

CONNECTIONS



SPECIAL PRE-YARCHEI KALLAH EDITION

"וספרתם לכם ממחרת השבת..." (ויקרא כג' טו") "ותן חלקנו בתורתך, שבענו מטובך..."

Another winter has passed and we stand again in the period where we count toward *kabolas haTorah* with great anticipation...

On the Ner Michoel calendar another "countdown" has begun as well. As we write these words, we find ourselves in the thick of preparations for this year's Yarchei Kallah. Once again, on Memorial Day weekend, the Rosh Yeshiva will *iy"H* join the *talmidim*, for a powerful day of *limud haTorah* and *chizuk*. In keeping with the spirit of the Yeshiva and Ner Michoel, this year's Yarchei Kallah will feature *chaburos*, given by a diverse array of alumni - doctors, professionals and businessmen along with those in *klei kodesh*. An assortment of *meishivim*, as well as the largest ever group of yeshiva staff participants, will *iy"H* be in attendance.

In keeping with the theme of the Yarchei Kallah, this issue of Connections is a tribute of sorts, to our *talmidim* and *rabbeim* in all walks of life, who have found amazing ways to keep their lifelong quest to further their *limud haTorah* going and growing...

Firstly, we offer you a colorful preview of what to expect at this year's Yarchei Kallah... In addition, you will read of an ongoing project undertaken by David Danesh esq. who not only enhances his own learning daily in the *kollel boker* that he

founded, but raises up an entire group. You will read of two new seforim written by Rabbis Moshe Boylan and Eliezer Neihaus, respectively.

We also feature an article on Rav Yechezkel Jager shlit"a, a veteran maggid shiur in the Yeshiva, and his recently published sefer. And to round it off, you will read of Ner Michoel's Mishnayos project's latest *siyum* on *Seder Mo'ed*.

Zman Matan Toraseinu is fast approaching ... So is the Yarchei Kallah... We are very much looking forward to participating this year. And we are very much looking forward to seeing each of you there.

בברכה,



Dan Sinowitz
Rabbi Daniel Sinowitz



Shmuel Weiner
Rabbi Shmuel Weiner

5th Annual Yarchei Kallah to feature new list of Roshei Chabura

Anticipation is in the air as the final preparations are made for the upcoming 5th Annual Yarchei Kallah, to be held *iy"H* on Sunday, May 27, Memorial Day weekend, at Khal Kol Torah in Flatbush.

"The tremendous Kol Torah of last year's Yarchei Kallah, the packed *beis medrash*

filled with *chavrusos*, *chaburos*, the Rosh HaYeshiva's *shiur*, and the *dibbuk chaverim*, is still ringing in my ears", says Rabbi Moshe Chaim Jacobowitz. "This year, we're looking forward to build on that success with an exciting post-Shavuos Yarchei Kallah. We'll be learning the *halachos* of *choleh*, *sakana*, and *pikuach nefesh* on Shabbos, topics which

we hope do not come up much, but shed light on the fundamentals of our *shemiras Shabbos* and *shemiras hanefesh*."

"Among the highlights of last year's event", Rabbi Jacobowitz continues, "were the dominating Roshei Chabura. In fact, some of those Roshei Chabura are returning this year as *sho'elim u'meishivim*."

And, we are very eager to hear *iy”h* from this year’s Roshei Chabura as they expound on the *sugya*. A special highlight this year is that our list of Roshei Chabura not only includes those in *klei kodesh*, but also *baalei battim*. Some of the Roshei Chabura are preparing in pairs, focusing on both the *lomdus* of the *sugyos* as well as the *halacha lema’aseh*.”

Among the paired Roshei Chabura who are preparing together are two alumni in Baltimore: Rabbi Moshe Schuchman of the STAR-K, and Dr. Chaim Ambinder of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

“Although it’s been more than a quarter century since I arrived in Toras Moshe,” Rabbi Schuchman says, “and over two decades since I left the *beis medrash*, my desire to connect with the Torah of the Rosh HaYeshiva *shlita*, and the *rebbeim*, only increases. It’s amazing how the things we learned, heard, and observed in Yeshiva so many years ago begin to make sense so many years later. Chazal say that a *talmid* truly understands his *rebbei* only after forty years. I’m sure that I still haven’t grasped the full profundity of what I learned back then, but as time progresses, in some ways, the message becomes clearer, and makes you thirsty to go back and learn even more!

