

The Right Stuff

A Review of “Daf Delights on Masechet Sanhedrin” by Rav Zev Reichman

With so much Torah material available to us with Hashem’s help in our age one must be very selective regarding which Sefarim to read. Torah Judaism is literally inundated with hundreds if not thousands of new books each year. It is impossible to read all of them. How do we decide which new books deserve our attention?

My recommendation is to select the Sefarim which provide the greatest return on your investment of your time. Rav Zev Reichman’s series “Daf Delights”, of which the latest edition on Masechet Sanhedrin was recently released, delivers a very high rate of return with more than one hundred and twenty selected short pieces on this most interesting and diverse Masechet.

As readers of the LINK know, Rav Reichman is blessed with the right touch for presenting Daf Yomi discussions to a wide audience. The Gemara is replete with discussions that seem hyper technical and abstruse for those not yet fully immersed in the Talmudic sea. Rav Reichman, though, has the right touch to identify Talmudic and post Talmudic topics to which the contemporary reader can relate. Rav Reichman is blessed with the knack to identify the discussions that we find relevant, meaningful and satisfying.

Here is a sampling of the topics he addresses: May a Jew attend a cooking school and observe the cooking of meat and milk, may a sinner be lashed in our days, can a man testify on behalf of his girlfriend, how were Shemayah and Avtalyon permitted to serve as members of the Sanhedrin, when should you trust a dream, do Arabs require Brit Milah, may we address angels when we pray and is the world ending in the year 6000.

Rav Reichman works hard and succeeds in making the read a pleasant one, providing insight and imparting deep knowledge without overwhelming and losing the reader in a forest of details. Daf Delights is a light and satisfying read which is suitable both for the beginner and advanced scholar.

Rav Reichman very often chooses discussions from Rav Yitzhak Zilberstein, the great Israeli Rav who has earned a well-deserved reputation for imparting important Torah lessons and love of Torah in a most entertaining manner. For example, one chapter deals with the question as to whether a man who unwittingly ate a worm in his fruit requires Teshuva/repentance. In the course of this brief discussion the reader is introduced to the important concept of Mitaseik, one who performs an act mindlessly, and the debate as to whether Mitaseik is merely exempt from a Korban or perhaps it is not a sin altogether.

These brief essays give us a taste of the endless joy of Torah leaning and study in a serious Yeshiva. One tastes the incomparably sweet taste of Torah and understands why thousands upon thousands of Jews today are willing to devote their entire lives to Torah study often with great

sacrifice.

The love of Torah and the essential nature of Torah to our people emerges from the pages of Rav Reichman’s sweet work. A Yeshiva administration was faced with the dilemma as to whether it may deny entry of a child to the Yeshiva when the father refuses to pay his tuition bill. We learn that this is unquestionably forbidden, for such an act constitutes an assault on the soul. Just as a poor man’s work tools may not be taken as collateral for it is with these tools the impoverished soul generates the income to purchase his family’s daily bread, so too we may not use the child’s Torah study as collateral for his parent’s financial obligations, for every Jew has an inherent right to learn Torah.

For those who have the privilege and joy to participate in Daf Yomi learning Rav Reichman’s work adds a beautiful dimension. For example, Sanhedrin 39a describes immersion in fire as a means of purification. Rav Reichman brings us into the world of Torah where this Gemara was applied in practice. A gentile man who had received a Brit Milah but not yet immersed as part of his conversion but was burned at the stake by the Christian authorities in medieval times, was regarded as a full convert and eligible to be buried in a Jewish cemetery. His tragic burning was viewed by the Poskim of the time, in light of Sanhedrin 39a, as a form of immersion and purification that made him a member in good standing of our people.

