

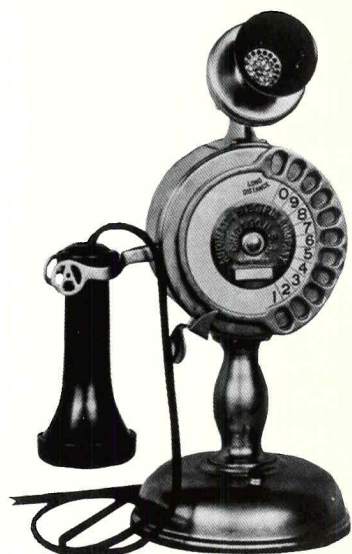
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We are delighted to announce the opening of the Daf Yomi dial-in helpline going into service on April 6th, 2008, תשס"ח, ניסן. This resource will be available to all *maggidei shiur* and *lomdei hadaf* nationwide, with a dialup service to a panel of *talmidei chachomim* available to answer all questions related to the *דף הדין*.

This dedicated line will be open Sunday through Thursday night, from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM EST. Its prime purpose is to clarify and elucidate the material of the *daily daf* for those who have short, precise questions.

ב"ה this service we will be publicized through various media; however, we ask that you pass the word around to all *lomdei hadaf* and encourage them to make use of this magnificent resource.

FIRST NATIONWIDE SHIUR COMMEMORATING THE COMPLETION OF MASECHES RESUBOS

On Monday, December 17th, the Beis Hamedrash of Kehal Nachlas Yitzchok was filled for the first ever nationwide *shiur* sponsored by the Daf Yomi Commission. The *shiur*, delivered by the *mora d'asra*, Rabbi Noach Isaac Oelbaum, שליט"א, on the topic of *Yishuv Eretz Yisroel* was very well received. We had as many as 18 locations throughout the country on our list of live hook-up requests for this groundbreaking event.

The next nationwide *shiur*, to commemorate the completion of *Masechet*, will take place on the Sunday, May 25th-א"י, at the Agudath Israel of Highland Park, N.J. (details below).

The Daf Yomi Commission
of
Agudath Israel of America
is proud to present to all Lomdei Hadaf a
NATIONWIDE SHIUR
LEKOVOD SIYUM MASECHES RESUBOS
סכת כתובות
אור ל"ט, טבת, תשס"ח
Monday, December 17, 2007 • 8:30 PM
Hosted by K'hal Nachlas Yitzchok
141-41 73rd Avenue, Flushing NY 11355
TOPIC:
Mitzvas Yishuv Eretz Yisroel
כתובות ק"י-ק"ב
HOW DOES IT APPLY TO US?
Presented by
Rabbi Noach Isaac Oelbaum
the Mora D'Asra
Please contact our office to arrange a
'Live Hookup' in your Daf Yomi Location
or 'Beis Medrash'
Tel: 212.797.9000x266 Fax: 646.254.1600
Email: dafyomi@agudathisrael.org

Please do make use of these *shiurim* for your group of *lomdei hadaf* either by way of participating in the live hook-up, which is fairly easy to arrange at any location, or by subsequently arranging a viewing of the archived *shiur*.

Much interest has been generated in Daf Yomi circles to include these *shiurim* in the actual Siyum Maseches program at the various Daf Yomi locations. We look forward to many more Daf Yomi groups making use of these presentations.



Services

FROM THE DAF YOMI COMMISSION:

Daf Yomi Calendars:

Available both in a laminated bookmark edition (16 months) and a 32-page booklet edition that contains the entire 7 1/2 year cycle. Calendars can be ordered by writing to the Daf Yomi Commission at 42 Broadway, New York, NY 10004. (Please include \$2 postage and handling for the 7 1/2 year calendar.)

Daf Yomi Shiurim Guide:

A list of hundreds of registered Daf Yomi *shiurim* is published periodically. To register your Daf Yomi *shiur* or for a copy of the guide, please contact the Daf Yomi Commission at **212.797.9000 ext. 267** or dafyomi@agudathisrael.org

Daf Yomi Shiurim at Chasunos

Many people have become increasingly aware that the most beautiful way to crown one's own child's *chasuna* is to provide the *lomdi* that are attending the *simcha* with a Daf Yomi *shiur* that is usually scheduled for the time immediately following the *chuppah*.

