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The Lechevitcher Rebbe ZY"A, was once traveling during the month of Ellul with his Chasidim. They stopped in a Kretchmer (inn) whose eating facilities were also occupied by Gentile peasants who were drinking beer. As they were socializing, one peasant called out to his fellow farmers, "My friends see to it to work well during this month (of harvest), for he who works will have what to eat a whole year". The Rebbe turned to his Chasidim and told them "Do you hear what the peasant has said? He who does the proper Avodah (observance) to Hashem, will reap the benefits a whole year".

In the Sefer Bnei Yissoschor, it is written that every month has its specific "Tzirufei Sheimos", of which to have in mind every Rosh Chodesh by Mussoff. The Kavonoh to have on Rosh Chodesh Ellul, is from the end letters of the Possuk "וּצְדָקָה תִּהְיֶה לָּנוּ כִּי נִשְׁמֹר לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת כָּל הַמִּצְוָה וגו' "Utzedokoh Tiye Lonu Ki" nishmor lasoss ess kol HaMitzvoh hazos lifnei Hashem – And it will be a merit for us if" we are careful to perform this entire commandment before Hashem (Devorim 6:25). The month of Ellul is the beginning of the "Yimei HoRachamim VihaSlichos – Days of mercy and forgiveness" which climax with the days of rejoicing on Sukkos, Shmini Atzeres and Simchas Torah.

Therefore, we must utilize these days to their fullest. The Sanzer Rov ZY"A, said that a Chasunoh in the month of Ellul is a good Hachonoh - preparation to Rosh Hashonoh. Since a Chosson is compared to a king. On Rosh Hashonoh we crown Hashem as King of the world, that is Malchi'us. Alter Russisher Chasidim would call the night of Rosh Hashonoh "Karnatzyoh Nacht" a night of Coronation of The King – Hashem Yisborach.

The Sefer Seder Hayom says, during these great days one should minimize his mundane businesses and maximize in Torah, Tefilloh and Shmiras HaMitzvos.

By utilizing our time to Avodas Hashem, each person to their ability, may we be Zoche to have a sweet new year of 5782.

שֹׁפְטִים וְשֹׁטְרִים תִּתֶּן לְךָ בְּכָל שְׁעָרֶיךָ וגו': פט"ז י"ח

Judges and officers shall you appoint in all your cities which Hashem your G-D gives you etc. (16:18)

One must guard all the She'orim – doorways of his body that Hashem has given to him. This shall include Shmiras Einayim, Shmiras Haloshon, Shmiras Oznayim and Shmiras HaBris.

- Based on Sefer Divrei Emunoh

When Reb Zalmen Brizel ZY"A would meet Yidden whose Torah and Tefilloh was with a "Tnu'oh – manner" of Atzvus an Moroh Shechoroh – sadness and bitterness, he would open before them a Shulchon Oruch (Orach Chaim, simon aleph) and show them the Psak – ruling of the Mechaber. "It is befitting of every Yorei Shomayim to be Meitzar (troubled) and Do'eg (worried) on the Churbon (destruction of the) Beis HaMikdosh". But the Mogein Avrohom immediately adds, "But the Torah and Tefilloh must be with happiness". Meaning, even the greatest and saddest person truthfully, is not justified to bring even a crumb of it into his Torah and Tefilloh.

- From the Sefer "Reb Zalmen" [Brizel]

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