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# Lag b'Omer

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# רשב"י

*"I suggest that on Lag b'Omer, everyone should  
visit the Ohel, where Rashbi is also present."*

—The Rebbe, Lag b'Omer 1950

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# ZOHAR ILLUMINATED

Stories of Rashbi  
from the original Zohar text  
*illuminated by the Rebbe's teachings*



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# Torah Brings Rain

תָּנָא אָמַר רַבִּי יוֹסֵי: זְמַנָּא  
חָדָא הוּא צָרִיקָא עֲלָמָא  
לְמַטְרָא.

אָתָּו לְקַמֵּיה (ס"א אָזְלוּ לְגַבִּיה)  
דְּרַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן, רַבִּי יֵיסָא וְרַבִּי  
חֲזַקְיָה וְשָׂאָר חֲבֵרָא.

אֲשַׁכְּחוּהוּ דְּהוּא אָזִיל לְמַחְמֵי  
לְרַבִּי פִּנְחָס בֶּן יָאִיר, הוּא וְרַבִּי  
אֶלְעָזָר בְּרִיה.

כִּיּוֹן דְּחָמָא לוֹן פִּתְחָא וְאָמַר  
(תְּהִלִּים קלג א): "שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת  
הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב וּמָה נְעִים שָׁכַת  
אֲחִים גַּם יַחַד."

מָאִי "שָׁכַת אֲחִים גַּם יַחַד?"

כְּמָה דָּאָתְ אָמַר (שְׁמוֹת כה  
כ): "וּפְנֵיהֶם אִישׁ אֶל אָחִיו."  
בְּשַׁעֲתָא דְּהוּוּ חַד בְּחַד מְשַׁגְּיחִין  
אֲנָפִין בְּאֲנָפִין, כְּתִיב "מָה טוֹב  
וּמָה נְעִים." וְכַד מְהִדֵּר דְּכוּדָא  
אֲנָפוֹי מִן גּוֹקְבָא, וְוִי לְעֲלָמָא...

It has been taught in the name of  
R. Yosei: Once the world needed  
rain.

[A delegation] came before R. Shimon  
[consisting of] R. Yeisa, R. Chizkiah and  
the rest of the brotherhood.

When they found him, R. Shimon was  
about to go see R. Pinchas ben Yair,  
along with his son R. Elazar.

When he saw them he exclaimed: "A  
song of ascents; Behold how good and  
how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell  
together in unity (Tehilim 133,1)."

What does it mean "dwelling together  
in unity?"

As you say "facing one another (Shmos  
25:20)." Whenever [the Kruvim] faced  
each other it is written, "how good  
and how pleasant." But when the male  
turned his face from the female, woe to  
the world...

וְהִשְׁתָּא חֲמִינָא דְאַתּוֹן אֲתִיתוֹן  
עַל דְּדִכּוּדָא לֹא שְׂרִיא בְּנוֹקְבָא.

אָמַר: אִי לְדָא אֲתִיתוֹן גָּבְאִי,  
תִּיבּוּ, דְּהָאִי יוֹמָא אֲסִתְכַּלְנָא  
דִּיתְהֶדֶר כֻּלָּא לְמִשְׁרֵי אֲנָפִין  
בְּאַנְפִּין. וְאִי לְאוֹרֵייתָא אֲתִיתוֹן,  
שְׂרוּ גָבְאִי. אָמְרוּ לֵיהּ: לְכֻלָּא...

זח"ג נט, ריש ע"ב

Now I see that you have come because the male is not dwelling with the female.

He said: If you have come only for this, sit, because I see that on this day everything will return to dwelling face to face. But if you have come for Torah, stay with me. They said: For both...

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## Fixing a Lack in a Student

א דְּהָכִי חֲמָא לְרַבִּי  
יוֹסֵי דְּהוֹה מְהֶרְהֵר  
בְּמַלְיָן דְּעֵלְמָא.

אָמַר לֵיהּ: יוֹסֵי קוּם אֲשֵׁלִים  
דִּיּוֹקְנָךְ, דָּאֵת חֹד חֶסֶר בְּךָ.

קָם רַבִּי יוֹסֵי וַחֲדֵי בְּמַלְיָן  
דְּאוֹרֵייתָא וְקָם קָמִיָּה.

אֲסִתְכַּל בֵּיהּ רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן.  
אָמַר לֵיהּ: רַבִּי יוֹסֵי, הִשְׁתָּא  
אַנְתָּ שְׁלִים קָמִי עֲתִיק  
יוֹמִין, וְדִיּוֹקְנָךְ שְׁלִים.