The Daf Yomi Commission will make available special copies

of the *blatt* with a personalized *sha'ar blatt* (in itself a beautiful souvenir) for those *baalei simcha* wishing to organize a Daf Yomi *shiur* at their *חתונה*. If requested, we will try to help locate a *maggid shiur* for the occasion. Please call **212-797-9000 ext. 267** at least two weeks in advance of the *חתונה* to order.

Daf Plus-8th Hour program

The Daf Yomi Commission sponsors a weekly *shiur* dedicated to promoting deeper understanding of a *sugya* studied during the previous week. These *shiurim*, delivered in Yiddish, have attracted a wide and avid following. These *shiurim* take place every Sunday morning at **11:00 AM** in **Khal Anshei Sfard of Boro Park, 4502 14th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219**. Tapes on close to 40 *מסכתות* are currently available. For a catalogue please contact the Daf Yomi Commission.

The Daf Yomi Commission is very interested in helping your Daf Yomi location establish a weekly *iyun* program that will provide the *lomdei hadaf* with an opportunity to be *מעייין* into one of the *sugyos hadaf*. These *shiurim* can be arranged as a live or taped presentation using a tape from our *עיון* collection. Please contact the Daf Yomi Commission at **212-797-9000 ext. 266** or dafyomi@agudathisrael.org to make this important project happen at your Daf Yomi location.

Study Resources

AUDIO STUDY AIDS



CD/Daf or DVD/Daf:

A computer CD-ROM or DVD that displays the *daf* on a computer screen, Cd/Daf or DVD/Daf enables the learner to click on references on the *daf* and to display the reference in context (*psukim*, other *gemarahs*, *Rambam*, *Tur*, *Shulchan Aruch*). It allows the user to listen to audio *shiurim* on the *daf* in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. It can also display selected *meforshim* on the *daf*. CD/Daf audio only version is also available. To purchase or for more information, please contact CD/Daf Torah Communication Network at **718-436-4999** or fax **718-435-0191** or email torahcomm@juno.com.

Dail-A-Daf Torah Phone:

The daily *daf* can be heard over the telephone, in both English and Yiddish. *Shiur* starts at the time of one's call and can be fast forwarded, rewound, paused and adjusted for higher or lower volume. It is also possible to access any *daf* in *Shas*. Cost is a one-time \$36 registration fee plus \$8 per month. To subscribe or for more information, please call Torah Communications Network at **718-436-4999** or fax **718-435-0191** or email torahcomm@juno.com

Daf Yomi Mesechta Review:

A popular *chazara* aid used by thousands of Daf Yomi learners around the world, each 60-minute English cassette reviews the highlights and key *kolim* of 20-25 *blatt* Gemarah. There are 122 tapes available, covering all the *mesechtos* in Shas. Available by subscription or single-tape order. Please write to **Rabbi Yossi Heber, Daf Yomi Mesechta Review, POB 831, Monsey, NY 10952** or call **888-Daf-Yomi**.

Kol Haloshon:

Kol Haloshon offers FREE live and archived Daf Yomi *shiurim* on the phone. The *shiurim* are given in English, Yiddish and Ivrit from various *rabbonim* in the US, UK, and Eretz Yisroel. The *shiurim* are available LIVE (as they are being given) and they are also stored in Kol Haloshon's archive for subsequent retrieval. Kol Haloshon offers local access numbers in various US cities and other countries (Canada, Mexico, UK, Belgium, France, and Australia). For more information or if you'd like to get a list of Daf Yomi *shiurim* and when they are given, call **718-701-5157** or send an email to **info@kolhl.com**. Most of the *shiurim* are also available at an MP3 kiosks at the following locations.

