# Elul Series 5784 - Hashem hu ha'Elokim - class #4 The Biblical theme of God's Name in our Rosh ha'Shana liturgy

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#### Introduction -

In our series, we traced the theme & reason for the Torah's use of two names for God, based on an analysis of the Prophetic purpose of Sefer Breishit. In this week's shiur, we will trace this theme in our High Holiday Prayers:

- A. Overall structure of Selichot (we will note where shem Hashem is found):
  - "ashrei" (Psalm 145); followed by half-Kaddish;
  - Verses of praise -"shomeya tefilla" -;
  - Several 'rounds' of prayer in following format
    - o A "pizmon" poem with a refrain
    - o "el melech yoshev.." introduction to the request
    - Reciting the 13 attributes asking God to judge with mercy
  - A prayer that God answers our prayers
    - Verses of "zchor" [for God to remember His promises mercy]
    - "shma koleinu..." [when we open the ark]
  - Confessing our sins "viddui" / "ashamnu, bagadnu..."
  - Acrostics reminding God why He should answer our prayers,

even though we may not be deserving ["asey Imaan...."]

• Full Kaddish [ "kaddish tit'kabel"] - like after shmone esray

#### Ashrei - Tehillim 145

Opening line:

A psalm of David: I will exalt you my God, the King, and I will bless Your **Name** Forever. Each day I will bless You and praise your **Name** forever. [...] Finally line:

My mouth will speak the psalm of God and all flesh will bless the **Name** of His holiness forever.

#### Shomeya Tefilla

Discuss concept of "shevach" before "bakasha" [praise before prayer]

### **Introductory lines:**

שמֵע תְּפִּלָּה- עָדֶיךּ כָּל בָּשָׂר יָבאוּ :
יָבוֹא כָל בָּשָׂר לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת לְפָנֶיךּ ה :'
יָבוֹאוּ וְיִשְׁתַּחֲווּ לְפָנֶיךּ אֲדנִי וִיכַבְּדוּ לִשְׁמֶךּ :
באוּ נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה וְנִכְרְעָה נִבְרְכָה לִפְנֵי ה' עשֹׁנוּ :
באוּ שְׁעָרִיו בְּתוּדָה חֲצֵרתִיו בִּתְהִלָּה הודוּ לוּ בְּרְכוּ שְׁמוּ :

Our strategy - / our argument why Hashem should answer our prayers:

הַנְּשָׁמָה לָדְּ וְהַגּוּף פְּעֲלָדְ. חוּסָה עַל עֲמְלָדְ:
הַנְּשָׁמָה לָדְ. וְהַגּוּף שֶׁלָּדְ.- ה' עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן שְׁמֶדְ:
אָתְאנוּ עַל שִׁמְדְּ- ה' עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן שְׁמֶדְ:
בַּעֲבוּר כְּבוֹד שִׁמְדְּ.- כִּי אֵל חַנּוּן וְרַחוּם שְׁמֶדְ:
לִמַעַן שִׁמִדְּ ה'- וְסַלַחִתּ לַעֲוֹנֵנוּ כִּי רַב הוּא:

The concluding prayers - intro:

אֵל רַחוּם <mark>שְׁמֶדְּ. אֵל חַנּוּן שְׁמֶדְּ.</mark> בְּנוּ נִקְרָא <mark>שְׁמֶדְּ. יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה לְמֵעַן שְׁמֶדְּ</mark>: עֵשֵׂה לִמֵעַן אֵמְתָּדְ. עֲשֵׂה לִמֵעַן בִּרִיתָדְ. עֲשֵׁה לִמַעַן גָּדְלָדְ וִתִּפְאַרִתָּדְ...

Final prayer – conclusion:

עָזְרֵנוּ אֶלֹהֵי יִשְׁעֵנוּ <mark>עַל־דְבַר כְּבוֹד־שְׁמֶדְּ</mark> וְהַצִּילֵנוּ וְכַפֵּר עַל־חַטֹּאתֵינוּ <mark>לְמַעַן שְׁמֶדְּ</mark>

Kaddish:

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ <mark>שְּׁמֵה רַבָּא:</mark> בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִּרְעוּתֵהּ...
יְתָגַּדֵל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵ<mark>ה רַבָּא מְבָרַדְ לְעָלַם</mark> וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:
יִתְבָּרַדְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדְּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה
יְתְבָּרַדְ וְיִשְׁתַּה דְקוּדְשָׁאַ, בְּרִיךְ הוּא:

### Shem Hashem in daily prayers:

#### Unit of Pesukei d'zimra:

Note the two blessings that frame this entire section:

Baruch Sheamar – the opening blessing	Yishtabach – the closing blessing
Blessed be He who spoke and the world was, blessed is	Your Name will be praised forever our King, the
He [] Blessed is His Name. [] we will make	great and holy King in Heaven and Earth
You great and praise You and glorify You and	
mention Your Name and coronate You [] King,	
praised and glorified, His great <b>Name</b> is forever.	