זח"ב ריו, ע"ב

Meanwhile, R. Shimon saw that R. Yosei was contemplating worldly matters.

He said to him: Yosei, arise and make your image complete, for you are missing a letter.

R. Yosei then rose up and joyfully studied Torah.

R. Shimon looked at him and said to him: R. Yosei, now you are complete before the Ancient of Days, and your image is complete.

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# At the Time of Passing

תִּתְּנָהּ אֲנִי בְּהַחֲוֹת יוֹמָא  
 דְּרַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בְּעָא  
 לְאַסְתִּלְקָא מִן עֲלָמָא וְהוּהָ  
 מְסַדֵּר מְלוֹי. אֲתִכְנָשׁוּ חֲבֵרֵיא  
 לְבִי רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן, וְהוּוּ קָמִי  
 רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר בְּרִיהּ וְרַבִּי אָבָא  
 וְשָׂאֵר חֲבֵרֵיא, וְהוּהָ מְלִיא  
 בֵּיתָא...

אָמַר רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן: הָא הִשְׁתָּא  
 שְׁעָתָא דְּדַעֲוִיתָא הוּא,  
 וְאַנָּא בְּעִינָא לְמִיעַל בְּלֹא  
 כְּסוּפָא לְעֲלָמָא דְּאַתִּי. וְהָא  
 מְלִין קְדִישִׁין דְּלֹא גָלִיאן  
 עַד הִשְׁתָּא בְּעִינָא לְגַלְאָה  
 קָמִי שְׂכִינְתָא, דְּלֹא יִמְדוּן  
 דְּהָא בְּגִרְיַעוּתָא אֲסִתְּלִקְנָא  
 מִעֲלָמָא, וְעַד כְּעֵן טְמִידוֹן הוּוּ  
 בְּלִבָּאִי לְמִיעַל בְּהוּ לְעֲלָמָא  
 דְּאַתִּי...

פָּתַח רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן וְאָמַר: (שִׁיר  
 הַשִּׁירִים ז יא) "אֲנִי לְדוֹרִי  
 וְעַלִּי תִשׁוּקְתּוּ." כָּל יוֹמִין  
 דְּאִתְקַטְרְנָא בְּהָאִי עֲלָמָא,

**W**e have learned that on the day when R. Shimon wished to leave the world and was settling his affairs, his companions gathered in his home. R. Elazar, his son, R. Abba, and the rest of the companions appeared before him, and the house was full.

R. Shimon said: This time is a time of goodwill, and I wish to arrive in the world to come without shame. I wish to reveal before the Shechinah subjects that I have not so far revealed, lest it shall be said that I passed away from the world at a disadvantage. These were hidden in my heart until now, through which to enter the world to come.

R. Shimon opened and said: "I am my Beloved's, and His desire is towards me (Shir Hashirim 7:11)." All the days that I was attached to this world, I

בְּחֵד קְטִידָא אֶתְקַטְרְנָא בֵּיה  
 בְּקוּדְשָׁא בְּרִיד הוּא, וּבְגִין כֵּן  
 הִשְׁתָּא "וְעָלִי תִשְׁקֹתוּ" ...  
 אָמַר רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן: מִסְתַּכֵּל  
 הָיִנָּא כָּל יוֹמָא בְּהָאֵי קֳרָא  
 דְּכְתִיב: (תְּהִלִּים ל"ד ג) "בִּינִי  
 תִתְהַלֵּל נַפְשִׁי, וְשָׁמְעוּ עַנּוּיִם  
 וְיִשְׁמְחוּ. "וְהָאֵידְנָא אֶתְקִיִּים  
 קֳרָא כָּלָא. "בִּינִי תִתְהַלֵּל  
 נַפְשִׁי" וְדָאֵי, דְּהָא נִשְׁמַתִּי  
 בֵּיה אַחֲדָא, בֵּיה לְחֵטָא, בֵּיה  
 אֶתְדַּבְּקֵת...

אדרא זוטא -

זח"ג רפז ע"ב - רפח ע"א.

רצב ע"א

was attached to the Holy One,  
 blessed be He, by a single tie.  
 Therefore now, "His desire is  
 towards me..."

R. Shimon said: I have been  
 examining this verse my whole  
 life, "My soul shall glory in  
 Hashem; the humble shall hear  
 of it and be glad (Tehillim 34:3)."  
 Now the entire verse has come  
 to pass. Surely "My soul shall  
 glory in Hashem," because my  
 soul is attached to Him, ablaze  
 with Him, cleaving to Him...

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