“I greatly appreciate the Rosh HaYeshiva’s efforts over the years to continually provide his *talmidim* in the United States with the opportunity to learn from him directly. The Yarchei Kallah format has

an advantage over the ad hoc *shiurim* and *shmuessen* the Rosh HaYeshiva regularly delivers in Baltimore, in that the *talmidim* can prepare the material in advance and gain even more from the *shiur*. This year, we’re learning the *sugyos* in the preceding weeks, instead of the just the day of the event; this heightens the excitement as we anticipate the *shiur* that will extract the underlying *yesodos* and tie together what we’ve learned.



Rabbi Moshe Schuchman

While I was a *talmid* in Yeshiva, the *hanhalla* always invested great care in matching up *chavrusos*. I never imagined that I would again be the beneficiary of another such *chavrusa* arrangement, until Rav Naftali *shlita* called and assigned me to learn with Dr. Chaim Ambinder. It’s been spectacular! Chaim’s commitment to finding time to learn combined with his expertise in medicine makes the learning very enjoyable.”

“In my profession,” Dr. Ambinder explains, “it can be quite a challenge to be *kovea ittim* because of the 30-hour long ‘calls’. One day, while I was sitting

in Rabbi Eichenstein shul, really involved in a *sugya*, I was quite surprised to see the Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Meiselman, coming toward me. ‘I’m so excited to see that you’re learning!’, he said to me. Some time later, he called me and urged me to learn with Rabbi Schuchman. It’s really a match made in heaven; we had been *chavrusas* back in Toras Moshe, and now we’re at it again. *Boruch Hashem*, it’s going really well; he’s really into the



Dr. Chaim Ambinder

sugya – even during the times that I can’t be. *Baalei battim* can really benefit from learning with a *klei kodesh chavrusa* who keeps them engaged.”

Rabbi Jacobowitz concludes: “The Rosh HaYeshiva *shlita* strongly encourages all alumni to attend, both those who are choosing to spend their well-deserved day off from work within the *koslei beis hamedrash*, as well as those who would be otherwise learning in another *beis medrash*. Along with the Rosh HaYeshiva, many of us are planning on participating – Rabbi Shmuli Weiner, Rabbi Daniel Sinowitz, Rabbi Naftali Meiselman, and myself. We look forward to seeing everyone there and learning together.”



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and **ROSHEI CHABURA FROM THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA**

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Sunday, May 27th
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LOCATION
KHAL KOL TORAH
2022 Avenue M · Brooklyn, NY 11210

SCHEDULE

9:30AM Welcome: Coffee & Refreshments
10:00AM-12:00PM First Seder
12:00PM-12:45PM Shiur, Rosh HaYeshiva
12:45PM-1:30PM Lunch will be served
1:30PM-3:00PM Second Seder, Break into Chaburos
3:00PM-3:45PM Presentations of Roshei Chabura
3:45PM-4:15PM Divrei Chizuk & Farewell, Rosh HaYeshiva
4:15PM Mincha

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R’ Betzael Dalezman Class of 2006

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Embracing Mattan Torah All Year Long

Toras Moshe is unique in that the Yeshiva places a strong emphasis on *ameilus b'Torah* and *Torah b'Iyun*. This emphasis was certainly communicated with the 2017 Dinner in which the theme was Learning Torah. Living Torah. Loving Torah, a theme which reinforced the key elements of what makes Toras Moshe and its alumni so special. The fact that the Kuntres Birkas Tzvi, a publication of *chiddushei Torah* by alumni who are in Klei Kodesh as well as those who are *baalei baatim*, received almost 150 *shtiklach*, showcased once again how Toras Moshe alumni truly live a life of Torah.