- Boro Park: 4714 13th Avenue, (718) 438-9414
- Lakewood: 2 Forest Park Circle, (732) 730-1233
- Lakewood: 617 5th Street, (732) 364-3177 or (732) 364-1061
- Monsey/New Square: 86 North Garfield Road (845) 354-5522
- Far Rockaway: 211 Beach 17th Street, 718 868 2300 x312
- Toronto: 2837 Bathurst Street, (416) 789-1311
- Montreal: 6019 Durocher Ave, (514) 271-7096

The audio downloads are free. The kiosk can create audio or MP3 CDs or allow the user to copy onto their flash or portable disk drive.

Kol Avrohom Shas Program:

Listen to the daily *daf* in Yiddish, at no cost. The *shiur* is given by Rabbi Avrohom Karp zt"l. Call **718-467-5469** or **718-756-2529**. Information on many different local area codes available. Those wanting to order cds in MP3 format (80 *blatt* per cd) are asked to mail \$3 per mesechta to **Kol Avrohom at 349 Crown Street, Suite 1D, New York, NY 11225**.

Master Daf:

Master Daf offers a concise word-for-word English translation of each *daf* in clear format. Each cassette covers 5-6 *blatt* in 60 minutes. These are now available in MP3 format. Please write **Rabbi Avrohom Kosman, Master Daf / Slabodka Yeshiva, POB 266, Brooklyn, NY 11219** or call **718-435-5438** or **800-966-6026**. To reach him directly, call **011-972-57-310-3102**.

Torah Tape Library:

Located at **1814 50th Street in Brooklyn**, the Torah Tape Library stocks cassette tapes of the Dial-A-Daf *shiurim* available in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. Also available are 20-minute *chazara* tapes in both English and Yiddish. Cost is only 25 cents (\$1.00 deposit, 75 cents refunded when tape is returned). The library is open **Sundays 10:00AM 5:00PM, Monday through Thursday 9:30-10:30PM, and Friday 12:00-2:00PM**. For more information, call **718-438-3904**.

Publications



Al Hadaf

Al Hadaf is a 16 page English-language Daf Yomi journal sent out twice a month. It elaborates on one or two topics from each *daf*. Al Hadaf adds a degree of *geshmak* to the *limud* of Daf Yomi, and is a useful tool for *chazarah*. Used by thousands worldwide, each *dvar Torah* is self-contained with all the necessary background information, making it easily understandable and readable even for those with a weak Gemarah background or someone who has never before learned the *daf*. Each piece comes annotated with extensive Hebrew footnotes, making it appealing to *talmidei chachamim* and *maggidei shiur* alike. For more

information or for a free sample, contact their office at **845-356-9114** or to **Cong_AL_HadaF@yahoo.com**.

Art Scroll

Schottenstein English and Lashon Hakodesh Editions – The clear explanation and thorough notes have been produced by teams of noted *talmidei chachamim* and have merited the *haskamos* of the *Gedolei Yisroel* in Eretz Yisroel and America. Both the Lashon Kodesh and English editions are now available in full and convenient compact-sizes. **Tel. 718.921.3000 or Fax. 718.680.1875**

Bekitzur:

Bekitzur is a wonderful Hebrew publication with the prime purpose of helping *lomdei hadaf* to revise swiftly and clearly remember the essence of their study material. It is prepared by Rabbi Yitzchak Hurvitz and, to date, is used by thousands of subscribers. For a sample copy, please call **011-972-3-618-7895**; fax **011-972-3-619-9188** or bekitsur@zahav.net.il

Daf Yomi Advancement Forum (D.A.F.)

Daf Yomi Advancement Forum (D.A.F.), of Kollel Iyun Hadaf, is a free Daf Yomi resource center with an extensive library of original study material on the Talmud, mostly in English. Resources, available in e-mail or printed form, include:

- Insights (in-depth insights • Background (translations and introductions to Talmudic concepts) • Review sheets (in Q&A format) • Point-by-Point Outline (the *daf* in outline form)
- Halachic reviews (see how the Halacha evolves from the *daf*)
- Multiple-choice quizzes • Revach l'Daf (brief tidbits on each *daf*) • Hebrew charts (on *Gemarah Rashi* and *Tosafos*) • Galei Mesechta (concise Hebrew summaries) • the acclaimed "Yosef Da'as" books... and much more.