Furthemore, note the very first verse of this section: [Hodu l'Hashem kiro b'SHMO...]

Give thanks to the Lord, call out in His Name, announce in the nations His deeds.

Sing to Him, make music for Him, discuss all His wonders.

Praise yourselves in His holy Name... (Divrei Hayamim 15:8-10)

[Note also, the blessing at the conclusion of "modim":

Ha'TOV SHIMCHA u'lcha na'eh l'Hodot!]

#### Yhi chavod...

The glory of the Lord should be forever, the Lord should rejoice in His works.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed from now and forever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, God's Name is praised.

The Lord, Your Name is forever, the Lord Your remembrance is from generation to generation...

YOM TOV PRAYERS - the main intro to every yomtov shmonesray:

### Biblical themes in our Rosh ha'Shana prayers

Opening Prayer of RH "shmon'esray"	פתיחה -אתה בחרתנו	
You chose us from all the nations You loved us, and wanted us You elevated us above all the 'languages' You sanctified us [made us holy] with your commandments [mitzvot] You brought us close to You our King in order that we would serve You. And You have called upon us associated with us] - Your Great & Holy name.	אַתָּה בְחַרְתָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים אָהַבְתָּ אותְנוּ וְרָצִיתָ בְּנוּ, וְרומַמְתָּנוּ מִכְּל הַלְּשׁונות וְקַדַּשְׁתָנוּ בְּמִצְותֶיךּ, וְקַרַבְתָנוּ מַלְבֵּנוּ לַעֲבודְתֶךּ וְשִׁמְךּ הַגָּדוֹל וְהַקְּדוֹשׁ עָלֵינוּ קָרָאתָ [Compare to Devarim 10:12-19]	

Closing Prayer of RH "shmon'esray"	חתימה- מלוך על כל העולם		
Our God, and God of our fathers:	אֱלהֵינוּ וֵאלהֵי אֲבותִינוּ		
Reign upon the entire world with Your	מְלדְ עַל כָּל הָעולָם כֵּלו בִּכְבודֶדְ,		
glory Elevate Yourself over the entire Land Appear with Your great strength over all the inhabitants of the earth Let every created being understand that	ְוְהַנָּשֵׂא עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ בִּיקָרֶךּ, וְהופַע בַּהֲדַר נְּאון עָנֶּךְ עַל כָּל יושְׁבֵי תֵבֵל אַרְצֶּךְ, וְיֵדַע כָּל כָּעוּל כִּי אַתָּה פְעַלְתּו וְיָבִין כָּל יְצוּר כִּי אַתָּה יְצַרְתּו, וְיִאמֵר כֹּל אֲשֶׁר נְשָׁמָה בְאַפּוּ		
You created him	ה׳ אֱלהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל - מֶלֶדְּ		
And let everything breathing soul say: That Hashem - the God of Israel - He is King, and His Kingdom rules supreme. Sanctify us with your Commandments Put our portion with Your Torah And purify our hearts so that we can truthfully serve You. Because you are a true God, and Your words are true and eternal	וּמַלְכוּתו בַּכּל מְשָׁלָה : קַדְּשֵׁנוּ בְּמִץוֹתֶיךְ וְתֵן חֶלְקֵנוּ בְּתוֹרְתֶךְ, שַבְּעֵנוּ מִטוּבֶךְ וְשַמְחֵנוּ בִּישׁוּעָתֶךְ, וְשַׁ <b>הַר לִבֵּנוּ לְעָבְיְדְ</b> בָּאֱמֶת, פִּי אַתָּה אֱלֹהִים אֱמֶת וּדְבָּרְךְ אֱמֶת וְקַיָּם לָעַד : בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה׳ מֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ – מְקַדֵּשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיום הַוּּכָּרון :		
	[Compare to Devarim 4:5-8, 5:1 & 26:16-19]		

# Structure of Rosh ha'Shana Musaf:

Topic	Malchiot	Zichronot	Shofrot
	Hashem's Kingdom	Hashem judges us	The shofar of Sinai
Intro:	Aleinu	Ata zocher	Ata nigleyta
Verses	10	10	10
Conclusion	poem	Poem	Poem
Blessing	King of all the Lands / sanctified Israel	He remembers His Covenant	He listen to the Shofar and our prayers

Aleinu, the intro to Malchiot:

**עָלֵינוּ** לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאָּדון הַכּל. לָתֵת גְּדֵלְה לְיוצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית.

