

The Rebbe
On The
Greatness
Of
Tsfas /
צפת

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Introduction

This year is the 400th Yor Tzeit (anniversary of passing) of the Holy Rabbi Chayim Vital (Yom Hillula - Rosh Chodesh Iyar 5,782) & the 450th Yor Tzeit of The Holy Ari (Rabbi Yitzchok Luria) whom lived in Tsfas.

The Holy Ari Hakadosh (“The Ari Who Is Living”) said “My soul came to teach Him (Rabbi Chayim Vital.)” He transcribed, “Took and poured from His Masters pitcher/wisdom...” The new revelations of the Torah revealed by the Ari, heralding Moshiach.

We are proud to present to the English speaking public, a translation of many of the gems, rubies, and diamonds which the Lubavitcher Rebbe said (mainly based on Kabbalah) about the Holy City of Tsfas.

May this lead to the complete rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Beis Hamikdosh now!

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The Holy City Of Tsfas

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The Greatness Of The Holy City Of Tsfas צפת

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Talks of The Rebbe and Edited
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MOSHIACH WILL COME FROM TSFAS –
TRANSFORMING THE DARKNESS TO LIGHT

1. Relating to “Tzafoin צפון – North” we find a contradiction:

On one hand our sages teach – our world was

created that the northern side is open, “The Northern Wind is Not Encircled...”

“North remains open and was not completed.”

As such, negative occurrences come from there - as it states, “From the north evil begins...”

On the other hand – the Medrash teaches (regarding the verse, “Turn to the North...”) “The North is Torah!”

Furthermore, the north is connected to the **Coming Of Moshiach!** (Devarim Rabbah - Devarim 2: 3.)

And in Devarim Rabbah (Lieberman Edition Chapter 21) **“The King Moshiach will come from the North,** as it states, ‘I have aroused from the North and He came.’”

The explanation to this contradiction is as follows:

The idea of Torah is as our Sages teach us, “I created (says G-d) the Yetzer Hara (desire for evil...) and likewise, I created the Torah as ‘*spices.*’” Of course, the idea of spices is that it enhances and makes pleasurable the food which it spices up.

In a similar sense, the goal of Torah is not to rid oneself of the Yetzer Hara, rather to “spice it...” to make it “sweet.”

That the Yetzer Hara herself, should transform to good, as our Sages teach, “With all your heart – with both your hearts...” (desires, namely the Yetzer Tov and Yetzer Hara / desires for good and evil... that **both** should serve G-d.)

This is similar to the greatness of Teshuva (repentance...) for it actually *transforms sins into Mitzvos / merits.*

The reason this is the best method in life, is for in this manner we achieve the benefit of light which emanates from darkness - and wisdom from stupidity (foolishness.)

This is similar to the greatness (or benefit) of the Baal-Teshuvah (one who returns to G-d...) whose greatness surpasses even a complete Tzaddik (the highest righteous person who never had the experience of “discovering” something he didn’t have and therefore the pleasure of this newfound relationship.)

As it states, “The level of a Baal-Teshuva far

surpasses the level of a complete Tzaddik.”

This is also the second explanation in “North” (Tzafoin צפון.) This comes from the terminology “*Who awaits*” (Tzafanta / צפנתה.)

This specifically is the benefit of the light that comes after darkness.

THE CONNECTION OF MOSHIACH TO TSFAS

This is why Moshiach is especially connected to the North.

For the complete transformation of the North (darkness) will be in the times of Moshiach.

In the times of Moshiach, not only will it occur that the spirit of evil will be removed from the world, but the night (darkness) will shine like day!!

That the North itself will shine!

TORAH FROM TSFAS BRINGS MOSHIACH

2. Regarding Israel the Verse states, “Nothing in it is lacking.” She is the **main** aspect of the entire

world – to the extent, that “From the residue of Israel(‘s water) the whole world drinks.”

In Israel there is a microcosm (and comparison) of everything that exists in the whole world – similarly in Israel, we find these two extremes:

On one hand we find the aspect that “The Northern Wind is Not Encircled,” as such negative occurrences come from there.

But on the other hand, through, “Turn to the North...” referring to the Torah, we transform the negative, and in fact it becomes a positive!

Although it may be easier to accomplish (personal growth) in Yerushalayim etc. nevertheless from the very fact that one is in the North, and from there they study Torah, and self-develop, this causes the benefit of the great light (from after darkness.)

3. One of the cities that is in the North of Israel, is **Tsfas, צפת**.

In fact her connection to the north is seen in her **name** – two of the letters of Tsfas / צפת (the majority of her letters in fact) and her first letters

are the same (as the first two letters of Tzafoin / צפון (north.)

As such, the special aspect of the North is mainly found in Tsfas צפת.

We find relating to Torah something very unique in Tsfas (even in comparison to all the cities in Israel.)

As mentioned, Torah is called Tzafoin / צפון (North).

[This is in addition to the fact that Tsfas / צפת, is one of the Four Sacred Cities of Israel, which are connected to the Kollels there etc.]

In Tsfas צפת a **great** revelation (the light and wisdom) of Torah was revealed.

Regarding Nigleh (the revealed aspect of Torah...) The Beis Yosef concluded there the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law) – a code that offers Jewish instruction for all generations!

And even more so regarding the inner aspect of Torah – as the beginning of the revelation of the secret wisdom (Kabbalah... which is normally concealed / “Tzafoin” צפון) this too began in Tsfas

צפת.

The Arizal revealed His Kabbalastic wisdom, and (as He stated) the time came, “That this wisdom should be revealed.”

This occurred in a way that the wisdom continued to inspire to the further generations - via his students, Rabbi Chaim Vital and the “Gurie (“lion cubs”) of the Ari”zal” (His great disciples).

TSFAS & MOSHIACH

Tsfas similarly has a special connection to the coming of Moshiach! (Which as mentioned is connected to Tzafoin צפון – North) as the Kabbalah says, “Moshiach will (first) be revealed in the Galil,” and Tsfas צפת is in the Galil (northern part of Israel.)

This is also understood from the fact that the inner dimension of Torah **began** to be revealed there – which is the preparation to (and a foretaste) of the Torah of Moshiach.

The Torah of Moshiach is the secret of the *reasons* (behind the Torah and Mitzvos.) This is also the reason why the beginning of the revelation of

Moshiach will come from there.

We should mention that Tsfas צפת is also connected to the terminology of “Tzafoi Tzapisa” צפיה צפיתה (Yeshaya 21 : 5) “To See / Look” – “To see from afar” (to see in the distance...) which is connected to the Redemption.

For then, all people will see G-dliness - and then there will be no concealment due to the flesh, and the general service of G-d will be in a *visual* manner.

TSFAS IS WHERE TORAH IS EASILY
COMPREHENDED

4. The greatness of Tsfas צפת is also connected to the explanation of the greatness of Tsfas צפת according to Reme”z (the hints of the Torah) and So”d (Kabbalah.)

As the Sefer (Holy Book), “Tov Haaretz” explains (authored by Rabbi Nasson Shapiro – author of the Sefer, “Matzois Shemurim”) whose Seforim are brought in Chassidus, and many explanations are based on them etc.)

...And even prior to him (which possibly is the

source of his...) in the Sefer “Chessed To Avrohom” (who was a disciple of the Rama”k and also of the Ari Za”l – and his Seforim are brought in many places in Chassidus...)

So he teaches, that Tsfas / צפת with the Colel (+1) is the Gematirah (Numerical equivalent to – in small numbers) 22.

“This corresponds to the 22 letters of the **Torah**. This alludes to that “Tsfas צפת is a place that is great for **comprehending the depth of the understanding of Torah, and her secrets**” “for there is no air as pure as the air of Tsfas צפת.”

TSFAS IS WHERE DARKNESS TURNS TO LIGHT

Furthermore, regarding what was mentioned before (in the first Chapter) that the greatness of Tsfas צפת is in her ability to transform darkness to light:

He mentions that # 1. Tsfas צפת alludes to Netzach נצח (the attribute / Sefirah Victory.) The idea of victory is to overpower an **enemy**.

TSFAS PROTECTS HER INHABITANTS

2. Tsfas צפת (“in small numbers”) is the same numerical value as (G-d’s name) E-yeh.

This is connected to the level of Kesser כתר. This teaches that “Whoever lives in Tsfas צפת receives the 13 Middoim (emotions) of complete compassion and mercy (of G-d) from the level of Kesser.”

As such, it is one of G-d’s “Arie Miklat” ערי מקלט (refuge cities) for souls – it protects people from negative things.

(He mentions that the benefit of living in Tsfas ...in צפת surpasses any other city in Israel! (...in “Tov Ha-aretz” he adds – “during the time of Galus.”))

OUR MISSION IS THROUGH TORAH STUDY IN
TSFAS TO BRING MOSHIACH!

5. May it be G-d’s will that through strengthening

and revitalizing Torah in general, and especially the study of the inner dimension of Torah (the Tzafon צפון...) the Torah of the Ari Za"l which in our generation has been revealed in the Torah of Chassidus – to the extent that it is inspirational – through the teachings of Chassidus Chabad...

...And beginning with Tsfas צפת and from there it should spread to the entire Galil, and North of Eretz Yisroel – till the entire Eretz Yisroel – and from there to the whole world!

...So this will eliminate all the negative things that can emanate from, “Evil will come from the north.”

And in fact – it will create a complete **transformation!**

It will all transform to good in a revealed way.

This will further hasten the coming of Moshiach - As it states, “Through the Zohar (the inner dimension of Torah) will the Jewish people leave Galus in a merciful way.” And the verse, “How great is the reward that you have **Ttzafanta** צפנתה reserved (for the righteous) speedily will occur; Literally Now!

“The Rebbe Owns Tsfas”

From the talk Motzai Shabbos Shelach 5748

(Between the Rebbe's talks - the Mayor of Tsfas and his staff came to the podium and gave the Rebbe the keys to the city of Tsfas.

