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### Preface

In honor of Lag B'Omer I present the readers with these wonderful stories, collected from all of the Holy Zohar books, written by the divine Tanna Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. There is great benefit in reading stories about the saintly, angelic, holy servants of Hashem – Moshe Rabbeinu, Eliyahu Hanavi, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai and his son Elazar and all the holy members of their group, may their memory protect us and all of Am Yisrael, amen. For they enlighten the hearts of men with the flashing flames of Hashem's fire, making them stronger and increasing their faith in our Maker and Creator, causing them to yearn and long for, and miss Him, almost to the point of the expiry of the soul, causing them to cleave to the Lord of all His creations, the King of all Kings, the Holy One Blessed be He. And all who call themselves Jews will be eternally remembered and assisted by them, and counted as a member among them, and will promote the teachings of the Torah and will spread throughout the world awe of Hashem and belief in Him, and the nation will hear and see.

And in the merit of studying and reading the stories from the Holy Zohar on the Holy Shabbos, when every second on the Holy Shabbos is equal to 28,000 years of Torah, and when an hour on the Holy Shabbos is equal to one hundred million years of Torah, my it protect us and our families and all of Am Yisrael.

And by studying the Holy Zohar we will merit to grow stronger and have increased faith in our Maker and Creator, causing us to yearn and long for, and miss Him, almost to the point of the expiry of the

soul, and cleave to the Lord of all His creations, the King of all Kings, the Holy One Blessed be He.

The merit of all the holy Tanaim who are mentioned in the Holy Zohar will sustain us, so that we will not abandon the Torah, and our love for and awe of Hashem will not cease. And we will succeed in serving our Creator with all our hearts – we, and our offspring, and their offspring, until the coming of the Redemption, speedily in our days, amen.

**And the few minutes that one learns and reads can change everything for the better, and help one reach high attainments, and merit fulfillment of the verse, "...no eye had ever seen a god besides You perform for him who hoped for him". And his soul will be purified and elevated, as we learn from the words of the Arizal.**

**And each one will urge his friends to study and read,** and only for a few minutes a day, and in that way he will earn the pleasures of Gan Eden and the world of eternity, and will understand all Hashem's ways, blessed be His name. And he will earn a great reward for each and every minute that he relates and studies these stories. **For when one studies one hour of Holy Zohar on a weekday, it is equal to one thousand years of Torah.** And on Shabbos, it is equal to one hundred million years of Torah (*Kiseh HaMelech, HaReyach Hatov, Orchot Tzaddikim, Avot Darchei Natan*). And studying for ten minutes will earn him: on a weekday, the equivalent of 1,666 years of Torah, and on Shabbos, the equivalent of 166,666 years of Torah.

And in *Sefer Hamidot* (on the topic of Mashiach) the

holy tzaddik Rabbi Nachman of Breslav, blessed be his memory, says: By relating the stories and anecdotes about tzaddikim, the light of the Mashiach is drawn down to this world, and casts much of the darkness and tragedy out of the world.

And the Ba'al Shem Tov, may his memory protect us, said, "Everyone who speaks in praise of the tzaddikim is likened to one who occupies himself with *Ma'ase Merkava*." (*Shivchei HaBa'al Shem Tov*). And this particularly applies to those who study the Holy Zohar, for they are actually occupying themselves with *Ma'ase Merkava*.

**In one minute you can earn eternal Life!** "No eye had ever seen..." Because by encouraging your friend, all of his reward will also be given to you. **And if in your merit ten Jews gather to study the Holy Zohar, it is impossible to estimate how great your reward will be.** Especially since it is written in the Holy Zohar (*Parshat Vayetze* 161): **Everything given from Heaven is in the thousands. And it is known that wherever there are ten Jews, the Shechina is present. Therefore, the minyan of Jews is counted as though it was one thousand minyans.** And who is able to calculate the great, eternal reward you will surely receive as a result?!? And you shall surely enjoy a long and good life.

And by distributing these leaflets, you are benefitting Am Yisrael. And the Gra wrote about the Proverbs (12, 14) [and Rabbi Chaim Vital in

*Sha'ar HaGilgulim*, and in *Ohev Yisrael – Parashat Korach*]: **The merit of one who benefits the masses and admonishes his friend is very great, for if the friend listens, the one who admonished him receives reward for all the good that results from it for generations to come. And if the friend does not listen, the friend will receive the admonisher's portion in Gehenom.** And in the Zohar (*Parshat Terumah*, 129, page 1), it says: Until this point one should seek out the tzaddik and win him over. Therefore, that very same tzaddik must seek out the *rasha* and win him over with complete compensation.

And without a doubt, if all the Jews from young men to old men - and particularly the little children with their pure mouths - would recite these prayers every day, we would merit opening the gate for Eliyahu Hanavi Zachor L'Tov, so that he will come and announce that the righteous Mashiach's arrival is imminent, and he will redeem us with mercy, speedily in our days, amen.

With these leaflets, when everyone has access to them, they will merit to learn and teach and observe and do and uphold. And that is the great foundation via which the Admorim and rabbis, the *maggidei shiur* and *roshei yeshivot*, the *melamdin* and teachers of pure Jewish children, and every person among the nation, will find the way to follow, and the deeds to be done.