It is for this reason that the Rosh Hayeshiva and the *rebbeim* are looking forward to the upcoming Yarchei Kallah on May 27th. This year's Yarchei Kallah is unique in that the date of the event takes place after Shavuos. While many may look to take a break after a long Sefiras Haomer and Shavuos, this year's Yarchei Kallah will allow us to bring a *tikkun* to what the Gemara in Shabbos (Daf 116) states was an issue with Klal Yisroel as they left Har Sinai. The Gemara says that we left Har Sinai, as a

child running from cheder. This year's Yarchei Kallah will demonstrate that we can follow up Shavuos – Mattan Torah – by going *m'choyil el choyil* with a day of *ameilus* and *iyun b'Torah* rather than running away. We will spend a day learning Torah with our *rebbeim* and *chaveirim* to demonstrate once again what it is like to learn in Yeshivas Toras Moshe and to celebrate the special bond of Am Yisroel with Hakadosh Baruch Hu and the Torah.

The Yarchei Kallah will feature the Rosh Yeshiva, along with a variety of alumni giving *chaburos* including *Rabbonim*, *marbitzei Torah*, lawyers, doctors, and business professionals. This is an expression of everything Toras Moshe stands for: Learning, living and loving Torah. This concept will be further elaborated upon in our upcoming 36th Annual Dinner which will take place in November Be'H, and whose theme will be *כי הם חייו*, a theme which will once again express what makes Toras Moshe so special. It is the Rosh Hayeshiva. The *rebbeim*. The *talmidim*. The alumni. And ultimately the idea that Torah is everything. Torah is our life.



LOOKING FORWARD TO LEARNING WITH YOU!



ROSHEI CHABURA



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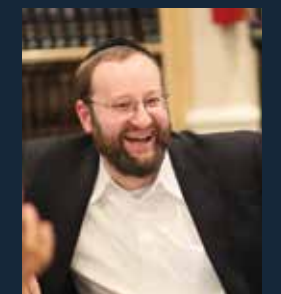
R' CHAIM AMBINDER



R' DOVIE FRIEDMAN



R' MOSHE SCHUCHMAN



R' NAFTALI KATZ



R' AVROMI RUDNER



R' MOSHE KAUFMAN



R' NETANEL DANCYKIER



R' TUVIA AZER

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RAV SAREL KALISH



RAV ZEV FLAUMENHAFT AND RAV REUVEN SCHWARTZ



RAV YEHUDA EISENSTEIN

SUNDAY, MAY 27TH

The 'Kollel' in Flatbush— Framing the Day with Torah



One of the hallmarks of a Toras Moshe *talmid* is his commitment to the Yeshiva's *derech* in learning and the guidance and influence it brings to his daily life, whether in the *bais hamedrash* or the workplace.

David Danesh, a successful tax lawyer at the international law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP, learned in Toras Moshe from 2008 to 2010. About a year ago, while sitting with several friends, David brought up the idea that a serious *iyun chabura* would be highly beneficial to the group. He then asked Rabbi Chaim Stern – a former colleague of his from Goldman Sachs and a formidable Talmid Chochom – to lead what they refer to as the “Kollel”. The group began meeting every Shabbos afternoon at Rabbi Kahn’s Shul (Knesses Bais Avigdor) in Flatbush. Rabbi Stern prepares the *marei mekomos* and learns with the group; the goal is to systematically go through complex and exciting *sugyas* in Shas. They have just concluded the *sugya* of *ba b’machteres*, which was quite a challenge; with each member feeling gratified with the clarity and knowledge he has gained.

After several months, the *chabura* was so pleased with the way things were going that they decided it was time to take things to the next level. They began meeting at 6:15 every weekday morning for a 45-minute learning

session, followed by Shacharis at 7 AM. “We wanted a serious *seder*”, David explains, “but something a bit more *bekius*-oriented, so we’re learning Daf Yomi. Not only is the learning itself enjoyable, it also influences our entire day. By the time I arrive at my office at 9 o’clock, I’m much sharper than I was before; I’m ready to tackle anything because of that experience in the morning with my *ruchniyus* already reinforced. Think of it this way: at 7:45, the day just began and you’re already a ‘winner’ – you’ve learned well and you’ve followed it with a proper *davening*.”