The Mayor mentioned about the opening of the new Chabad neighborhood.)

The Rebbe said, "This is but the first stage..."

When they handed over the key, the Rebbe said, "It is assumed that it is known, when one hands over the key to the city, ownership over the whole city is given."

THE TORAH OF MOSHIACH SHINES FROM TSFAS

1. What was previously mentioned, regarding the connection of Moshiach to the "Galil" is self-understood from the famous letter of the Baal Shem Tov regarding Moshiach:

The Baal Shem Tov writes - that the coming of Moshiach is connected with the expansion of the teachings of Chassidus.

As the Rashb"i already mentioned about this in His Holy-Book, the Zohar: "With this book the Jews shall leave exile in mercy and peace..."

This is accomplished through studying "The Soul of Torah" in great detail - to the extent that it serves as a source of inspiration.

We mentioned many times, this means to study the inner Torah to the extent you understand it - This will hasten the coming of Moshiach.

Now the beginning of the revelation of “The Secret Wisdom” began through the Ari-Zal.

Now we see that when the Ari-Zal arrived in Israel from Egypt (to reveal and spread the inner Torah) He came to Tsfas.

Tsfas is in the Galil.

There he established disciples and disciples of disciples.

From Tsfas, light shines to the whole world! -From there the Secret Wisdom was spread to the whole world.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BOTH TORAH STUDY AND
THE PROSPERITY OF THE COMMUNITY IN TSFAS

2. From the above we can deduce how great it is to renew the Jewish community in the Galil, and

especially in Tsfas.

(Tsfas is one of the four Holy Cities of Israel.) There the Ari-Zal and his disciples lived - to the extent that His honored burial place is in Tsfas.

(And to this very day, He is called “The Ari-Zal who Lives.”)

The goal is that once more Tsfas should be revealed as A Center For Torah Study - And To Even A Much Larger Degree Than Before!

This applies especially to the inner dimension of Torah which in our generation has been revealed through Chassidus.... via Tsfas... close to the Ari-Zal's Holy Burial Site.

.....This Torah should be spread to the whole Israel, and from there to the whole world.

Now in order for people to be able to study Torah there amid tranquility and luxury - it is necessary that there should be no limitations (hindrances) due to housing or income etc.

Though of-course these matters pale in significance relative the Holiness of the study of Torah etc. – nonetheless, it is self-understood (as the Rambam describes this in detail at the end of the Laws of Teshuva) that when “A Jew doesn’t lack... as G-d abundantly bestows upon Him The Blessings of Children, Life And Sustenance - as the verse states, "I will give them their rain at the appropriate time and the earth will give forth her produce, and the tree of the field shall give forth her fruit..." In other words, one has all their needs abundantly met - both as it applies to food, clothing and housing (these are the three categories that include all of man's needs...)

... As such, one can and does accomplish so much more regarding Torah and Mitzvos, and teaching others about Chassidus, which hastens the speedy

arrival of Moshiach.

REESTABLISHING THE TZEMACH TZEDDEK SYNAGOGUE AND KOLLEL

3. This is also one of the reasons we have reestablished The Tzemach Tzeddek Synagogue which was established by the Chassidim of The Tzemach Tzeddek over 100 years ago (and especially considering that through Divine watchfulness, it remained.)

ESTABLISHING A JEWISH PRESENCE – SHULS – HOMES – MIKVAHS IN TSFAS AND THE GALIL – BRINGS MOSHIACH!

This is a preparation for the time, when "Judges will be returned as before."

We must try to strengthen and establish all aspects of Judaism (to begin with, the Torah and Mitzvos) especially within the Holy Cities.

We must firmly establish this Synagogue, and establish new ones all over - additionally we need to add Jewish homes.

In each and every Jewish home G-d says, "In it I will dwell." That every Jewish home becomes a home for G-d's Shechinah.

This applies all the more so when we are speaking of Jewish homes in Israel, and in the Galil, from where Moshiach shall first come.

From this we understand how much effort we must make to build Jewish homes in Israel - and of-course even more so Shuls - including also (Lehavdil) Mikvahs, so we can study Torah and do Mitzvos B'hiddur (scrupulously.)

And mainly so we can establish generations of sons and daughters in purity and holiness, so they can greet Moshiach without any issues / hindrances.

WE HAVE THE POWER TO SETTLE TSFAS AND THE ENTIRE ISRAEL

As previously mentioned, this is one of the reasons that the community in Tsfas has been reestablished - wherein the Synagogue that the Chassidim of The Tzemach Tzedek founded is - so we can continue Her Holiness, like “a midget standing on the shoulder of a giant.”

Though none of us can compare ourselves to the Tzemach-Tzedek, however He takes every Jew and places him on His Shoulders - and then it truly becomes like a Midget On A Giant.

We should be involved in all of this, in a way that it will create fruits, and fruits of fruits (effect people, who then effect others to likewise...) so people should take a lesson.

We need to expand and beautify the Tsfas City - and the Galil in general, and the entire Israel amid peace of mind, joy, and prosperity.

