

The Seven Beggars and other kabbalistic tales of Rebbe Nachman of
Breslov, translated by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan.

The Flame of the Heart - prayers of a Chasidic Mystic, translated and
adapted by David Sears.

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The Seven Beggars forms a companion volume to the Lost Princess and other tales of Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav. In this collection of his tales, like the others, the stories are accompanied by a commentary with copious notes and source references. Nachman's stories can be read on several levels, as he no doubt intended, and at their deepest have profound messages of a spiritual and religious kind. This volume marks a further sign of Jewish Lights' excellent collaboration with the Breslov Research Institute, which has brought so much of the Rebbe's work to a wider audience.

The Flame of the Heart is a collection of the prayers of Rabbi Noson Steinhartz, the foremost disciple of Rebbe Nachman. They are divided into seven sections, Spiritual Awakening, Self-Improvement, Cleaving to God, Meditation, Deeds, Peace and Redemption. As might be expected in any such collection the quality of the prayers varies but the fine ones are very fine indeed. Flame of the Heart makes a nice companion to the collections of Rebbe Nachman's prayers and meditations already published by Jewish Lights.

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