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Maggid Shiur Daf Yomi, Congregation Bnei Yeshurun

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Mr. Jacob Schlanger is one of the *maggidei shiur* for the 5:30 a.m. Daf Yomi *shiur* at Congregation Bnei Yeshurun in Teaneck, New Jersey. The *shiur*, which began in 1982, currently has fifty participants. There is a well-attended nightly *shiur* at the shul as well.

Our *shiur* is special in that, at present, instead of a single *maggid shiur*, we have fifteen. The *shiur* was established by Rabbi Yossie Stern in 1982 as a Daf Yomi *shiur* for *baalei batim* by *baalei batim*. We certainly had the opportunity to obtain a regular *maggid shiur* like most Daf Yomi *shiurim* enjoy. But we chose instead to install a rotating roster of seven *maggidei shiur*, culled from the *baalei batim* in attendance, and we have since, as the *shiur* has expanded, appointed additional *maggidei shiur*.

Of the fifteen regular *maggidei shiur*, only two are *klei kodesh*; the rest are professionals or businessmen. This presents a benefit both to the presenters and to the



others in the *shiur*. Every *maggid shiur* must prepare extensively; and some even take the opportunity to prepare their *blatt* over the course of weeks in advance of its scheduling. That assures that when their turns come, the *shiurim* they deliver are of top quality. So not only do they reap the gain of truly applying themselves to the study of the *blatt* they deliver to the group, the group gains immeasurably from a well-researched Daf Yomi *shiur*.

In addition to myself, our fourteen other *maggidei shiur* are (listed in alphabetical order) Emanuel Adler, Kenny Bander, Yitzchok Belizon, Arthur Greenberg, Irv Klavan, Lenny Levy, Natan Libman, Robert Mendeles, Yisroel Pollak, Moshe Rayman, Yitzchok Rosenbaum, Alan Schoffman, Jackie Stromer and Shlomo Weinberger.

We feel that our *shiur* is what Rabbi Meir Shapiro had in mind — Jews of every type and background, taught by *maggidim* of every type and background, all unified by Torah.