To the extent that not a single inch of land in Israel will be barren. As mentioned on numerous occasions, the Jewish law, that settling Israel is literally a life/death situation! As such, we must settle her everywhere, so there will be no place that will be barren.

This will be strengthened, beginning with the study of, and spreading of the inner dimension of Torah.

We must also combine this learning with the revealed dimension of the Torah - in the Galil in general, and especially in Tsfas, and from there it should spread to the entire Israel.

And very soon we will merit the fulfillment of the prophecy, "In the future, Jerusalem will spread out over Israel and Israel will spread over the whole world." And it will be that "The whole world will be G-d's," when Moshiach comes speedily in our days; "He will bring us upright, to our land" with the complete and final Redemption.

ADD IN THE HOLINESS / JUDIASIM IN TSFAS

And the main point - to fulfill the mission to cause Tsfas to have additional holiness.

To do this with joy and happiness of heart - in a manner of always increasing light - in a pleasant and peaceful way - and to spread Tsfas (building it etc.) through the entire Galil.

This is especially important as it states, that when Moshiach will come, He will first be revealed from the Galil.

And merit to do all of this, amid good health and with all the necessary means necessary (cash-flow etc.)

And may within you be fulfilled this that it states in Avos of Rabbi Nassan, "Whoever has 100, desires

200!"

May this feeling permeate your Holy Work - with even more success as you have had up till now.

To the extent that “all will recognize” - and everyone who can will assist....

Both in your Holy-Work and bettering the conditions of the work.

And the merit of Israel should protect and cause success, and add in all of your blessings.

I will give each of you a dollar for charity - and when you come to Israel you should exchange it for charity. We Should Hear Good news!

Monday Parshas Noach 26 Tishrei 5741- Private Meeting To A Group From The Holy City of Tsfas

Why The Holy Ari and Beis Yosef Settled In Tsfas

.... As mentioned previously, in Tsfas there is very pure air, "There is no air in all of Israel that is as pure as Tsfas..." As such Tsfas is opportune and "prepared" to understand the secrets of the Torah.

MOSHIACH WILL FIRST BE REVEALED IN TSFAS

6. In addition, a benefit of Tsfas is that it is in the Galil, and "Moshiach will be revealed in the Galil" (Zohar.)

And as the Rambam writes - "Tradition teaches us that (the Sanhedrin) will restart in Teveriah, and from there go to Jerusalem."

Teveriah is in the Galil (or nearby...) and this is connected to, "Moshiach will be revealed in the Land Of The Galil."

And this is also connected to Tsfas which is in the Galil, that Moshiach will be first revealed in it, and from there to the whole Israel.

This is especially, as Tsfas has in it the words "To See" (Tsafin, 'seek') which is also connected to the Redemption.

MELAVEH MALKAH AND TSFAS

7. Based on this there is a strong connection between a Melaveh Malka and Tsfas, for Melaveh Malkah is called "The meal of Moshiach," who will be revealed in the Galil.

As such, A Melaveh Malkah in Tsfas is an appropriate time to have an event connected to

Organizations of Torah and Prayer in Tsfas.

It is for this reason the AriZal settled in Tsfas and studied and taught there the secrets of the Torah.

And possibly this is also the reason the Beis Yosef settled in Tsfas, and wrote His Shulchan Aruch there, and printed it in a city close by.

*From the Sicha / Talk of Shabbos Parshas Shemini
Parshas Parah 5,741*

About The Greatness and Holiness Of Tsfas

The Rebbes conversation during the visit from the sons of the Rebbe of Lelov

Lelover Rebbe's son to the Rebbe: "Among the special cities in Eretz Yisroel there is something unique to Tsfas - The Rabbi, Tzaddik of Lelov said, that Rabbi Chayim Vital said, that 'Whoever lives in Tsfas is given the 13 Emotions of Divine Mercy (in other words is guided by...)'"

The Rebbe: "This was printed in the Sefer "Chessed To Avrohom."

Tsfas is one of the four Holy Cities of Israel. Something unique in Tsfas was that in her was an extra revelation of the wisdom of the Torah, in the revealed part of the Torah, as is known, the Beis

Yosef completed in her the Shulchan Aruch (which is a direction for all Jews for eternity...) and certainly the inner dimension of Torah, for the beginning of the revelation of secret wisdom and Kabbalah through the Ari-Zal and His disciples was in Tsfas.

And due to the greatness of Tsfas - there was in it (similar to Chevrouin) a Chabad community, even in the times of the Tzemach Tzedek. And there is also a Chabad Synagogue, which was built in that time. And prior... there were disciples of the Baal Shem Tov and the Maagid.”

Lelover Rebbe's son: “Tsfas is also one of the Refuge Cities - like Chevrouin.”

The Rebbe: “Regarding Chevrouin it states in Tanach, that it was one of the six cities of refuge - however Tsfas... unless it was part of the 42 cities given to the Leveim which they too were cities of refuge...”

There is also a debate regarding reading the Megillah, if it was a walled city from the time of Yehoishua Bin Nun...”

