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The “Mifal Ha’Zohar Ha’Olami” (*International Institute of the Zohar Hakadosh*) has decided to begin a new project to help bring forth the final geula! This project is to have the Zohar Hakadosh read one thousand times every single month by people around the globe. The zechus (*merit*) of such a project will not only speed up our geula, but will also help protect and save Klal Yisrael from all the dangers of war, disease, and potential calamities that face us every single day.

We find ourselves in very difficult times. The entire world is talking about a possible war, about a international economic collapse, Anti Semitism on the

rise, and many of the Gedolei Ha'Dor are sick! However, we know that the learning of the Zohar Hakadosh, can help save and protect us from these difficult times that face us, just like the Ramchal wrote along with more than one thousand previous Gedolim.

We have published a new set of the Zohar Ha'Kadosh which is divided into seventy volumes. When we reach our goal, that one thousand groups of seventy people will read the Zohar Hakadosh (*which means that Seventy Thousand people will learn Zohar Hakaosh*), we will definitely merit to the brachos of Yeshaya Hanavi (*Perek 9:1-2*) "The nation who walks in darkness saw a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has the light shone.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil”. See Rashi’s interpretation of the pasuk!

Within one month we plan to make our first siyum one thousand times and hope that this will arouse Hashem’s heavenly mercy on all of Klal Yisrael.

Many people from all over the world have responded to this urgent appeal with open hearts to take upon themselves to learn for eleven minutes a day for one month to help us achieve this goal.

Please, help us to reach this goal, by also joining this amazing project by sanctifying eleven minutes a day for one

month to help bring forth our final geula so that we can all

Merit to greet Moshiach Tziddkeinu  
Bee'Mehera Bee'Ymeinu Amen!

### **What is the purpose of reading the Zohar Hakadosh**

The purpose of reading the Zohar Hakadosh is to awaken Hashem's mercy and kindness upon all of Klal Yisrael at a time where the gates of heaven are open, to connect with the holy Tanna Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai z"l, so that he will stand up and daven on our behalf to ask Hashem to bring forth the final redemption. We see this in the famous Ma'amar of "Patach Eliyahu" (*Introduction to the Tikunei Ha'Zohar*): Where Eliyahu Ha'Navi said: "Stand Up R' Shimon Bar Yochai, and help awaken the holy

Patriarchs Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov and Moshe Rabbeinu, so that they can daven to Hashem to bring an end to the bitter galus”. As the pasuk writes: The punishment of your iniquity has been completed, O daughter of Zion; He will exile you no longer. But He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins (*Eicha* 4:22).

In the zechus that we will fulfil the pasuk in *Malachi* “Remember the Torah of Moshe my servant”, we will be merit to have the pasuk come true: Behold, I will send you Elihayu the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Hashem: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.

**With the zechus of learning Zohar  
we will come out of galus with  
mercy**

Eliyahu Hanavi has promised us that by studying the Zohar Ha’Kadosh we will be able to come out of this galus with mercy. Chazal have told us that it is incumbent on every Jew to read and learn the Zohar Ha’Kadosh to help bring forth the geula! The Zohar Ha’Kadosh is like a double edged sword which cuts away the Yetzer Harah and all of its impurities from Klal Yisrael. By reading the Zohar Hakadosh, one purifies himself just like a mikva and is able to learn Torah and perform his mitzvos in a greater way leshem shamayim. The main text of the Zohar Ha’Kadosh is mussar (*rebuke*). It teaches us how to better our



character traits, improve or service towards Hashem, how to love our fellow Jew, and how to give of ourselves completely for the sake of Hashem (*me'seerus nefesh*).

The Zohar Hakadosh is like oxygen for the soul. Just like our physical bodies need oxygen to exist, so too our souls need Zohar Hakadosh! Then, together with keeping all the halachos of the Shulchan Aruch, and the daily study of Mishna & Gemara and all four parts of learning i.e: Pardes (*Pshat, Remez, Drush, & Sod*) with a complete dedication towards Hashem and with a pure mind and body in Torah & Mitzvos, we can merit to the light of Moshiach Tzidkeinu who will reveal himself speedily in our days.

We can all see that the times we live in are unprecedented. We have never seen times like this before! There is so much hatred against the Jews world wide! All the signs are pointing to a possible war which seems imminent! We cant rely or trust anyone but Hashem! It is Eliyahu Hanavi who will proclaim the coming of Moshiach, and it is Eliyahu Hanavi who told us to awaken R' Shimon Bar Yochai to help bring forth the final redemption!

It is because of this exact reason that the Mifal Ha'Zohar Ha'Olammi decided to begin this most important project, with the endorsement of the Gedolei Yisrael, to get as many people as possible to read and learn the Zohar Ha'Kadosh to have a part in this tremendous zechus. Every group of seventy people will finish the

entire Zohar Hakadosh every month by dedicating a mere eleven minutes per day to read.

