman?  
YW: Rabbeinu says wherever you're head is, that's where you are. So yeah!  
FP: That's Gevald! So we heard you live in Bet Shemesh...  
YW: Nope.  
FP: You are so compassionate! What's your hot take on shaleshudis?  
YW: There's a lot of trauma, could be the tuna or egg salad. But our job is to tap in to the holiest part of Shabbos.  
FP: Super impressed. What's the most American thing about you?  
YW: Probably my Blundstones.  
FP: We knew it... thanks so much Yosef!  
YW: Nanach

## KEDUSHAS ERETZ YISROEL

EPISODE II  
BY REB YEHUDA MITTEL

Says Rabbeinu HaRamchal Hakodosh in Derech Hashem, a Yid is more connected to the Source as our neshamas come from a higher place in Shamayim (referred to as Knesses Yisroel). Therefore, when a yid does something holy, the ramifications are greater for the action "hits home" in a higher place. It triggers more gevaldike shefa.

Now, Eretz Yisroel, as explained by the tzadikim and numerous sfarim hakedoshim, is more kadosh, has more shefa, has more awesomeness, and, according to some deep explanations, is the physical manifestation of Hashem Himself in this world. Therefore, explains the heilegeh Ba'al HaTanya in Iggeres Hakodesh, when theres a combination of a kedushadike action and avodah done by a Yid AND it's done in Eretz HaKodesh, it reaches the highest level possible in the Knesses Yisroel and has amazing shefa and schar ramifications for you and all of Klal Yisroel! So when in Israel...chap o rein!!

(Agav, this idea of a Yid's avodah reaching to high places with their "easy pass" of having a Yiddishe Neshama is true by all yidden. So any avodah by any Yid...serious shefa.)

## TEN THINGS TO PONDER DURING YOUR QUARANTINE STAY

- Contemplate the purpose of life.
- How does glue not stick to the inside of the glue bottle? (and it is a bottle or is it just frozen glue)
- How can I make this situation more enjoyable for the people around me?
- Is my name just a sound people make to get my attention or is there a deeper meaning?
- Would Lightning McQueen get car insurance or life insurance?
- What are 12 things I like about myself?
- If you sweat in a sweater, does that make you the sweater?
- Why did I come to yeshiva this year?
- If milk is 2%, what's the other 98%?
- What's one thing I admire about each of my roommates that I can point out to them today?

## PROCESS

BY SHAYA LEXIER

We've all experienced in the past half a year, a shocking manhandlization, a complete submission of a powerful world being brought to its knees in a humbling fashion.

A world of demand and standards, a system oriented "oh that's just the way it is" type of world, is crumbling before our very own eyes. We're living through heavy moments. Heavy moments require processing. Processing allows us to internalize and bring home the lessons that we experience in life.

So as we witness, in a spectacular demonstration of Hashem's ultimate might, the toppling of authority, the tensions of impending chaos and the turning of life's 'givens' into uncertainties, (and then those uncertainties turning back into givens, which have turned back into uncertainties so on and so forth), remember to process.

Yes! Today, right here and right now, every single person has a priceless opportunity. An opportunity to seize the clarity that is so vividly lying before us like an open book. An opportunity to process, to the best of our ability, the magnitude of the moments that we're living through.

The King is in the Field. The time is now.

## A MOMENT IN MEZHBUZH

WITH OZZIE STEIMAN

Daf...flowing to a convo with Meir Mittel...evolving into a dialogue with Rabbi Fischer...spanning the time space continuum of one business hour... approximated local? (pronounced Low-kal for you waterbury graduates ;) )  
Kever of the Baal Shem Tov.



# PICSCHER'S IN COLOR