Lag B'Omer and Tsfas

Regarding the connection of this Shabbos to Lag B'Omer, there is a visiting group from Tsfas.

From the special aspects of Tsfas (in addition to her being one of the four Holy Cities of Israel) as she is connected to Lag B'Omer... for she is close to and “sees” Miron; where the resting place and the Tziyoin Of The Rashbi is...

And the main thing is, that in Tsfas was the beginning of the revelation of the inner dimension of the Torah - the Torah of Rabbi Shimoin Bar

Yochai, through the Ari-Zal (whose Holy Burial Site is in Tsfas.)

The Ari-Zal Said, “In this time, it is a Mitzvah and obligation to reveal this wisdom.”

Since then, the inner dimension of Torah has spread - especially as it has been explained in the Torah of the Rebbes, until the Previous Rebbe.

As is known, that even in previous generations and especially in ours, The Jews of Tsfas (and those further from Rashbi, all over Israel) would go to the Rashb”i in Miron on Lag B'Omer - and beginning the night of Lag B'Omer they would light bonfires for Rashb”i.

Furthermore when Lag B'Omer comes on Sunday - (as this year) people start going to Miron before Shabbos – “They, their wives, sons, and daughters.”

(Note 10. In Shaar Hakavanois it's written, "I saw

My Master (the Ari Hakadosh) would go to Miron... on Lag B'Omer, together with his family, and was there for three days etc.")

And (when people came for Shabbos, they would) have a Shabbos Meal - so the Shabbos was celebrated with extra joy in commemoration of Rabbi Shimoin Bar Yochai (in addition to the meal that is had on Lag B'Omer itself.)

This is also emphasized now - as a group of guests, men, women, and children have come from Tsfas, and are here on the Holy Shabbos, the day prior to Lag B'Omer - in the Holy Synagogue of the Previous Rebbe whom through Him the continuation of the Torah of the Rashbi continues, and is disseminated to the whole world; Through which the Moshiach will come. As the Zohar says, "With this book the Jewish people will leave exile in mercy."

Certainly the guests from Tsfas will take initiative and leadership in all the festivities connected to Lag B'Omer.

And begin from the Shabbos preceding - especially through Chassidic gatherings celebrated together with fellow Jews, as it states, "How lovely for

brothers to be together."

And the main thing.... in a manner that these Farbrengens have a continued good impact.

All of this... as the lesson and the empowerment of this week's Parsha, "To shine brighter".

Simply speaking, that through visiting the Synagogue of the Rebbe - especially in the Holy Time of Lag B'Omer, additions in all matters of Judaism - Torah and Mitzvos - including and especially in the study of Chassidus and its practice, both for oneself and effecting others (beginning with the education of one's sons and daughters) in the sharing of Torah and Judaism, and sharing Chassidus with others will occur.

Certainly the guests will be honored with saying "Lichayim... Lichayim and Livrocho" "To Good, and peace loving life," both physically and spiritually - from "His Open, Holy and Giving Hand" to the extent of the complete blessing.

The complete and final Redemption through Moshiach - and then there will also be the total infinite life.

(Note 22. The Rebbe quotes the Medrash that just as the Torah is eternal - the Jewish people whom it was created for – certainly are!)

And the main thing is that immediately - this Shabbos Kodesh - Lag B'Omer, we actually see the fulfillment of the words of the Rashb'i, that "When they are redeemed, the Shechinah accompanies them" and Moshe and Aharon will be with them, and the Rashb"i and the Previous Rebbe will be with them! And as mentioned in the Previous Rebbe's name – "Yosef," "G-d will once again stretch forth His hand And will ingather the dispersed of Israel... From the four corners of Israel."

And Yitzchok, as the Verse said, "Whoever hears my news, will laugh for me," amid complete joy and pleasure - to the extent we draw down the joy and pleasure of this Shabbos into the meal of the

Liviyasoin and the Shor-Habor of the future.

Then (when Moshiach comes...) the visitors will need not trouble themselves with the nuisances of having to journey back on the plane to Israel, for all Jews will return on clouds to the Holy Land - and in Israel, they will go to the Holy-City of Jerusalem, and there to the Beis Hamikdosh (the highest location on earth) and in the Beis Hamikdosh, they will go up the ascension of the Mount; to the extent they become "People of Ascent." That the true place of every Jew is the highest spot, in the Beis-Hamikdosh - the Holy of Holies.

As the verse states, "When you come to the land etc."

And as the Parsha continues, "And I will lead you upright," and then the next Parsha speaks about the counting of the Jewish people - till the highest counting of all the Jewish people, "Not one shall be

left out.”

The tenth count, that will come during the coming of Moshiach.

And all of this immediately, in the manner of Cohanim - whom are alert/quick....

“Your G-d Is A Cohen” – “A Cohen Gadol.”

That His quickness is in a way of greatness -
Immediately Now!

*From the Rebbe's Talk Shabbos Parshas Emor -
Erev Lag B'Omer 5750*

Regarding the visitors from Tsfas

Torah Scholars Settling In Tsfas

**Some of the talk when the Rebbe went to visit the
Kopshinitz Rebbe for Shiva**

The Kopshinitz Rebbe spoke also about his visit to
Tsfas....