“Our Shabbos Kollel continues in parallel to the daily Daf Yomi. We’ve covered an impressive number of *sugyas* in Shas on Shabbos, as well as many *masechtos* during the week. Each one of us feels privileged to be part of a close group of highly motivated and driven professionals who also take their learning and *davening* very seriously; we want to maintain our level of success in our spiritual lives as well.”

Phil Shelby is a member of the Kollel who still learns in Yeshiva full time. A current talmid at Yeshivat Ateret Torah, his Yeshiva learning is mainly in the *mesechtos* of

Seder Moed and more *halacha*-based. He joined the Kollel because he wanted to complement his regular *sedorim* with the excitement of learning *be’iyun* that he’d become accustomed with, as well as the *bekius* and *chazara* offered by the weekday morning program. “At the Kollel on Shabbos, I feel like I’m recapturing the spirit of my younger days in Yeshiva”, he says. “It’s my true Oneg Shabbos!”

“Personally,” David offers, “the Kollel makes me feel that my entire day is *avodas haKodesh*. My current learning *seder* is a continuation of what I learned in Toras Moshe; it will carry me along the next phase of my life. It doesn’t come to an end when I close the Gemara at seven o’clock. My subsequent davening, going to work, and making a Kiddush Hashem there by being courteous, honest, and respectful with my clients and colleagues is a continuation of the learning that started my day. I can’t think of having a day without it; we all have late nights at work, *chasunos* to attend, and other things that keep us from going to bed at a decent hour. It’s quite a struggle



David Danesh

to get up early the next morning and make it to the Kollel, but we do it because there’s no other option – that’s the way we view it and that’s the way we live.

“The *shul* that hosts our Kollel – Rav Kahn and the members of his *kehilla* – is very supportive of this project. As for the members themselves – we’ve become a very close knit group. We enjoy periodic *melave malkas* and other events together; there’s a lot of camaraderie between us and I consider Rabbi Chaim Stern an inspirational *rebbe* and very close friend. Most importantly, each of us feels that we have a share in the entire Kollel’s continued success.”

Rabbi Moshe Boylan publishes a new sefer on Kiddush Levana

Rabbi Moshe Boylan’s new *sefer* is called *The Halachos Of Kiddush Levana: Chelkas HaLevi – Tovim Meoros*. It was published by Judaica Press, and is available in many Jewish bookstores. It has been endorsed with the *haskamos* of Rav Gavriel Tzinner Shlita (author of the Nitei Gavriel) and Rav Yaakov Forchheimer (leading *posek* of BMG, Lakewood). The *sefer* discusses many aspects of the *halachos* of Kiddush Levana, includes topics such as which part of the month Kiddush Levana should be said, who should say it, why it is said, and the various *segulos* ascribed to it. The *bracha* of Kiddush Levana is explained and some of the *hashkafa* of Kiddush Levana is mentioned. The significance of this mitzvah and some of the other details of the mitzvah are discussed.

“Kiddush Levana – or Birkat Levana, as Sefardim call it – is a *bracha* which male Jews say every month”, Rabbi Boylan explains. “It thanks Hashem for the cycle of the moon, and makes reference to the fact that Klal Yisroel themselves will ultimately rejuvenate themselves just as the moon has.

“Some of these *segulos*, of Kiddush Levana include finding a *shidduch*, avoiding pain in the teeth, and serving as a *zechus* that the person saying it should live through the month. A *remez* to the *segulah* of finding a *shidduch* is that *besulah nis’ais le’yom ha’revi’i* has the *roshei taivos* of ‘Levana’, hinting that Kiddush Levana will help a person to find their *zivug* and get married.