It is a guarantee that every person who joins this chabura, will merit to enter the “Teivas Noach” (*Noach’s Ark*) and will be saved from the Flood of our generation which is the war of God and Magog!

Every single person who signs up will receive his assigned volume of the seventy volumes of the Zohar Hakadosh which has already begun in the Kollel Chatzos in Miron at the Kever of R’ Shimon bar Yochai z”l and has since spread all over the world. By taking part and reading your assigned volume, you have secured a place for you and your family and for all those who assisted you to finish to learn, on the “Teivas Noach”,

which will protect you from the calamities of the war of Gog and Magog which must happen as the Prophets have told us!

It is with this that I am asking everyone to fulfil the holy words of the Prophet Yeshaya:

“When you cry, let those who you have gathered deliver you; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away: but he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.” He will say, “Cast up, cast up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.” (*Yeshaya 57: 13-14*).

Please be apart of a group of seventy tzaddikim who will merit to glorify the Shechina Hakedosha by learning and

finishing the entire Zohar Hakadosh every month.

This limud will lift the spirits of the depressed, revive those with broken hearts, heal those who's ways are improper, and bring forth peace to those who are far and close. (*Yeshaya 57: 15:19*).

### **The details of this holy project**

■ Every person must complete a form with his name and address and will receive his assigned volume of the Zohar Hakadosh within a group of seventy others for free. We have already calculated that if one reads for eleven minutes a day, he will have completed the entire volume by the end of the month.

■ Every one who learns must join himself with all of Klal Yisrael in his

mind (*must also have in mind to fulfil the commandment of loving each Jew like yourself*) and connect with the Holy Tzaddik R' Shimon bar Yochai z"l.

■ All participants can submit names of family members or friends to daven for which will be mentioned every night at the kever of R' Shimon Bar Yochai z"l at 2:00am after the nightly shiur on the Zohar Hakaodsh.

■ If one wishes to have his own group of 70 we will provide the entire set of the Zohar Hakadosh which is also translated into lashon hakodesh (*Hebrew*).

■ The first siyum of the one thousand times of the Zohar Hakadosh will b"h take place at the Kotel Ha'Maaravi (*The Western Wall*). All of the Gedolei Yisrael

will be present at the first 1000 siyumim of the sefer Ha'Zohar Ha'kadosh.

Chazal have taught us: Greater the action of doing the deed than the deed itself. In other words, if one takes it upon himself to actually take a set of 70 and distribute them to 70 people to learn, his reward is even greater. (*See Zohar Parshas Teruma 124b, Sefer Chasidim, Gra*).

At the first 1000 siyumim of the Zohar Hakadosh which will be held at the Kotel b''h, we hope to have 70,000 people attending. Every person who attends will share in all the merits. If we think about it, just by attending each person will share in all of the reward ( $70,000 \times 1000 = 70 \text{ million}$ ).

If we take the calculations of the Zohar Hakadosh and the Be'er Mayim Chaim

into account, we have to multiply the merits of 70 million by 1000. As everything which is given from heaven comes in thousands. *(This would mean that by just attending the siyum, one would share in 70 billion merits of Talmud Torah).* This will be one of the greatest Kiddush Shem Shomayim Berabim. *(Sanctifying Hashem's Name in Public).*

This new set of Zohar Ha'Kadosh which is divided into seventy volumes is also divided by 365 days of the year. It takes 365 hours to read the entire Zohar Hakadosh. One hour every single day.

Let's make a small calculation: If one completes it on his own he has 365 hours of learning the Zohar Hakadosh, but because he is joining with everybody else, he shares in all the reward as well.



*(365 x 70 million equals apx 25 and a half billion merits).*

Therefore, by joining 70,000 others in dedicating eleven minutes a day, one partakes in unlimited merits of Talmud Torah which he can't amass anywhere else.

**Just as a side note if we are already calculating**

Let's take a closer look at the numbers:

$$365 \text{ hours} \times 60 \text{ minutes} = 21,900$$

This means that to finish the entire Zohar Hakadosh it takes 21,900 minutes.

If we divide this number by thirty ( $21,900/30 = 730$ ) we get 730 minutes per month.

If we divide this number by 70 which is the amount of people who are grouped to make a siyum it works out to just over

10 minutes each per day per person. And for a mere 10-11 minutes a day, look at how many merits one shares in!!!!!!

We also know that a person who learns the Zohar Hakadosh for one hour on a weekday is equivalent to one hundred thousand years of learning Torah on the pshat level (*simplistic level*). (*Kisei Melech, Rei'ach Ha'Tov, Orchos Tzaddikim, Avos D'Rebbi Nasan*).