The Kopshinitz Rebbe said that he had recently
visited Tsfas and the spiritual situation was not
good... and there was a lack of people studying
Torah.

The Rebbe said: We need to place efforts to
bolster the Torah in Tsfas - we should encourage
Torah scholars to know about the greatness of
Tsfas: It is the city in which the Ari-Zal lived and
taught - this will encourage them to settle in her.

And the Kopshinitz Rebbe said that this depends on financial ability, and therefore we must cease that Jews should have in abundance.

Some of the talk when the Rebbe went to visit the Kopshinitz Rebbe for Shiva

The Rebbe's Love For Tsfas

.... As is self-understood I was very excited about the idea of a Chabad village in and around Tsfas - Miron...

From a personal letter the Rebbe wrote...

The Rebbe Regarding The Establishment Of A New Community In Tsfas

To all the Participants in Kiryat Chabad in Tsfas,

May it be the will of G-d that the event be amid great joy and great success, to restore the crown of glory of the Chabad community, of the Holy City of Tsfas with all her details. And in the manner of the blessing of G-d, "whose addition exceeds the principal" - amid freedom from all worries throughout the entire Holy-Land, "The Land That G-d's Eyes Protect It, From The Beginning To The End Of The Year." And may we soon merit the fulfillment of the prophecy, "I G-d have / will rebuild the destructions," so we can see all the cities of Israel settled.

And as the promise/prophecy, "As the days you left Egypt, will I show you miracles..." in the coming

of Moshiach.

With respect and blessings - Moadim Lisimcha

*Telegram the Rebbe sent for the establishment of
Kiryat Chabad / Chabad Suburb in Tsfas.*

The Rebbe's Letter To The Mayor Of Tsfas

To the Head of the City of Tsfas Mr. Zev Perek

Peace and Blessing,

I hereby acknowledge your letter from the 7th of Shevat and many many thanks for your good wishes.

Our sages have already said, “Whoever blesses, is blessed from the source of blessings, G-d-Himself, whose blessing is even more than the original.”

May you be blessed from G-d, from His Full Holy Open and Generous Hand In All You Need and especially for great success in fulfilling your important role as the Mayor of such an important city in Israel, as Tsfas.

And may it be a merit for your honor - the public (merit) and especially the assistance in establishing Kiryat Chabad in Tsfas - and for this you and the entire city council and all the inhabitants will be mentioned at the graves of the Previous Rebbe.

Certainly as in every good thing, you and your colleagues will continue to assist the establishment and expansion of the Chabad neighborhood, as our Sages teach, to always increase in good things.

May it be G-d's will, you do this with good health
and joy and a glad heart.

With respect and blessing,

The Rebbe's Signature

“The Rebbe On The Greatness of Tsfas”

In Quotes

Pure Air	The purest air in Israel is in Tsfas, as such it is a place which is purified and beneficial to understand the deepest secrets of the Torah.
Ari – Zal	The beginning of the revelation of the secret wisdom and Kabbalah through the Ari-Zal and His disciples was in Tsfas.
Settling	We should encourage Torah scholars to know about the greatness of Tsfas. It is the city in which the Ari Zal lived and taught - this will encourage them to settle in her.
Ari – Zal	Both the Synagogue and the burial place of the Ari-Zal is in Tsfas.
Torah Revelation	In Tsfas צפת a great revelation (the light and wisdom) of Torah was revealed.

	<p>Regarding Nigleh (the revealed aspect of Torah...) The Beis Yosef concluded there the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law) – a code that offers Jewish instruction for all generations!</p> <p>And even more so regarding the inner aspect of Torah – as the beginning of the revelation of the secret wisdom (Kabbalah - which is normally concealed / “Tzafoin” צפון) also began in Tsfas צפת.</p>
<p>Kabbalah</p>	<p>The Arizal revealed His Kabbalistic wisdom, and (as He stated) that the time has come, “That this wisdom should be revealed.”</p> <p>This occurred in a way that the wisdom continued to inspire the further generations - via his students, Rabbi Chaim Vital and the “Gurie (“lions-cubs”) of the Ari”zal” (His Great Disciples).</p>

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<p>Preparation for Moshiach</p>	<p>As a preparation for Moshiach we must bolster all matters of Judaism – to the extent that every Jewish home will be a dwelling place for G-d – this especially applies to homes in the Galil (Northern Israel) where Moshiach will first arrive.</p>
<p>Expansion</p>	<p>We must continually expand the Jewish community in Tsfas – where the revelation of the Secret wisdom of the Torah through the Ari-Zal (and his disciples) began.</p>
<p>Divine Compassion</p>	<p>Whoever lives in Tsfas G-d treats him via His 13 Merciful Emotions (<i>Yud Gimmel Middos Harachamim</i>).</p>
<p>Chabad</p>	<p>Due to the greatness of Tsfas – (as in Chevroin) there was a Chabad community - even in the times of the Tzemach Tzeddek.</p>
<p>The "North / צפון"</p>	<p>Relating to "Tzafoin צפון – North" we find a contradiction:</p> <p>On one hand our sages teach –</p>

