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Dear Customers!

We've some great news for you today! We are currently in the process of launching Meforshei HaOtzar – a unique, new program from Otzar HaChochma — read all about it in the attached brochure. Having said that, our annual winter update is being postponed this year and will come out, I'y"H in the coming months (we haven't yet got a clear date).

We've been working on the Meforshei HaOtzar initiative for over a year, and as you'll see, dozens of editors and staff personnel are constantly at work on the project. For now, the program is ready to use and contains approx. half the Shas. (The masechtos currently included are: Brochos, Shabbos, Gittin, Kidushin, Bava Kama, Bava Metzia, Chulin, Bechoros, Arachin, Temura, Krisos, Meilah, Tamid, Niddah. Maseches Eiruvim is not yet complete, but is being included in the package, for the benefit of our lomdim). The remaining masechtos of the Shas are being worked on, with each Maseches at various stages of completion. I'y"H the project will be finished towards the end of this year, around the time of the Yamim Noraim.

For now, the Meforshei HaOtzar program is available only to customers of Otzar HaChochma. In future, we plan to adapt and market the software to the wider public as well. Prices and details will be published at the time.

We are offering you the Meforshei HaOtzar program as it is now, in all its glory, despite it being still a work in progress. You will be able to download and install the program, as well as pay for it, without having to send your external drive to our office. Purchase and installation can be carried out online in a fast, user-friendly process.

Due to the automatic instillation technical support will be given via email instead of by your local tech support agent. meforshei@otzar.biz

All buyers will receive special notifications about future updates and will be able to update their program automatically, **at no further cost**. Any customer who buys the Meforshei HaOtzar now, with the project still in its early stage, is eligible for yet another significant discount.

The program is now being sold for 399\$, and includes all the Masechtos and updates that will be added up further down the line, until we complete the Shas . At each stage of the project's progress towards its completion, the package's price will rise accordingly, until reaching its final price of 522\$, around the time of the upcoming Yamim Noraim I'y"H. Full payment details appear below.

The contract/agreement with the company is subject to the Heter Iska that appears on the website and in the company's offices.

You purchase the software, or install a demo version, easily and conveniently, with the following link: <http://mefo.otzar.org/info/>

Click on the above link to read all about the program: Installation instructions, Demo version, Full price list, adapting it to older versions of Otzar HaChochma, Program tryouts, User comments and feedback, FAQs, About Us, and more. You will also find attached a FAQ Sheet with all the commonly asked questions about Meforshei HaOtzar.

Help and Technical support will be given via email at meforshei@otzar.biz

Meforshei HaOtzar Price List:

Adar 399\$ Nissan-Iyar: 440\$ Sivan-Tamuz: 480\$ Av-Elul and onwards: 522\$

With the launch of this project, several loyal customers were given the chance to try out Meforshei HaOtzar.

Here's a sampling of their enthusiastic responses:

"I am in the middle of writing a chaburah on Shabbos Daf 80. I clicked onto Meforshei HaOtzar, and – wow! I'm finding a treasure chest full of precious discoveries there. It's priceless! You've made me very happy!!!"
Rabbi David Sofer, Rosh Yeshivas "Kaf HaChaim", and Rav of Kehillas HaSefardim / Givat Ze'ev HaChadasha

"I've been introduced to the beta version of Meforshei HaOtzar. I'm speechless... this is a masterpiece that surpasses any innovation that we may have imagined you may come up with. I'm waiting impatiently to update the program and bring the "Otzar" into my home. Rabbi Noam Lesser, a veteran program user, and Meishiv in the Mir.

"You're taking away our excuses for Judgement Day! Everything is so convenient and accessible; pleasing and engaging... Every few lines of Tosfos reveal to the learner whole new worlds of chiddushim that were written throughout centuries. It's amazing!"

[What's more, it's been a long time since any works have been published on Gemara, Rashi & Tosfos. Some of the most recent ones were Ayelet HaShachar and Minchas Yehuda. But in light of this initiative, I think it's worth going back

and writing brief comments on Gemara, Rashi & Tosfos that will be widely used]...” Rabbi Avraham Moshe Roth, Rosh Kollel Achvas Torah, Jslm. and one of the Rabbonim of Kehillas Rosh HaGivah / Givat Hamivtar.

“After bending and bowing in Modim D’Rabonom over this wonderful initiative that looks and feels as if it is taken out of a sweet dream, I am convinced that this is going to complement our product to perfection!


Waiting with bated breath for the completion of this project and its speedy addition to the original software.

May you go from strength to strength and continue to make the eyes of all learners sparkle with joy, as you bring vast storehouses of knowledge to the tens of thousands who plumb the depths of Hashem’s Torah and take pleasure in its learning”. Rabbi Eliyahu Fischer, Ram of Yeshiva LTzeirim — Torah editor and one of Otzar HaChochma’s earliest users.

We eagerly anticipate getting to know you through the Meforshei HaOtzar program, and are here to provide you, as always, with the best service possible. We love maintaining a warm relationship with our customers; helping to further our mutual goals of increased Torah study, in the service of Hashem.

The Otzar HaChochma Team, Jerusalem

Meforshei HaOtzar FAQs

- **Q. My computer has no internet access. Can I still install the program on my computer?**
 - A. Yes: If you connect your external drive to a computer that does have internet access, you can carry out the downloading and setup. After running the program on that computer, you can then close the program, remove the external drive and connect it to your regular computer. When you open the drive on your own computer you will find a folder called: **mefotzar** which contains a file called: **mefotzar** (with this icon: ).

- **Q. My Otzar HaChochma program is an old version of the software. Will the Meforshei HaOtzar work properly on it?**
 - A. Yes. The program knows how to “recognize” and adapt itself to any earlier version. For customers who have version 11, or earlier, it will add the New Vilna Shas on which the program is based. This is done automatically when installing the program.

Bear in mind that a customer who has an old version of Otzar HaChochma will see the sources from books that are included in the program up to his version, but will not see references to books that were added to more recent versions.

These days, until further notice, you can still purchase updates at a 50% discount. You now have the opportunity to upgrade your drive while purchasing Meforshei HaOtzar, at an *additional* 10% discount. Make the most of this special offer!!

- **Q. When I try to install the program, I get a program error that says: "Error. We are unable to connect to our servers. Verify through your service provider that port 9000 is open". What do I do with this error code?**
 - A. You need to approach your internet service provider and ask them to make port 9000 available to mefo.otzar.org

- **Q. I'm not a customer of Otzar HaChochma. Can I still purchase Meforshei HaOtzar?**
 - A. For the time being, Meforshei HaOtzar will only work for people who have purchased Otzar HaChochma. We hope to market this software in future, ly'H, also to people who do not own the Otzar HaChochma program. Follow our advertising!
 - A. **Q. What operating system do I need to be able to install the software?** The software will work with Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 10. Anyone who has a different operating system can contact our technical support to find out whether and how they can run the software on their computer (Tel. 02-5866078 / Ext.4).

- **Q. Is Meforshei HaOtzar available online?**
 - A. Yes. You can purchase monthly subscriptions through our online store.

- **Q. I downloaded the program and began installing it, when the installation disappeared in the middle of the process. What should I do?**
 - A. It's worth checking whether you have enough spare memory on your Otzar HaChochma drive. The program takes up a little over a Gigabyte. Moreover, we recommend connecting the drive directly to your computer and not through extension cords or multiple sockets. It's also worth checking whether your USB plug is functional and in good condition. A partial, incomplete connection to your computer can lead to loss of connectivity and will disrupt the installation process.
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