

SICHA POEM

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When the Rambam does enumerate,
All the positive Mitzvos, 248,
For judges to rule about matters of inheritance, is the very last one,
The proof text he brings is "When a father dies and has no son."

From Parshas Pinchas this proof does come,
It's where the land of Eretz Yisrael is divided for everyone.
What follows is the request of Tzelafchad's daughters,
They too desired land since their father passed away and they had no brothers.

"When a father dies and has no son," was the response from Hashem,
This section was added to the Torah because of them!
What is so unique about this Mitzvah,
That makes it the perfect one to complete all the positive Mitzvos of the Torah?

It can't be that this Mitzvah is last,
Because it is about after a person passed,
Because there are other Mitzvos that to after life pertain,
And this Mitzvah obligation is on the judges when there is an inheritance claim.

We could say that the reason that inheritance is the last Mitzvah,
Is because inheritance is the theme of the very last Mishna.
"להנחיל אוהבי יש" - An inheritance of substance I'll give to those who love Me,"
We will be greatly rewarded in the time of Moshiach, may it come immediately!

We need to further explore,
In our relationship with Hashem why is Inheritance the core?
Inheritance implies that the owner is no more,
And Hashem is the only eternal existence that is for sure!

The term “נחלת ה'” the inheritance of Hashem is given,
To the land of Eretz Yisrael and to the Yidden.
Therefore it makes sense that Eretz Yisrael which Hashem watches all year,
Should be given to the Yidden who to Hashem are so dear.

For acquiring Eretz Yisrael the term inheritance is generally used it's true,
But the terms portion and lot are used too.
Every man received a portion of land that made sense logically,
And then it was all confirmed by Hashem through drawing a lottery.

In our morning prayers every day, we say “How lucky we are, אשרינו,
That we have a good portion, מה טוב חלקנו,
And how pleasant is our lot, ומה נעים גורלנו,
And how beautiful is our inheritance, ומה יפה ירושתנו.”

Our relationship with Hashem is a triple connection,
It is compared to an inheritance, a lot and a portion.
The difference between a portion and a lot,
Is like the difference between purchasing something and a gift that you got.

To acquire a portion is dependent upon the work and effort of the person,
In our relationship with Hashem it represents the part of logic and reason.
Hashem loves us because of the Mitzvos that we do,
And because of our greatest virtue - an actual חלק/part of Hashem is in every Jew!

To win a lottery is a level that is higher,
It is dependent only on the giver.
From all the nations, it was Hashem's free will and call,
To choose the Yidden as His nation for no reason at all.

The first level of a portion is a limited one,
Hashem loves us because He is our Father and we are His son.
The second level of a lottery is unlimited completely,
However, from Hashem, the Yidden are still a separate entity.

Inheritance is the greatest level, number three,
It's a relationship of total unity.
The estate is not being transferred to a separate person,
The heir is essentially one with the owner, and automatically gets his position.

When Moshiach does come,
With Hashem the Yidden will be truly one.
No one will see themselves as a separate entity,
We will be one with the only true existence - the **יש האמיתי**.

The Mitzvah of inheritance is chosen,
To be the culmination of all the Mitzvos that we do with such devotion.
Because the greatest inheritance and reward from above,
Is to become one with Hashem who we love.

The best proof text is "When a father has no son,"
We won't be compared to a son because with Hashem we'll be one.
When we realize how deep our relationship with Hashem does go,
We will take every opportunity to connect to Hashem and grow!
