



## *Carrying over the Mesorah to the Next Generation*

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The passuk in Yeshayahu says  
פתחו שערים ויבא גוי צדיק שמר  
אמונים - open gates and enter  
righteous nation who has steadfastly  
awaited the realizations of their faith,  
Rashi learns שמר אמונים to mean  
waiting for something to happen, we  
are waiting for our geulah to happen.  
The Navi is saying that the gates will  
open because we are a nation who  
waits the realization of our faiths .

Every year at the end of the Pesach  
Seder we say לשנה הבאה בירושלים  
which means next year we will be in  
ירושלים. Our fathers said it and our  
grandfathers said it and our great  
grandfathers said it. Yet despite the  
thousands of years that have passed  
without (cont'd on back)



There is a treasure that be-  
longs to each member of Klal  
Yisrael and that is the minhagim and  
mesorah of our fathers. Let us read a  
fascinating story about one of Klal Yis-  
rael's biggest giants and a minhag of  
this Gadol's youth.

One evening as the Chasam Sofer  
slept, he had a dream of five Torah  
scrolls wrapped in black covers. "Why  
are you in black?" the Chasam Sofer  
asked.

"Don't you know the custom of the  
city of your birth, Frankfurt Am  
Mainz?" the scrolls replied. "Don't  
you recall that on a public fast day the  
Torah scrolls are wrapped in black?"

Rabbi Sofer awoke, and he had the  
darkest (cont'd on back)



forebodings about what his dream had come to tell him. Soon a letter arrived in Mattersdorf bearing the tragic news: at the age of 85 his Rebbe Reb Nossen Adler had passed away. "Now I understand the meaning of the dream," Rabbi Sofer wrote. "The Torah mourns over the death of the Tzaddik." "The Chasam Sofer" written by Yaacov Dovid Shulman copied with kind permission of CIS publishers.

The חובות הלבבות writes that something we think is trivial is really considered very important in shamayim. We see from this story in a small way the chashivus of a minhag that when Hashem wanted to tell the Chasam Sofer his rebbe was nifter it was done through the precious minhagim of the Chasam Sofer's youth. Let us all appreciate the minhagim and mesorah of our ancestors until we can proudly display it to משיח צדקינו במהרה בימינו אמן .

the geulah happening yet and despite all the suffering we have gone through we still hold on and believe there will be a final geulah. We never give up our emunah no matter how long it takes for it to be fulfilled. This is an enormous feat of faith and the Navi says that for this emunah alone we are worthy of being rewarded when משיח comes. The gates of Yerushalayim will open and admit this honorable nation who kept its faith throughout the long galus despite thousands of years of disappointments ויבא גוי צדיק שמר אמונים.

Based on this Passuk our Chachamim say כל העונה אמן בכל כוחו פותחין לו שערי גן עדן whoever says Amen with all his strength of concentration, the gates of Gan Eden will be opened for him as it says פתחו שערים ויבא גוי צדיק שמר אמונים אל תקרי שמר אמונים אלא אמן don't read it שמר אמונים but those who say "אמן." When we are saying אמן aside for saying קל מלך נאמן we are saying what we just said, that despite any disappointments we express our firm belief that Hakadosh Baruch Hu is a נאמן the epitome of reliability and all promises made by him directly and all through his Neviem will eventually be realized. Concentrating on both meanings when saying Amen is the fulfillment of saying it בכל כוחו which will help one to enter Gan Eden. "Rav Schwab on Yeshayahu " adapted by his son Rav Moshe Schwab with kind permission of ArtScroll .