Zmanim & Services

21ST DAY OMER
PARASHAT KEDOSHIM
MAY 11, 2019

Friday Night

Shir Hashirim	6:50 pm
Candle Lighting	7:44 pm
Minha	7:00 pm

*followed by Kabbalat Shabbat /
Arvit*

Shabbat Day

Shaharit	8:45 am
Latest Shema	9:17 am
Pre-pre Minha	5:40 pm
Pre Minha Shiur	6:20 pm
Minha	7:00 pm
Arvit	8:30 pm
Havdala	8:40 pm

Weekly Schedule

Shaharit

Sunday	8:00 am
Mon/Thu	6:20 am
Tue/Wed/Fri	6:30 am

Minha/Arvit

Sunday	7:45 pm
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Rav Reichman's Daf Delights is a highly recommended purchase. Rav Zev Reichman knows how to choose the "right stuff" that his audience will love. Readers are indeed left thirsting for more. As soon as I completed Daf Delights on Sanhedrin, I could hardly wait to read the volume on Bava Kama. How privileged are Rav Reichman's congregants, students and loyal readers to have such a competent leader guide us through the timeless world of deep and authentic Torah study. It is especially meaningful to read this work at this point in the Jewish calendar between Pesach and Shavu'ot as we seek to ascend spiritually each day of the Sefirat HaOmer. Time invested in reading Daf Delights is one which is guaranteed to reap rich short- and long-term gains.

Announcements

- ❖ **Mazal** Tov to Rebecca and Elliot Anapolle upon the bar mitzvah of their son Moshe. Mazal Tov also to Moshe's brothers, Solomon and Rafael Anapolle.
- ❖ **Kiddush** this week is sponsored by the Anapolle family in honor of Moshe's Bar Mitzvah. All are invited to the kiddush after tefillah. To donate towards the kiddush fund please go to: <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html>
- ❖ **This** week's Seudah Shelisheet is a bar mitzvah celebration. A young man recently changed his status from someone practicing mitzvot without being commanded to someone who accepted the obligations of Jewish practice and belief as fully commanded due to his successful giyyur. Please join us in celebrating Shalom Yonatan (aka Steve) Nunez's "bar mitzvah" and entry into Kelal Yisrael with us this **Shabbat afternoon. Minha at 7 pm**, seudah to follow. Thanks to everyone who helped make this seudat mitzvah happen!
 - ❖ **Thank** you to Sheryl and Aaron Liberman for sponsoring Seudah Shelisheet last week.
- ❖ **All** young men and boys are invited to participate in our new Shabbat Afternoon Learning Program. It will be interactive and fun! The Kehilla's Hazanim will be teaching different parts of the Tefila. Sushi and refreshments will be served. Appropriate for all age and experience levels. Located in the Shaarei Orah Social Hall. **Time:** will match Rabbi's pre-minhah shiur start. **A Girls program is in the works- stay tuned!** For more information contact Ehud Sasson at ehudsasson@gmail.com
 - ❖ **The** topic of this week's audio shiur is " Earliest Time to Pray Arvit Except Shabbat According to Sephardic Standards." Sponsorships in the amount of \$54 are available for Rabbi Jachter's weekly teshuva audio shiur to benefit the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. [Click HERE to sponsor](#) [Click HERE for Rabbi Jachter's Five minute Shiur in ENGLISH](#) [Click HERE for Rabbi Jachter's Five minute Shiur in HEBREW](#). The shiurim can also be found on YUTorah's website and at sephardicteaneck.org under the "Our Rabbi" section.
- ❖ **Rabbi** Jachter's first Daf HaShavua shiur will take place **THIS Shabbat** with Masachet Moed Katan. This involves the weekly study of one page of Gemara weekly. The learning will take place on Shabbat afternoon and via recorded Shiurim. If you are interested in receiving these shiurim via email, please email Rabbi Jachter at rabbi@sephardicteaneck.org or office@sephardicteaneck.org.
 - ❖ **Happy Birthday** to Eliana Shakarchi (May 14), Jeremy Simhon (May 15) and Emily Pearl Dayan (May 17).
 - ❖ **Come and participate in our wonderful classes. See details on the back page of the newsletter.**

Shorashai Orah Happenings

- ❖ **Women's** painting class - **Monday, May 13, at 8PM**, led by our very own Ma'ayan Maimon, at the Ohayon residence 271 Churchill Road, Teaneck. Yes, as promised, there will be alcohol. Requests expected and accepted by May 12. Please send RSVP email to shorashai.ora@gmail.com
 - ❖ **Lag Ba'Omer** BBQ & Soccer - **Thursday, May 23, at 6PM** at Shaarei Orah. To sign up for the event go to <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/shorashai-ora-lag-baomer-2019.html> To sign up your children to play soccer go to <https://short1.link/k7RWqg>. To volunteer for the event go to <https://short1.link/V0S8US>. If you have any questions, email shorashai.ora@gmail.com
- ❖ **Shavuot** Bake Sale - **Wednesday, June 5th, from 5PM-9PM** at the Ohayon residence, 271 Churchill Road, Teaneck. If you would like to volunteer to bake, email shorashai.ora@gmail.com.