שֶׁלֹא עָשנוּ כָּגונֵי הָאַרָצות. וְלֹא שמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחות הָאַדָמָה

What is OUR duty – to praise?

What s/b the topic of our praise? Is Hashem 'our' God, or everyone's God?

עָלִינוּ

- ּ לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאֲדון הַכּל.
- לָתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית.

# לא עשנוּ בְּגוֹרֵי הָאֲרָצוֹת. וְלֹא שׁמְנוּ בְּמִשְׁבְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה

**THAT** He didn't make us like the other nations **BECAUSE** He didn't make us like the other nations

Our hope, should we fufill our mission:

עַל כַּן נָקוָה לָדּ ה' אַלהִינוּ...

- לְרָאות מְהֵרָה בְּתִפְאֶרֶת עֻזֶּךְ.
  - לְהַעֲבִיר גִּלּוּלִים מִן הָאָרֶץ.
    - וָהָאֱלִילִים כָּרוֹת יִכְּרֵתוּוּן.
  - לְתַקֵּן עוּלָם בְּמַלְכוּת שַׁדִּי.
- ּ וְכָל בְּנֵי בָשר יִקְרָאוּ בִשְׁמֶךְ

- לְהַפְנות אֵלֶיךָ כָּל רִשְׁעֵי אָרֶץ.....

The final psukim of Malchiot:

וְנָאֱמַר וְהָיָה ה' לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ..

בַּיום הַהוּא יִ**הְיֶה ה' אֶחָד וּשְׁמוּ** אֶחָד:

וּבְתוּרָתְרָ כָּתוּב לֵאמר <mark>שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ ה' אֶחָד:</mark>

# The tochacha in Kitavo – Devarim chapter 28

**ח** יְצַוּ יְהוָה אִתְּךּ, אֶת-הַבְּּרָכָה, בַּאֲסָמֶיךּ, וּבְכֹל מִשְׁלַח יָדֶךּ; וּבֵרַכְרָ--בָּאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָּ נֹתֵן לָךְ.

ט <mark>יְקִימְךְּ יְהוָה לוֹ לְעַם קָדוֹשׁ, כַּאֲשֶׁר</mark> <mark>נִשְׁבַּע-לָךְ</mark>: כִּי תִשְׁמֹר, אֶת-מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֵלֹהֵיךָ, וְהָלַכִתָּ, בִּדְרָכָיו.

י וְרָאוּ כָּל-עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ<mark>, כִּי שֵׁם יְהוָה</mark> נִ**קרָא עָלֵיךּ;** וְיָרְאוּ, מִמֶּךָ. 8 The LORD will command the blessing with thee in thy barns, and in all that thou puttest thy hand unto; and He will bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

**9** The LORD will establish thee for a holy people unto Himself, as He hath sworn unto thee; if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in His ways.

**10** And all the peoples of the earth shall see that the name of the LORD is called upon thee; and they shall be afraid of thee.

## In the curses

**נח** אָם-לא תִשְׁמֹר לַעֲשׂוֹת, אֶת-כָּל-דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזּאֹת, הַכְּתֻבִים, בַּסֵּפֶּר הַזֶּה<mark>: לְיִרְאָה אֶת-הַשֵּׁם הַנִּכְבָּד</mark> וְהַנּוֹרָא, הַזֶּה--אֵת, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךְ.

**נט** וְהִפְּלָא יְהוָה אֶת-מַכּּתְרָ, וְאֵת מַכּוֹת זַרְעֶרָ: מַכּוֹת גְּדֹלֹת וְנֶאֱמָנוֹת, וַחַלִיִם רַעִים וִנָאֵמָנִים.

ָס וְהֵשִּׁיב בְּךָּ, אֵת כָּל-מִדְוֵה מִצְרַיִם, אֲשֶׁר יָגֹרְתָּ, מִפְּנֵיהֶם; וְדָבְקוּ, בָּךְ.

**58** If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and awful Name, the LORD thy God;

**59** then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

**60** And He will bring back upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast in dread of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

# Conclusion of Yom Kippur:

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵינו יְהֹוָה אֶחָד: 3x בּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וַעֶד: 7x יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים