

Stream of Consciousness

**Tracking the Conceptual Flow in Rebbe Nachman of Breslov's
algorithmic masterpiece**

Likutei Moharan (1)

YAAKOV KLEIN

Hashmata – Lechu Chazu

Snapshot:

It is the Torah of the *Chameishes Yechidei HaDoros* that will enable us to recall the essence of reality and break free from our personal exile, the collective experience of which will herald the dawn of the Messianic Age.

Overview:

While the other *Tanna'im* foretold that the Torah was destined to be forgotten from among the Jewish nation, Rebbe Shimon Bar Yochai promised that – due to the progressive historical revelation of the Torah's soul, rooted in his *Sefer HaZohar* – it would never be forgotten, and that the Jewish nation would be redeemed from exile amidst divine Mercy and Love.

Data points:

- There is a qualitative distinction between Rebbe Shimon Bar Yochai and the other *Tanna'im*. This is developed in other writings of Rebbe Nachman where the soul of **Moshe Rabbeinu** (a redemptive soul which reveals heretofore unknown levels of spiritual insight through our holy Torah) is seen as having manifested four successive times throughout Jewish history for the purpose of bringing our nation ever-closer to the Messianic era, as the figures of: **Rebbe Shimon Bar Yochai**, the **Arizal**, the **Baal Shem Tov**, and, finally, **Rebbe Nachman of Breslov**, whose *sefer* opens with this very teaching as a kind of introduction. These five aspects of the Messianic Soul are called the "*Chameishes Yechidei HaDoros*" and are referred to throughout *Likutei Moharan* in many different ways, sometimes in a singular tense (eg. "*Tzaddik sheb'dor*") and sometimes in a plural tense (eg. "*tzaddikim shebador*").
- There is a relationship between the mysteries of Torah revealed by the *Chameishes Yechidei HaDoros*, the concept of remembering, and the final redemption.

Geulah Value:

The redemption depends upon the Torah consciousness revealed by the *Chameishes Yechidei HaDoros* which enables us to recall our essence.

Practical Takeaway:

To study the revelatory teachings of the *Chameishes Yechidei HaDoros* and those that drew upon their wellsprings.

Cumulative Drip:

Moshiach consciousness is revealed by the *Chameishes Yechidei HaDoros* in their holy teachings.