	<p>our world was created that the northern side is open, “The Northern Wind is Not Encircled.”</p> <p>“North remains open and was not completed.” As such, negative occurrences come from there - as it states, “From the north evil begins...”</p> <p>On the other hand – the Medrash teaches (regarding the verse, “Turn to the North”) “The North is Torah!”</p>
<p>North = Moshiach</p>	<p>The north is connected to the Coming Of Moshiach! (Devarim Rabbah (Devarim 2: 3.) And in Devarim Rabbah (Lieberman Edition Chapter 21) “The King Moshiach will come from the North, as it states, ‘I have aroused from the North, and He came.’”</p>
<p>North = Moshiach 2</p>	<p>This is also the second explanation in “North” (Tzafoin</p>

	<p>(צפון.)</p> <p>This comes from the terminology “who awaits” (Tzafanta / צפנתה.)</p> <p>This specifically is the benefit of the light that comes after darkness.</p> <p>This is why Moshiach is especially connected to the North.</p> <p>For the complete transformation of the North (darkness) will be in the times of Moshiach.</p>
<p>North - Shine</p>	<p>In the times of Moshiach, not only will it occur that the spirit of evil will be removed from the world; but the night (darkness) will shine like day!!</p> <p>That the North itself will shine!</p>
<p>Remez - Hint</p>	<p>Tsfas / צפת with the Colel (+1) is the Gematirah (numerical equivalent to – in small</p>

	<p>numbers) 22.</p> <p>“This corresponds to the 22 letters of the Torah.</p> <p>This alludes that: “Tsfas צפת is a place that is great for comprehending the depth of the understanding of Torah, and her secrets” “for there is no air as pure as the air of Tsfas צפת.”</p>
<p>Transformation</p>	<p>The greatness of Tsfas צפת is in her ability to transform darkness to light.</p>
<p>Victory</p>	<p>Tsfas צפת alludes to Netzach נצח (Victory.)</p> <p>The idea of victory is to overpower an enemy.</p>
<p>E-yeh</p>	<p>Tsfas צפת (in small numbers) is the same numerical value as (G-d’s name) E-yeh.</p> <p>This is connected to the level of Kesser כתר – this teaches that “Whoever lives in Tsfas</p>

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	צפת receives the 13 Middoim (emotions) of complete compassion and mercy (of G-d) from the level of Kesser.”
Protection	It is one of G-d’s “Arie Miklat” ערי מקלט (refuge cities) for souls. It protects people from negative things.
Greatest Place on Earth	The benefit of living in Tsfas / צפת surpasses any other city in Israel! (...In “Tov Ha-aretz” he adds – “during the time of Galus.”)
OUR MISSION IS THROUGH TORAH STUDY IN TSFAS TO BRING MOSHIACH!	May it be G-d’s will that through strengthening and revitalizing Torah in general - and especially the study of the inner dimension of Torah (the Tzafon צפון...) the Torah of the Ari Za”l which in our generation has been revealed in the Torah of Chassidus – to the extent that it is inspirational – through the teachings of Chassidus

	<p>Chabad...</p> <p>...And beginning with Tsfas / תצפת... and from there it should spread to the entire Galil, and North of Eretz Yisroel – till the entire Eretz Yisroel – and from there to the whole world!</p> <p>This will eliminate all the negative things that can emanate from, “Evil will come from the north.”</p> <p>And in fact – it will create a complete transformation!</p> <p>Everything will transform to good in a revealed way.</p> <p>This will further hasten the coming of Moshiach - as it states, “Through the Zohar (the inner dimension of Torah) will the Jewish people leave Galus in a merciful way.” And the verse, “How great is the</p>
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	<p>reward that you have Ttzafanta צפנתה reserved (for the righteous) speedily; literally Now!</p>
<p>THE REBBE & TSFAS</p>	<p><i>The Mayor of Tsfas and his staff came to the podium and gave the Rebbe the keys to the city of Tsfas</i></p> <p>The Mayor mentioned about the opening of the Chabad neighborhood.</p> <p>The Rebbe said, "This is but the first stage..."</p> <p>When they handed over the key, the Rebbe said, "It is assumed it is known, when one hands over the key to the city, ownership over the whole city is given."</p>
<p>The Torah of Moshiach from</p>	<p>What was previously</p>