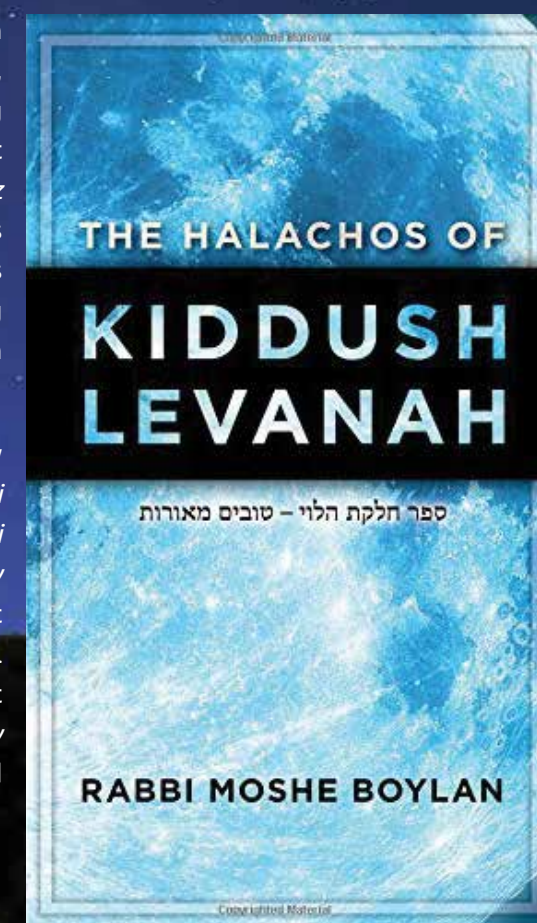
“The Admor M’Rizhin zt”l would say that when a person said ‘*kesheim she’ani rokeid kenegdaich... lo yuchlu lingo’a bi lera’ah*’, one can add ‘*velo yihyeh li ke’aiv shinayim*’, *davening* that one should not have pain in his teeth. The Steipler zt”l would sometimes also add – at this part of Kiddush Levana – ‘*velo yihyeh ke’aiv shinayim le’ishti*’ – a prayer for him and his wife not to have teeth pain.

“I tried to include the full gamut of *minhagei Yisroel* with regards to this mitzvah. This includes *minhagim* from Sefardim, Ashkenazim, Chassidim and numerous subgroups of the above, including Bobov, Munkatch, Chabad, and others. For instance, the *minhag Yisroel* is that Shalom Aleichem is said three times in Kiddush Levana. The Ashkenazim say this to three different people. Many Sefardim say Shalom Aleichem to themselves, and not to other people. After writing the *sefer*, I discovered that in fact some Sefardim also say “Shalom Aleichem” during Kiddush Levana to other people, just as Ashkenazim.

“What is the reason for saying Shalom Aleichem to others? One reason is that we say ‘*tipol aleihem aimasah vafachad...*’, which is saying a curse to the enemies of Klal Yisroel. Thus, we are saying the equivalent of Lo Aleichem, not on you, as we say that for the people around us we wish only peace.

Some communities do not say Kiddush Levana during Aseres Yemei Teshuva, waiting for after Yom Kippur. The reason for this is that during Aseres Yemei Teshuva we are in a state of fear and trepidation, and are not in the proper frame of mind to say Kiddush Levana, which is supposed to have *simcha*, as it is a time of *Kabala P’nai HaShechinah*. The Minhag HaGra is to *davka* say Kiddush Levana during Aseres Yemei Teshuva, allowing this *zechus* to help us to get a Gemar Chasimah Tovah. Minhag Skver is likewise to say Kiddush Levana during Aseres Yemei Teshuva.”

May the *zechus* of Kiddush Levana stand for Klal Yisroel to be *zoche* soon to the fulfillment of Dovid Melech Yisroel Chai V’kayam, with the speedy arrival of Moshiach Tzidkeinu.



Rabbi Jager publishes exciting new sefer on Kiddush and Havdalah

Rabbi Shaul Yechezkel Jager, a long time popular second-seder rebbi at Yeshiva Toras Moshe, recently published a new sefer called *Kiddushah Rabbah*, on the sugyos of Kiddush and Havdalah.

