

נִלְוֵי לַיְלֵי לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְלַיְלֵי לְיִשְׂרָאֵל

Behold the bed of Solomon [Hashem], the Tent of Meeting and the Ark, which they carried in the desert, sixty mighty men are around it, sixty myriad surround it, of the mighty men of Israel, of those who go out to the army, in addition to those under twenty [years of age] and those over sixty. They all hold the sword, each one with his sword on his thigh because of fear at night, skilled in warfare, the war of Torah...

(Shir HaShirim 3:7,8 with Rashi)

Klal Yisroel's relationship to Hashem is compared to that of a chosson and kallah, and the *mishkan* as the designated dwelling of the Divine presence amongst us. Who are those most close to the "Chosson" – the Divine presence? Those who are "**skilled in warfare, the war of Torah!**" For the closest connection we have with Hashem is through learning His Torah, the act of which is described by Chazal as, "Kisses of the kisses of the mouth", of Hashem, so to speak! (See Shir Hashirim 1:2). And what type of Torah? "The war of Torah"! For it is delving into the depths of each word of Hashem and the interactive fighting to understand it's true meaning, that is what brings out our intimate and eternal bond with Him!