<p>Tsfas Shines</p>	<p>mentioned, regarding the connection of Moshiach to the "Galil" - is self-understood from the famous letter of the Baal Shem Tov regarding Moshiach:</p> <p>The Baal Shem Tov writes - that the coming of Moshiach is connected with the expansion of the teachings of Chassidus.</p> <p>As the Rashb"i already mentioned about this in His Holy-Book, the Zohar: "With this book the Jews shall leave exile in mercy and peace..."</p> <p>This is accomplished through studying "The soul of Torah" in great detail - to the extent that it serves as a source of inspiration.</p> <p>We mentioned many times, this means to study the inner Torah to the extent you</p>
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	<p>understand it - this will hasten the coming of Moshiach.</p> <p>Now the beginning of the revelation of the secret wisdom began through the Ari-Zal.</p> <p>We see that when the Ari-Zal arrived in Israel from Egypt (to reveal and spread the inner Torah) He came to Tsfas.</p> <p>Tsfas is in the Galil.</p> <p>There he established disciples and disciples of disciples.</p> <p>From Tsfas, light shines to the whole world - from there the Secret Wisdom was spread to the whole world.</p>
Torah Study & The Prosperity For	From the above we can deduce

<p>The Jews In Tsfas</p>	<p>how great it is to renew the Jewish community in the Galil, and especially in Tsfas.</p> <p>(Tsfas is one of the four Holy Cities of Israel.) There the Ari-Zal and his disciples lived - to the extent that His honored burial place is in Tsfas. (And to this very day, He is called “The Ari-Zal who lives.”)</p> <p>The goal is that once more Tsfas should be revealed as a center for Torah study - and to even a much larger degree than before!</p> <p>This applies especially to the inner dimension of Torah which in our generation has been revealed through Chassidus.... via Tsfas... close to the Ari-Zal's Holy Burial Site.</p> <p>.....This Torah should be spread to the whole Israel, and from</p>
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	<p>there to the whole world.</p> <p>Now in order for people to be able to study Torah there amid tranquility and luxury - it is necessary that there should be no limitations (hindrances) due to housing or income etc.</p> <p>...As such, one can and does accomplish so much more regarding Torah and Mitzvos, and teaching others about Chassidus, which hastens the speedy arrival of Moshiach.</p>
<p>Reestablishing the Tzemach Tzedek Kolel and Synagogue</p>	<p>The above is also one of the reasons we have reestablished The Tzemach Tzedek Synagogue which was established by the Chassidim of The Tzemach Tzedek over 100 years ago (and especially considering that through Divine protection, it remained.)</p>

<p>We have the power to settle Tsfas and All Of Israel</p>	<p>As previously mentioned, this is one of the reasons that the community in Tsfas has been reestablished - wherein the Synagogue that the Chassidim of The Tzemach Tzedek founded exists, so we can continue Her Holiness, like “A Midget Standing On The Shoulder Of A Giant.”</p> <p>Though none of us can compare ourselves to the Tzemach-Tzedek, however He takes every Jew and places him on His shoulders - and then it truly becomes like a midget on a giant.</p> <p>We should be involved in all of this, in a way that it will create fruits, and fruits of fruits (effect people, who then effect others to likewise...) so people should take a lesson.</p>

	<p>We need to expand and beautify the Tsfas city - and the Galil in general, and the entire Israel amid peace of mind, joy, and prosperity.</p> <p>To the extent that not a single inch of land in Israel will be barren. As mentioned on numerous occasions the Jewish law, that settling Israel is literally a life/death situation! As such, we must settle her everywhere, so there will be no place that will be barren.</p>
<p>Studying – especially the inner dimension of – Torah</p>	<p>This (settling Israel) will be strengthened, beginning with the study of, and spreading of the inner dimension of Torah.</p> <p>We must also combine this learning with the revealed dimension of the Torah - in the Galil in general, and especially in Tsfas, and from there it should spread to the entire</p>

	<p>Israel.</p> <p>And very soon we will merit the fulfillment of the prophecy, "In the future, Jerusalem will spread out over Israel and Israel will spread over the whole world." And it will be that "The whole world will be G-d's," as Moshiach comes speedily in our days; "He will bring us upright, to our land" with the complete and final Redemption.</p>
<p>Add in the Holiness of Tsfas</p>	<p>And the main point - to fulfill the mission to cause Tsfas to have additional holiness.</p>
<p>Moshiach will first be revealed in the Galil</p>	<p>In addition, a benefit of Tsfas is that it is in the Galil, which "Moshiach will be revealed in the Galil" (Zohar.)</p> <p>...that Moshiach will be first</p>

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	revealed in Tsfas, and from there to the whole Israel.
Melaveh Malkah	There is a strong connection between a Melaveh Malka and Tsfas, for Melaveh Malkah is called “The meal of Moshiach,” who will be revealed in the Galil.
One of Israel’s Four Holy Cities	Tsfas is one of the four Holy Cities of Israel.
LAG B’OMER	From the special aspects of Tsfas (in addition to her being one of the four Holy Cities of Israel) she is connected to Lag B’Omer - for she is close to and “sees” Miron, where the resting place and the Tziyoin Of The Rashbi is...
La”G B’Omer	Even in previous generations and especially in ours, The Jews of Tsfas (and those further from Rashbi, all over Israel) would go to the Rashb”i

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	in Miron on Lag B'Omer - and beginning on the night of Lag B'Omer they would light bonfires for Rashb"i.
La" G B'Omer	Certainly the guests (Jews) from Tsfas will take an initiative and leadership in all the festivities connected to Lag B'Omer.