A native of New York, Rabbi Jager learned in Mesivta Torah Vodaath until his family moved to Australia when he was fourteen years old. Three years later, he arrived in Eretz Yisroel, where he became known as an exceptional *talmid* of the Yeshivos of Kamenitz and Mir in Yerushalayim. While residing in the Bucharim neighborhood next to Toras Moshe's original location, Rabbi Jager would often daven and learn in the Yeshiva, where became acquainted with many of the *talmidim*. About twenty years ago, the Rosh HaYeshiva invited him to serve as a second-seder *maggid shiur*.

Several years ago, Rabbi Jager was teaching *perek* Arvei Pesachim to his *talmidim* in Toras Moshe. As is well known, this *perek* encapsulates the *sugyos* of Kiddush and Havdala. Observing the great amount of interest in the topic, Rabbi Jager used his *shiurim* as the basis for his comprehensive *sefer*. He invested many hours, producing a wide-ranging work that analyzes the *halachos* of Kiddush and Havdalah, as well as other related topics including Kavod Shabbos and *mitzvos* that involve a cup of wine e.g. *sheva brachos* and *kos shel Birchas Hamazon*. The Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Moshe Meiselman urged Rabbi Jager to publish his *sefer*; in his warm *haskama*, the Rosh HaYeshiva writes that anyone wishing to learn and understand *devarim hakashim he'eilu* – these difficult subjects, will benefit from what is written here. Rabbi Jager also received effusive *haskamos* from his *rebbeim* in Kaminetz, Rav Yitzchok Scheiner and Rav Baruch Dov Lichtstein, as well as from Rav Eliezer Yehuda Finkel, Rosh Yeshivas Mir.



The *sefer* begins with 7 *simanim* on *Ikhar Klalei Kiddush V'havdallah*, the basic halachic concepts. This is followed by another 26 *simanim* on the *sugyos*, arranged according to the *dapei ha'gemara* in Arvei Pesachim, covering several other places in Shas as well.

The third and final section of the sefer is called Minchas Shai HaKohen. The is a special section dedicated as a *zecher* to Rabbi Jager's maternal grandfather and namesake, HaKadosh Rav Shaul Yechezkel HaKohen Gottdiener *hy"d*, who perished in the Holocaust. As a young 20-21 year-old *bochur*, Rav Gottdiener submitted his chiddushei Torah for publication in a pre-war Hungarian Torah journal; Rabbi Jager was able to locate five of these pieces and appended them to his *sefer*, adding a brief biography of his grandfather and insightful footnotes.

In his introduction, Rabbi Jager acknowledges Rabbi Zev Meir Steinmetz, a fellow *maggid shiur* at Toras Moshe with whom he constantly reviews all the *sugyos* learned in Yeshiva, including the topics of the sefer; some of Rabbi Steinmetz's insights are included in the *sefer*. *Mi'talmidai yoseir mikulam* – Rabbi Jager points to his *talmidim* in Yeshiva, whose quest for a thorough understanding of the Gemara on the highest level possible obligated him to delve deeply and attain clarity in the topics he taught them.

"I came to learn in Eretz Yisroel when I was seventeen", Rabbi Jager points out, "the same age as the *bochurim* in my *shiur*. If anyone told me, at that time, that I would have the *zechus* to write a *sefer* covering such complex *sugyos*, I would have never believed them. I hope that the *sefer* will demonstrate to young people that if they take their learning seriously and persist in their *hasmada*, they will achieve beyond anyone's expectations!"

Alumnus Rabbi Eliezer Menachem Niehaus Creates an 'Oasis' with his new Sefer

Rabbi Eliezer Menachem Niehaus (class of '94 and longtime *gabbai* in Yeshiva) is the Rosh Kollel of Kollel Erev Zichron Aharon Yaakov in Kiryat Sefer, a *rebbe* in Yeshivas Tiferes Yisroel in Yerushalayim, and author of the newly released *Oasis: Experience the Paradise of Shabbos*.