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Shorashai Orah

Chesed Opportunity: A young widow living in Teaneck, whose husband was a Talmid of Rabbi Jachter, is in need of babysitting coverage on **Sunday mornings** from **9:45-11:15** each week and as needed, when she has to work, from **11:15AM to 1:30PM/2:00PM**. Looking for our babysitting-age girls to volunteer for this important chesed on a rotating basis. The individual has two daughters (ages 6 and 2) and lives in Terrace Circle. **Please respond to Erica Ohayon - shorashai.orah@gmail.com.**

A Story – Of Keeping the Roots Stronger

Once upon a time, there were two neighbors living next to each other. One of them was a retired teacher and another was an insurance agent who had a lot of interest in technology. Both of them had planted different plants in their garden. The retired teacher was giving a small amount of water to his plants and didn't always give a full attention to them, while the other neighbor interested in technology, had given a lot of water to his plants and looked after them too well.

The retired teacher's plants were simple but looked good. The insurance agent's plants were much fuller and greener. One day, during the night, there was a heavy rain and a wind due to a minor storm. Next morning, both of the neighbors came out to inspect the damage to their garden. The neighbor who was an insurance agent saw that his plants came off from the roots and were totally destroyed. But, the retired teacher's plants were not damaged at all and were standing firm.

The insurance agent neighbor was surprised to see it, he went to the retired teacher and asked, "We both grew the same plants together, I actually looked after my plants better than you did for yours, and even gave them more water. Still, my plants came off from the roots, while yours didn't. How is that possible?"

The retired teacher smiled and said, "You gave your plants more attention and water, but because of that they didn't need to work themselves for it. You made it easy for them. While I gave them just an adequate amount of water and let their roots search for more. And, because of that, their roots went deeper and that made their position stronger. That is why my plants survived".

Moral: This story is about parenting where children are like plants. If everything is given to them, they will not understand the hard work it takes to earn those things. They will not learn to work themselves and respect it. Sometimes it's best to guide them instead of giving them. Teach them how to walk, but let them follow their path.

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states:

"Love your fellow man as yourself, I am the Almighty" (Leviticus 19:18).

Why is the commandment to love our fellow human being followed by the words "I am the Almighty"?

The great rabbi, the Chasam Sofer, clarifies that while the commandment to love our fellow man is a concept that anyone can relate to with his own intellect, the Torah tells us to love our fellow man because it is the Almighty's will.

If your love of other people is based only on your own feelings, there could easily be a lack of consistency. One day you might feel positive towards someone and on the next day your feelings can change. However, the Torah states that the Almighty commands us to love others. We need to develop positive attitudes towards others by focusing on their virtues whether it comes easily to us or whether it is difficult.

Everyone thinks that it is a good idea to love your neighbor, but how can the Almighty command us to love our neighbor? Some of us have neighbors who are awfully hard to appreciate! However, if the Almighty commands it, it must be possible. If you ask a pregnant woman if she will love her baby, she'll look at you like you're nuts and say "Of course!" Then you can ask her, "How do you know? Maybe he'll be like your neighbor!"

A pregnant mother knows she will love her baby because she will make it her business to love that baby. And what if the baby grows up to be an irresponsible teenager flunking out of school who doesn't make his bed? She'll still love him! How? She focuses on his good points! "He has a good heart! He's got a sweet personality! He helps when I ask him to." If we make a list of someone's positive traits and focus on them, we can generate a good feeling towards them.

Source – Aish.com

Wisdom of The Week by Ezra Ghazal

Life without liberty is like a body without spirit – Khalil Gibran

Weekly Riddle

A man is sitting in his cabin in Colorado. Three hours later he gets out of his cabin in Texas. **How is this possible?**

Answer is located on the back sheet, guess before you look!!!

