



MEZUZAH – PROTECTOR OF THE DOORS OF YISROEL שומר דלתות ישראל

Excerpts from The Rebbe's Writings:

“On the outside of every Mezuzah parchment is written one of Hashem’s names ש-ד-י The Arizal writes that it is also an acrostic of the words שומר דלתות ישראל - Protector of the Doors of Yisroel. A Mezuzah provides protection on one’s house and everything in the house.

“Furthermore, it says in the Zohar, that the protection is in a manner that ה' ישמר צאתך, Hashem will guard your **going out** and your **coming in**, from now and for all time’, which includes even **leaving** from a house that has a Mezuzah.

“The Shulchan Oruch brings opinions, that when a person leaves or enters the house, the hand should touch the Mezuzah, which makes one cognizant of Hashem, our Guardian.” [The Rebbe would touch the Mezuzah of every room, upon entering and exiting.]

(Likutei Sichos vol. 19 p. 121 - 128. Zohar vol. 3, p. 263, 266. Tehillim 121, 8.

Shulchan Oruch, Hilchos Mezuzah, 285:2)

“What a child - even a day old - sees or hears, has an effect on them also when they get older, and makes a strong impression for life. Therefore, in every Jewish home, there is an emphasis that the children should kiss the Mezuzah by the door of their room before going to sleep. In the Mezuzah it is written שמע ישראל ה' אלקינו ה' אחד, so it's engraved by the children that – Hashem watches over them and protects them, including everything in their room, and as it says in Zohar, that the Mezuzah protects everyone in the house, even when they leave the house.”

(Toras Menachem 5747, vol. 2, p. 647)

“When a Jew fulfills the Mitzva of Mezuzah even outside of Eretz Yisroel, it protects and guards also the Jews in Eretz Yisroel since all Jews are united as one entity and are responsible for one another.

“A particular effort must be made pertaining to the Mitzva of Mezuzah, which provides a special protection.

“Definitely this will increase the protection by Hashem ‘the Guardian of Israel who neither slumbers nor sleeps’, and will bring a fulfillment that ‘I will give peace in the Land’ – both in the Holy Land, and outside of Eretz Yisroel – and ‘I will bring you upright’ to greet Moshiach, speedily.”

(Toras Menachem vol. 76, p. 184, 232, 268)

A week before the Six-Day-War, while addressing thousands of children and adults at the Lag b'Omer parade, the Rebbe emotionally proclaimed:

“Pertaining to the present situation of your/our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, in Eretz Yisroel –

“You, (and we) have a special obligation and privilege to help them. You, by fulfilling one mitzvah and another mitzvah, not missing any opportunity, and influence your relatives, friends and family, to do likewise, to spread Torah and Mitzvos.

“This will save every Jew, wherever he may be, from the difficulties he encounters and bring Hashem’s blessing in increased measure, salvation and success, that ‘you will dwell in your Land securely, and I will give peace in the Land’.”

(Likutei Sichos, vol. 7, p. 333)