

The renowned lecturer, Rav Chaim Katz, is moved by the gift handed out at the end of the event • The Jew who established a fixed shiur in his shul • Salvation in matters of livelihood

From the offices of the World Organization for the Dissemination of the Torah of the Zera Shimshon, they share the following moving story:

It was in the winter of last year, when a gathering for bonding and spiritual strengthening was held by the organization Maftach Shel Banim at the Aristocrat Hotel in Bnei Brak. Despite the heavy rains that poured nonstop the entire day, hundreds of people attended.

The guest of honor was the well-known lecturer and director of the Chiburim Institute, Rav Chaim Katz, *shelita*, who led a special strengthening program. At the end of the event, the organizers handed out the new book **Zera Shimshon Yom Yom**, fresh off the press just a few weeks earlier, which they bought for this purpose. When Rav Katz received the book, he became deeply emotional, making no effort to hide it. The organizers couldn't understand why he was so moved by the book, but their confusion didn't last long: Rav Katz explained to everyone present:

"Know that this book you are holding in your hands is a special book — a book of *yeshuot*, of salvations. Don't just put it away on a shelf; read it consistently. And surely, next year we won't need a strengthening event like this at all. Instead, we'll hold a gathering of praise and thanksgiving to HaKadosh Baruch Hu."

The attendees understood that Rav Katz was speaking from personal experience — that he had clearly witnessed the results of these words. They gathered around him, eager to hear more. Not keeping them waiting, he shared the following incredible story, which he had heard from a close relative living in London:

"A beloved Jew from our London community had struggled for years to earn a steady livelihood. He tried his luck in many ways: at times he was a *melamed* (teacher) in a *cheder*, at other times he worked as an employee in various offices. And so he went from job to job, always with a valid reason for why

he had to leave the previous one or why it hadn't worked out. In short: *parnasah* kept slipping through his fingers.

One day he heard about the *segulah* of studying the **Zera Shimshon** and the great blessings it brings for livelihood — promises like '... and houses filled with all good things, wealth and honor...'. He decided: 'This will be my *hishtadlut* — my effort — to draw fixed sustenance for me and my family. I will establish a *shiur* on the **Zera Shimshon**, I will study from it consistently, and surely I will merit to see Hashem's salvation soon.' And so he established the *shiur* in the synagogue where he prayed every week, beginning to give the regular class.

Not long after, this man needed to renovate his home. When he began to look into hiring contractors, he realized it would cost an enormous amount he simply couldn't afford. Being handy with his hands, he decided: 'I'll be my own contractor.' He completed his home's renovation successfully, and that led him to make the decision to take up home renovation professionally — and success smiled upon him. From that time on, he became one of the most reliable and successful contractors in the entire area. And, as expected, his livelihood flowed with abundance from then on."

Rav Katz concluded his story, adding in a personal tone:

"After hearing from me this firsthand testimony about the power and strength of our master, the Zera Shimshon — which remains in force even hundreds of years after his passing — you can surely understand why a special emotion overtakes me when I see these auspicious books being distributed among the participants. Fortunate are you, who have merited to receive them."



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