The Kollel also responds to questions on the Talmud. To submit a question or request information, write to daf@dafyomi.co.il or fax **1-206-2020-DAF** (in the U.S.) or **972-2-591-6024** (in Israel).

Daf Yomi Digest

This is a free daily publication produced by The Chicago Center for Torah & Chesed for Daf Yomi learners. Thousands worldwide attest to how a daily investment with Daf Digest brings clarity and strengthens comprehension of the *daf*. Daf Yomi Digest features: Overview of the *daf* providing a comprehensive outline; Distinctive Insight and Gemarah Gem, culled from commentators on the *daf*; Halacha Highlight exploring analysis of Rishonim and Poskim; review questions for reinforcement; and stories of the *daf* providing inspirational anecdotes that can be shared with family and friends. The result is an invaluable, concise and user-friendly resource that facilitates understanding of the *daf* and fosters retention of what was learned. To sign up or for more information, please contact Rabbi Daniel Muskat at **773-761-4005** or at dafdigest@juno.com.

Meoros Hadaf Hayomi

This is a weekly four-page pamphlet published by Kollel Sochotchov of Bnei Brak under the leadership of Rabbi Chaim Kowalsky. It is available in both in Hebrew and English editions and contains interesting tidbits revolving around the weekly *daf*. Available both by mail subscription and e-mail at **03-5775333**, **1700-500-151** or meorot@meorot.co.il

Mesivta

Mesivta is a comprehensive digest of information with the format of the *Oz Vehodor Shas* plus an array of remarkable tools that will enhance every study session in a way you never thought possible. It includes *Biur Hapshat*, *Aliba Dehilchasa*, *Pninei Halacha*, *Tamtzis Hadaf*, and *Kaftor Vaferach*. It is available in two formats: the hardcover, full-size format or a convenient travel-size, soft-cover pamphlet. Wherever you are, you can always have access to this new treasure of the Torah world. For your free sample please call **718-435-6575** or mesivtadafyomi@aol.com.

Midrashiya Daf Hayomi of Petach Tikva

a) *Hadaf Hayomi* in Hebrew is published daily to give *maggidei shiur* additional and interesting material on the *daf*. As a rule, the *daf* is sent out the night before, to help the *maggidei shiur* prepare.

The Midrashiya, headed by Rabbi Aaron Schwab, is a training ground for *yungeleit* who learn the *daf* "b'iyun", and then give over 30 Daf Yomi *shiurim* daily throughout the city of Petach Tikva. The *daf* sent out is the summary of the different chiddushim and heoros that the *yungeleit* will stress during the *shiur*. Free subscriptions are available by calling R' Avromi Adler at **216-235-4330** or midrashiya@eagleintl.com.

b) English Daily Daf review is another unique and innovative project of the Midrashiya Daf Hayomi of Petach Tikva. It enables anyone who is interested in gaining a basic knowledge of the daily *daf* to read ten highlights of the Gemarah with a commentary. This presentation is written in a manner that does not require familiarity with the inner workings of the Gemarah. Each presentation also contains a short insight that offers an ethical teaching based on the daily *daf*. Free subscriptions are available by calling R' Avromi Adler at **216-235-4330** or midrashiya@eagleintl.com.

Shas Lublin:

From Shas Lublin there are four different monthly publications presently available.

V'HOGISA is a booklet developed for those wishing to learn *b'iyun*. Included in its text are Biurei Harishonim.

V'SHINANTOM, on the other hand, contains the simple explanation page by page of the Gemarah. Also included are summaries of the material covered to aid *chazara*.

U'VALECHTECHOH you'll find the Gemarah in addition to the Toras Rishonim commentary.

TALMUDOH BEYADOH contains summaries of all the *gemarachs* including the actual *dafei hagemara*. You can choose between either the hard or soft cover editions. For more information, please contact Shas Lublin at **718-715-0185**, fax **011-972-3-542-3012** or orlublin@actcom.co.il.

