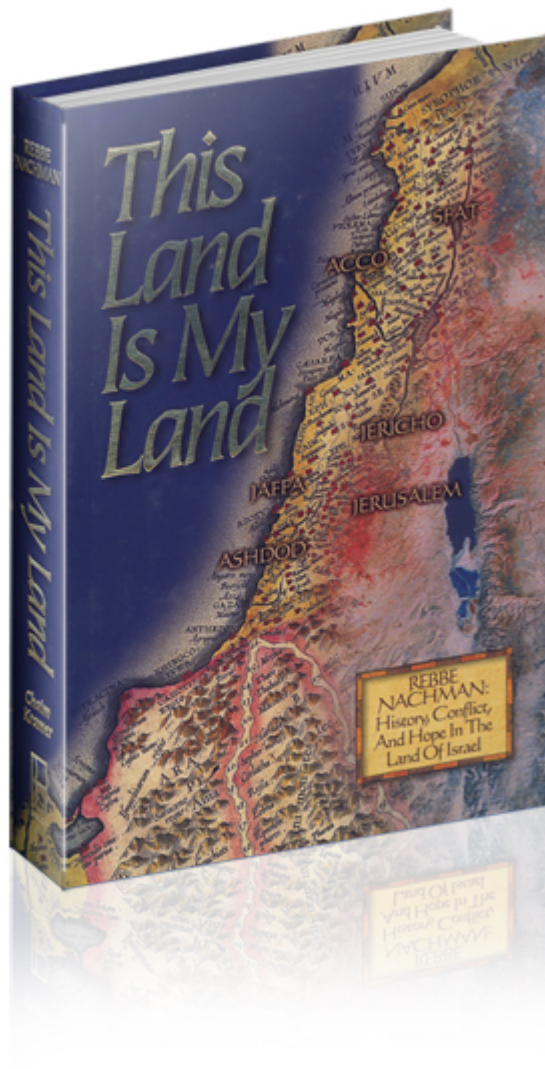


An Unbreakable Bond

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We find in the *Sefer Yetzirah* that the tribe associated with the month of Sivan is Zevulun.

When Moshe blessed the tribes at the end of Deuteronomy he declared, "Rejoice, Zevulun, in your going out and Yissachar in your tents." Yissachar is the paradigm of the Torah scholar who learns, supported as a full partner by the far-reaching business of Zevulun, who traded at sea.

The Torah and our tradition teach that Zevulun's portion of the land of Israel is on the border and Zevulun himself was

buried in Tzidon, which is also on the northern boundary of Israel. Reb Nosson of Breslov explained that these geographical facts hint to a deeper truth—we reach the spiritual quality of the land of Israel by overcoming our addiction to material gain and security. We do this, like Zevulun who bridges the border, by sharing our hard-earned money generously and without attachment with genuine Torah causes, symbolized by Yissachar.

Giving charity to support the work of the great *tzaddikim* and following in their ways forms a special bond between us and G-d. Regarding the land of Israel, the verse states it is, “the rope of your inheritance”—the land itself has the potential to forge an unbreakable connection between us and G-d. This bond will never be warped or wrecked. It endures forever.