About six years ago – with the Rosh HaYeshiva's encouragement – Rabbi Niehaus began writing a monthly Torah column in the Jewish Press. "I named the column 'Bringing Your Yiddishkeit to Life!', Rabbi Niehaus explains, "as my goal was to bring more meaning and life to different aspects of Yiddishkeit. Early on, I began a series of articles about Shabbos, sharing with my readers the many aspects of Shabbos and what makes it truly special. Baruch Hashem, the response of the readers was enthusiastic. I received letters from readers who wrote that my articles literally changed their Shabbos!"

"After three and a half years, I reached my thirty-ninth article. Although there were still many untouched subjects, I decided that since there are thirty-nine *melachos*, this was a good place to stop and begin a new series on the topic of *tefillah*. Soon after the switch, requests for past articles began to arrive. In addition, I had been distributing the Shabbos articles in small paperback editions as a way of raising funds for our night *kollel*, and they were very well received. From all over, people began to urge me to print them as a proper *sefer* so that they could reach a greater and larger audience in a more permanent fashion.

"Please", I said, "There are already so many *seforim* and books about Shabbos!" They answered me that while there are many *halacha* books about Shabbos, there are no hashkafa publications that actually give meaning to Shabbos. People are aware of what you may and may not do, but their Shabbos is without a *neshamah*. They don't realize that after being very careful about keeping the *halachos*, a bit more thought and understanding would enable them to truly enjoy this tremendous mitzvah!"

"After some research, I was quite surprised to discover that there actually was a great need for a *sefer* such as this one. I consulted with the Rosh HaYeshiva; I spoke with the Mashgiach, who emphasized the need for such a *sefer* and urged me to proceed. He added, however, that it would take a lot work on my part. Indeed, it took me two more years, as this is not merely a collection of my original articles, but a structured book with many additions and an extensive and informative introduction. There are also brand-new 'Practically Speaking' and

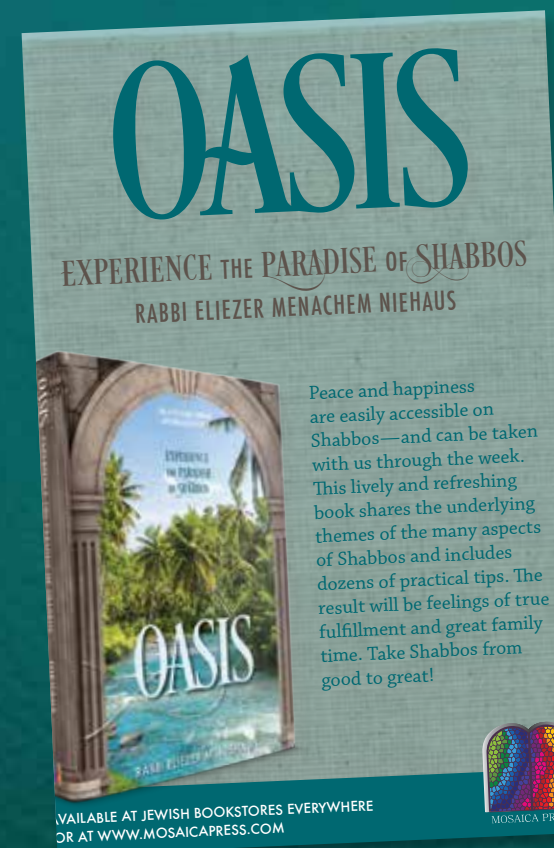


'Internalize It' sections at the end of each chapter to help take the lessons into our daily lives. These sections are based on an approach I adapted from a *mussar va'ad* in which I participated, as well as valuable input from the Mashgiach. I'm getting a great deal of positive feedback and compliments about these transformative sections, as well as the beautiful cover and the stunning layout, not to mention the *sefer* itself."

"The *chinuch* I received in Toras Moshe is very much responsible for the *sefer* coming about. Rav Moshe Twersky *zatzal*, in particular, demonstrated how a Yid is supposed live with the *z'man*, especially as it pertains to Shabbos.