So if we calculate the above numbers and multiply them by 100 thousands one can start to begin to understand why we have devoted so much time and energy to this holy program!

If one really sits for a minute to contemplate and fully understand the value of such a project, as the numbers don't fit on a calculator, and of course,

these astronomical numbers are only in this world, the real reward is infinite and set aside for the world to come, then how can one sit and be silent and not dedicate eleven minutes of his day???

The Zohar Chadash (*Pashas Noach daf 29b – 30a*) comments on the passuk in Chumash “And he (Noach) sent away the dove, and it did not return”.

“And he sent away the dove” – this is a reference to the last galus of Edom

“And it did not return” – this is a reference that we Klal Yisrael have not returned to Hashem by doing Teshuva.

As Rebbi Pinchas states: “If Klal Yisrael would do Teshuva, we would not be in exile for a single day”.

Rav Eliezer states: “All the previous exiles had a fixed time to them. The last

exile has no fixed time when it will end, it all depends on Teshuva (*our repentance towards Hashem*). As it is written: “And you shall return until Hashem your G-d, and listen to his voice”. Then Hashem will redeem us from the four corners of the world.

Rabbi Akiva then asked Rav Eliezer: “How is it possible to get all of Klal Yisrael to do Teshuva at the same time? Some people live at different ends of the world? How can everyone unite at the same time?”

Rav Eliezer replied: “If the leaders of the congregations, or the congregations themselves will repent, Hashem will cause all of Klal Yisrael to repent and thereby bringing forth Moshiach!”

Therefore, it is incumbent upon every single Jew to make it a point to join this program, and to tell others to join this program to learn together in holy groups to unite Klal Yisrael and help everyone to do teshuva which will bring the forth the final geula. Its is only eleven minutes a day. And as we mentioned earlier, the reward is endless. But besides the reward, the Zohar Hakadosh, is a mussar sefer, it is a sefer of rebuke which helps us all refine our middos (*character traits*)so that we can serve Hashem properly from the depths of our hearts and not just out of routine.

The Raya Mehemna in the Zohar Hakadosh (*Pasrshas Naso daf 125a,b – 126a*) says:

The Erev Rav will be far away from the redemption. They will see Torah Scholars and the holy nation with so much honour, and they “the wicked” will be stunned and left in the darkness – This is a reference to the Erev Rav (*The mixed multitude*).

The Zohar Hakadosh continues to expand, that just like by Matan Torah (*the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai*), the pasuk says that the nation moved back and stood far away, this is an allusion to the Erev Rav who will be far away from the final redemption. And just like it says by Matan Torah, that no hand shall touch the mountain (*Har Sinai*) for it will be stoned, so too those who try and touch the Jews who will merit the coming of Moshiach will be stoned.

The Chazal also teach us that in the days of Moshiach we will not accept geirim (*converts*). This is also an allusion to the Erev Rav. They will not be allowed into Eretz Yisrael as the pasuk states “And into the land of Israel they will not enter” (*Ezekiel 13*).

Moshe Rabbeinu says to Eliyahu Hanavi: “I am making an oath on to you in the name of Hashem, Please do not delay in any way (*to proclaim the coming of Moshiach*) as I am in much pain. I look here and there and see that there is no one to alleviate my pain”.

“I am lying in my grave and am insignificant in their (*Erev Rav*) eyes. I am like a decaying carcass of a dog. The true wisdom of Torah has no importance in

their eyes and is disregarded all over the continents”.

*(Moshe Rabbeinu is referring to the secrets of the Torah – as in today’s generation, much of these scriptures like the Zohar Hakadosh are completely disregarded and abandoned).*

“These people (*Erev Rav*) are rich with money, live in tranquility, happiness, no troubles, no worries, while the are thieves, and takers of bribes.

“They are our judges and heads of our nations”. “For our world has been filled with theft because of them”.

This is what we lament on Tisha B’av “Her foes have become her masters” (*Eicha 1:5*)

“Please (*Eliyahu Hanavi*), I am imposing another oath upon you! Don’t leave out any words from what I have told you!



Go and tell the creator of the world the pressing situation we find ourselves in and that he must bring forth the final geula”!

**These are the holy words of the conversation between Moshe Rabbeinu and Eliyahu Hanavi**

In summary, lets unite as one person with one heart to bring forth the final redemption. Let’s listen to the words of Moshe Rabbeinu who told us not to delay a single day for everyday the redemption doesn’t come caused the Shechina great pain. *(We also know that when we delay mitzvos, it’s the advice of the Yetzer Hara).*

Every person must make it a point to read and study the Zohar Hakadosh every single day even if it’s only for a couple minutes!

If we can do this we will all benefit greatly both in this world and in the world to come.

It is with the merits of a few minutes a day of learning the Zohar Hakadosh that we will all merit the imminent arrival of Moshiach Tzidkeinu AMEN!

