



From the eulogy in honor of thirty days from the passing of Maran Ovadiah Yosef Zt"l An incredible story



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The Greatest Righteous Determine: 'Learn the Holy Zohar'



When Maran commanded all those who head his word to buy the Zohar Ha'Kadosh for the entire family and learn from it every single day - as heard from one of the holy learners in the Kabbalist Yeshiva "Kol Ha'Rashbi" [in Beit Shemesh].

My dear friend the Kabbalist Yigal M.A. Shlita" from the holy city of Tzefat told the following story: When he was still a young Bachur twenty six years ago [5747] he went to ask the famous Tzadik Kabbalist Rabbi Zeev Chashin Zt"l what is the best way for one who seeks to repair and repent for the famous sin - and he was told to print the Tikunei Zohar with the commentary 'Benayahu' of the Ben-Ish-Chay so that the public will be able to learn from it during the forty days between Rosh Chodesh Elul until Yom Kippur. And so he did - he printed around twenty five hundred copies of the book, divided into daily portions for the forty days.

However, when he tried to sell the book he was not able to find buyers - even at the lowest cost price of printing very few people bought from him. At that point he went to the great holy Kabbalist Rabbi Zion Beracha Zt"l to ask his advice of how to sell and merit the nation of Israel with the learning of the holy Zohar. He suggested to hand them out to the Bachurim in his Yeshiva. And so he did - he handed books for free to all the Bachurim in Rav Beracha's Yeshiva. At that point the Tzadik Rav Zion Beracha blessed him - 'Since you handed them out for free, I give you a blessing that you should sell out the rest of the books within four or five days.'

Several days later Rav Yigal went to hear a speech given by the great Genius Rav Ovadiah Yosef blessed memory. At the very end of the speech, just before they said Kaddish, Rav Yigal approached Rav Ovadiah and told him that he has copies of the Tikunei Zohar with the commentary 'Benayahu' of the Ben-Ish-Chay. He told him how he had printed thousands of copies so that the public could learn from them during Elul. Rav Ovadiah asked to see a copy of the book, took one look at it and exclaimed: 'It's with the commentary of the Ben-Ish-Chay!!!'

He then banged on the table and announced: 'Every single one of you must buy a copy of this Zohar for himself, his sons, his son-in-laws and his grandchildren - so that

every single one of you and them can learn from the Tikunei Zohar every single day. I'll wait here! He who does not have money on him should run home quickly and bring the money to buy this book.' Rav Yigal ran quickly to his brother's house to bring all the books and Baruch Hashem sold everything. They even took the first rough copy with corrections on it - they left nothing!

From his story with see the greatness of the Tzadikim. Let us take to heart the following lessons from this story:

That there is not greater repair and repentance for the known sin than to print copies of the Zohar and to merit the nation of Israel with the books.

How great was the merit of handing out free copies to the Yeshiva students - that due to this merit so much blessing followed.

How the whole-hearted blessing that Rav Zion Beracha blessed Rav Yigal was fulfilled in such perfection.

How the holy Rav Ovadiah already twenty six years ago [and most likely even before that time as well - yet this was the recorded time in our story] commanded those who heed his word to learn from the Zohar daily.

How Rav Ovadiah commanded that everyone must buy a copy and merit all his sons, son-in-laws, and grandchildren with as much daily Zohar learning as possible.

How the righteous Jews who come to hear Rav Ovadiah's lesson immediately did exactly as he commanded them without any second guessing and bought for themselves and their families a copy of the book. [One of them bought 65 copies for his large family!]

How Rav Ovadiah not only commanded them to buy the book but actually waited for them to run home and bring money - and so they did!

How from all of the above we learn that we too have the command of Rav Ovadiah Yosef Zt"l to all that heed his word to command each and every single family member of ours to learn and merit others with the learning of the holy Zohar daily - to combine together all parts of our holy Torah, as only through this will we be redeemed hurriedly in great mercy - Amen!