"In addition to the Rosh HaYeshiva and the Mashgiach, I received *haskamos* from Rav Yitzchok Scheiner, Rav Mattisyahu Salomon – who wrote it with great effort due to his weakened state; Rav Pesach Eliyahu Falk – whose son told me that it is rare to get a *haskama* from him so quickly and easily; and Rav Zev Leff."

When asked if he intends to publish his *tefillah* articles as a book, Rabbi Niehaus says, "It's definitely a possibility, if Hashem will once again be *mezakeh* me with the opportunity."



Ohr Miriam Continues Strong through Seder Moed



Ner Michoel's Mishnayos Project recently celebrated its *siyum* on Seder Moed. A festive *seudas mitzva* was hosted by Rabbi and Mrs. Sinowitz in their home, with all of the local participants in attendance.

The project, named Ohr Miriam, is dedicated *l'ilui nishmas* Rabbi Sinowitz's niece, Miriam Sinowitz, *a"h*, (Miriam Shaindel bas Reb Ephraim Shimon). Rabbi Sinowitz's brother, Rav Uri Sinowitz, a well-known and respected *battim macher* in Yerushalayim who has learned in the Mir for the last decades, spoke at the *siyum* about how the Mishnayos *shiur* is a tremendous *zechus* for the *nifteres*.

"*B'chasdei Hashem*", said Rabbi Daniel Sinowitz, "we have been *zocheh* to finish another Seder in Mishnayos *l'ilui nishmas* my niece. Once again, it has been a terrific experience of commitment, consistency, and most importantly – *limud Torah b'rab-bim*. I am very proud of this group and we all get *chizuk* from

our *shiur's* broader membership – people like Dr. Lieberman. May we continue to learn and be *mesayeim* many more *masechtos* together."

"Being a part of the Mishnayos *chabura*, said (newly married) Aden Breiter, "allows one to constantly live the ideals upon which the *chabura* was founded: the accumulation of ideas in Torah – taking another step toward learning *kol haTorah kula*, the *chashivus* of a *tzibbur* learning together, and the daily training in *hasmada* – constantly striving to never miss that daily *limud*."

"It's so rewarding to be in the Mishnayos *chabura*", Josh Meyers added. "With just five minutes a day of learning – especially after dinner when it is easy to waste time – I've built up a vast knowledge of Torah and am constantly building more. Achieving this with a *tzibbur* makes it all the more special!"

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About a year ago, Dr. Lieberman took an interest in Toras Moshe while reading the biography of Rav Moshe Twersky *zatzal*. He recognized the name of the Rosh HaYeshiva, Rav Moshe Meiselman. As a medical student at the University of Chicago in the '70s, Dr. Lieberman *davened* at the Hillel *minyan* led by Rabbi Meiselman; more recently, he read the Rosh HaYeshiva's *Torah, Chazal and Science* with great interest. While visiting the Ner Michoel website, he noticed the Mishna Yomis *shiur* and became a regular listener.

"I noticed a gap in the *shiurim* posted online", Dr. Lieberman recalls. "Unaware that this was just a temporary result of *bein hazmanim*, I emailed Rabbi Sinowitz via the website to

investigate. He was truly intrigued to find out that a listener in Pittsburgh was following along. At the next *siyum* he mentioned me by name in the *divrei chizuk* he delivers at the end of each *masechta*, and encouraged me to continue along. When you start a *shiur*, Rabbi Sinowitz said, you never know where someone might be listening and learning with you.

"When I recently visited Eretz Yisroel with my wife, in honor of our forty-eighth anniversary, I had the opportunity to stop by Toras Moshe. Although Rabbi Sinowitz was not there at the time, I met the Rosh HaYeshiva and my fellow *shiur*-mates; we were very excited to greet each other in person.

"I find Rabbi Sinowitz's *shiur* very inspiring, both for the intensity of the commitment to learning that is manifest even in the short but regular sessions, and his taking note of me personally and providing personal encouragement. I am proud to be associated with this worthy Torah project that colors and enriches all my other learning *sedarim*."



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