Time to Smile

I put so much more effort into naming my first Wi-Fi than my first child.



ALLERGY NOTICE

Shaarei Orah is a “nut aware” facility. All food for both public and private events, including our Shabbat youth groups, may not contain nuts or nut products of any kind (this includes products that “may contain” nuts or that were “processed in a facility” that also processes nuts). For more details please contact office@sephardicteaneck.org

UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE...

Rabbi Daniel Feldman is leading this week’s Shviti seder limud at Congregation Beth Aaron. This week marks the start of a new series on laws pertaining to business and commerce; the topic for this week will be “The Difference between Geneva and Gezeila.” This week’s program begins at **9:15 a.m., Sunday, May 12**, in the Beit Midrash, preceded by a light breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Each Sunday morning program typically will be independent from the previous and subsequent program. For information about the program, please contact Mordy Ungar, 201-741-3920, m_ungar2@yahoo.com. Congregation Beth Aaron is located at 950 Queen Anne Road in Teaneck.

“**The Retirement Red Zone**” will be the topic of a presentation on **Wednesday, May 15, at 8:15 p.m.**, at Congregation Beth Aaron, by Larry Shafier, CLU, ChFC, and Michael Visconti, CFP. They will discuss the major challenges in the “Zone” (15 years before and 15 years after retirement) and potential solutions that can help address these challenges. Congregation Beth Aaron is located at 950 Queen Anne Road in Teaneck.

Join the Jewish Home Family’s Parkinson’s Center’s Monthly Parkinson’s Support Group (Third Thursday of every month – call 201-750-4234 to confirm) **Thursday, May 16th**. This Month’s Topic: Nutritional Considerations for those Living with Parkinson’s Disease Susan Kapp, MS, RD, Jewish Home at Rockleigh. Schedule: Rock Steady Boxing: 10:30 AM – 11 AM Presentation and Meeting: 11 AM – 12 PM. Location: Jewish Home at Rockleigh 10 Link Drive, Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647. Questions? parkinsons@jewishhomefamily.org or call: 201-750-4234

Bikur Cholim Bergen County invites the community to UNITE IN TEFILLA on Sunday evening **May 19 at 8:00 pm** at Cong. Keter Torah. Rabbi Yosef Adler (Mora D’asra of Cong. Rinat Yisrael) will share words on “The Power of Community Support to Critical Illness- A Personal Reflection”, followed by recitation of select Tehillim on behalf of Cholei Yisrael. If you would like to submit a name to our Refuah Shelaima list please email miriamastern@gmail.com. There is no couvert for this event and Men and Women are welcome.

We welcome any family member with a loved one suffering from addiction and substance abuse issues to our local support group, which meets every other Wednesday evening in Teaneck. The group is free of charge and is facilitated by clinicians specializing in addiction. For more information and the time/location of the meeting, please email: Time2TalkAddiction@gmail.com. In addition, for information about vaping, marijuana, opioids, resources for treatment and education, and other important topics, please visit our website: www.Time2TalkAddiction.org.

***** Answer to the Weekly Riddle – The man is a pilot and the cabin is the cockpit of a plane.... *****

WEEKLY SHIURIM @ SHAAREI ORAH

- ❖ **Rabbi Jachter**: - Shabbat morning Pre-Sha’harit Shiur at **8:30am** on the weekly Parasha – Shabbat afternoon **Pre-pre Minha** Shiur **80 minutes** before Minha - **Pre-Minha** Shiur **40 minutes** before Minha - **Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM** at Shaarei Orah on Kashrut Straight from the Shulhan Aruch, **Men and women are invited. Weekly e-mail 5-minute Sephardic Shiur of the week - Hebrew version and English version.**
- ❖ **Shlomo Levy** - Wednesday nights, chavruta style learning on Hilchot Shabbat - **9:00 - 10:00 pm** in the Beit Midrash upstairs.
- ❖ **Rabbi Michael Chernlck**: Beginner's Talmud, Tuesday nights, **8:30-9:30 pm**.

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