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In Heaven and On Earth

THE REBBE R' MORDCHELE OF NADVORNA

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With an introduction by Liel Leibovitz

To my family

THE MENSCHENFREUNDS OF NADVORNA

scribes of sacred letters, early followers of the Rebbe R' Mordechai, and keepers of a faith carried across continents.

From the shtetl's whitewashed houses to the immigrant streets of America, you preserved more than parchment—you preserved a legacy.

This book is for all of you, in the Old Country and the New.

And to four torchbearers of the Rebbe's holy path, whose presence, guidance, and influence have shaped my days and this book:

MY REBBE, GRAND RABBI SHLOIME LEIFER SHLITA OF NADVORNA,

a rare and radiant embodiment of the Old World Rebbe, towering *Talmid Chochom*, and steadfast American leader of his generation;

RABBI YISROEL CHAIM LEIFER ZT"L OF BISHTINA,

whose voice still echoes in these stories;

RABBI YISSOCHER BER LEIFER ZT"L OF ZHILIN,

whose light continues to shine; and

GRAND RABBI AHARON YECHIEL LEIFER ZT"L OF NADVORNA-BANIA,

a flame that burned brightly in the holy city of Tsfas and continues to warm us still.

Living and eternal, each of you is a luminous link in the chain of sacred devotion; through your presence and memory, the past lives forward.

We were bound together in the *Alte Heym* by shared faith and devotion to the Rebbe; we remain bound here in this land by shared mission; and may we merit to go forward together, ever upwards, until we greet *Moshiach Tzidkeinu*, speedily and in our days—במהרה בימינו אמן.

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