MESSAGE FROM THE DAF YOMI COORDINATOR

The חיים חיים in his הקדמה to הלשון goes to great lengths to convey the message that mankind must remain in a state of constant awareness regarding its obligations to maintain and cherish the gift of speech. The power of the spoken word is, after all, our advantage over the other creations in this world.

Now that we have been מסכת נדרים, our sensitivities to the potency of the spoken word have surely been sharpened. We are now keenly aware that a mere utterance can convert מותר to אסור and חול to קודש with a measure of permanence. The רמב"ם, in the ספר, quotes the ספר and explains that all of our words are in themselves holy and sanctified. Thus, upon giving one's word, any deviation therefrom would amount to an act of חילול.

Let us, the דף ומלמדי, make use of our increased awareness and take the lead in raising the banner of אמת. Each one of us in our daily course of action and interaction has ample opportunity to make an impact on those around us by showing the beauty of אמת.

The Daf Yomi Commission of Agudath Israel of America is once again pleased to offer the דף, a brand new updated listing of services and resources that are readily available to you. Indeed, we expect this collection to be of tremendous assistance in our common quest תורה ולהאדירה!

2nd Nationwide Shiur: Siyum of Maseches Nedarim



The second nationwide Daf Yomi *shiur* was delivered by Rabbi Yisroel Reisman, שליט"א, Rav, Agudath Israel Zichron Chaim Tzvi of Madison, Rosh Yeshivas Torah Vodaas, to mark the completion of מסכת נדרים. The *shiur* took place at the Agudath Israel of Edison Highland Park, NJ on Sunday, March 16th, אור ל' אדר ב', at 8:30 PM. The location was especially exciting as it was the first such event to be held in the newly constructed Agudath Israel *shul* of Edison Highland Park, NJ. The evening began with פתיחה

דברי from the Mora d'Asra, Rabbi Reuven Drucker, שליט"א, and the large attendance was a testimony to the popularity of these events. Over 30 locations from around the country joined the live hookup for this event.

We welcome all *Daf Yomi* locations to arrange a free live hookup for future events. For further information regarding hookup details, contact our office at 212.797.9000 ext. 266 or at dafyomi@agudathisrael.org for hookup details.

UPCOMING מגידי שיעור CONFERENCE Reserve the Date!

We are glad to announce that the Daf Yomi Commission will hold its 3rd convention for *maggidei shiur* on the 11th of May 2008, ה' אייר תשס"ח. The event will be held at Agudath Israel Bais Binyomin, 2913 Avenue L, Brooklyn, NY 11210. An exciting, informative program is in the making. It's anticipated that due to the growth of the body of the *maggidei shiur* in the past few years, there will be a record turnout for this event. **One of the highlights of this program will be a tribute to Rav Shmuel Berenbaum, זצ"ל, the Mirrer Rosh Hayeshiva.** We hope every מגיד שיעור will make a real effort to attend the מגידי שיעור conference. In the past, it has proven to be a tremendous opportunity for those presenting the *daf* to fine tune their skills while sharing and learning from one another's experiences.



NEW DAF YOMI DIRECTORY

The Daf Yomi Commission of Agudath Israel of America looks forward to publishing a new edition of the much sought after nationwide *Daf Yomi shiur* directory in the coming months. To help us in this endeavor, we ask that you provide us with all pertinent information on your local *shiur* and any new *shiurim* that have begun in your locality. Please contact our office at 212.797.9000 ext 267 or email dafyomi@agudathisrael.org for registration forms.

We have been made aware that there are many new *shiurim* – and also some that have been running for quite some time – that were never included in previous directories. Please help us ensure that no *shiurim* in the US will be left out of the updated directory.

The directory is an invaluable resource used by travelers seeking a Daf Yomi *shiur* and, increasingly, by *lomdim* seeking a *shiur* close to home or office.



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***"Daf by Daf,
We Are Here To Serve You***

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