

The KEVIUS



קביעין פן תהוון, בהנהגו תבורתא

COME, JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH SHAS

Although Harav Miller was famous mostly for his hashkafah shiurim and sefarim, in his kehillah and among his talmidim he was known to spend most of his time and energy teaching men of all ages how to master learning Gemara. "Come, join us as we journey through Shas, and become a Gemara lamdan" was the Rav's clarion call. In reference to teaching Gemara, the Rav once said to a close talmid, "It is my life."

These shiurim were not ordinary Gemara shiurim. Harav Miller dedicated himself to what he called a "program for success." He was convinced, and convinced others, that everyone was capable of and obligated to succeed in mastering Gemara. And he was not in a rush. He would exhort his followers to review and review until it was as fluent in their mouths as Ashrei.



He invested great effort in encouraging and guiding all those who joined to make progress — and they did. Many of his talmidim amassed knowledge of a great number of mesichtos, and many finished all of Shas.

The extreme importance Harav Miller accorded the shiur was reflected in his deep level of commitment to it. He simply never missed delivering a shiur — for any reason. In over 30 years, he never took a vacation, balking at the very thought of it. His daily learning and teaching were supremely fulfilling and

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JOIN THE WORLD WIDE GEMARA MOVEMENT AS A PARTICIPANT IN RABBI MILLER'S TORAH CENTER

Q. IS GEMARA FOR EVERYONE?

Yes; every frum Jew should aspire to be a gemara yid. And everyone is capable of learning and knowing Shas. All you need is a kevius.

Q. WHAT'S A "KEVIUS"?

Learning gemara requires a certain amount of dedication. You won't be successful at your job if you're always finding excuses to miss work, the same thing with finishing a mesichta – you need to be fiercely loyal to your program. That's what a kevius is; sticking with a program and not letting go.

And in order to make that possible for everybody in this busy world, we are offering Rav Avigdor Miller's five minute a day gemara shiur. It's only five minutes, but it requires a kevius – five minutes a day no matter what!

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enjoyable for him, and he could conceive of nothing more satisfying. Once when someone mentioned to him that he might want to take a vacation, he responded in surprise, "Vacation from what?"

Even when he sat shivah for his sister, a time when Torah study is halachically forbidden, Harav Miller continued to give his shiur, on the basis that rabbim tzerichim lo, his services were needed by the masses. Since it is forbidden for an avel to sit in a regular seat, he delivered the shiur standing.

Harav Miller's complete dedication to the shiurim and to his students is noteworthy, particularly in light of the caliber of his own scholarship. He completed Shas on his own every year and was proficient in it. Nevertheless, he carefully and clearly explained the material on his students' level, dealing with all of their questions with the utmost patience. And despite his superior scholarship, he invested much time and effort preparing for his shiurim so that they would be understandable and suited to the participants' needs. He once revealed to someone that on a given Shabbos, he was preoccupied the entire day preparing the shiurim for the coming week.

For Harav Miller, ribuy Torah, increasing Torah study, was his business. And like any good businessman, he constantly sought ways to expand the business, both by recruiting new participants and by encouraging the growth of those already in attendance at his shiurim. He prodded them to increase their learning



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commitment and sought opportunities to raise the bar so that their scholarship would advance to the next level, devising all types of strategies to intensify the learning atmosphere.

In many ways, Harav Miller's activities were pioneering, and his approaches to teaching

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multifaceted. He wanted to assure his talmidim that if they could not attend every single night, they could nevertheless learn with continuity. To this end, he arranged the shiurim so that people could attend as much or as little as their schedules allowed and still not miss out. The topics changed based on the days of the week. Every Monday was a shiur on this perek, every Tuesday on that masechta; in this way, a participant who could only come one night a week could still keep pace with the subject matter and complete it with the group.

Following is a schedule of Harav Miller's during one time period.

A Sunday shiur on Gittin at 8:00 a.m. began the week, followed by breakfast and a shiur on Sanhedrin at 10:30. On Monday morning he taught Nazir, and on Monday evening he gave a shiur in Eruvin. On Tuesday morning he taught Pesachim, and in the evening, maseches Shavuos.

On Wednesday morning there was a shiur on maseches Shabbos, and at night another on Kiddushin. On Thursday he gave a shiur in Mesichta Nazir, each week of the month rotating between different perakim, and on Friday morning he taught Kesubos.

In addition, he gave shiurim in the afternoon, on topics ranging from the mussar of Chovos Halevavos to the complex simanim of Tur Even Ha'ezer. On Shabbos he learned Bechoros.

Shabbos afternoons were reserved for the Agaddeta shiur; he would begin the shiur with two lines of Gemara and then expound for an hour on that topic.

For every day of the week, for every seder in Shas, for every type of intellect and on every aspect of hashkafah, there was a shiur.

And now, Boruch Hashem, we are excited to offer everyone a not-to-be-missed opportunity to journey through Shas with Rav Miller, and as the Rav often said, "to become a Gemara lamdan."

An ad for the shiurim written by Rabbi Miller



Q. DID RABBI MILLER GIVE A 5 MINUTE GEMARA SHIUR?

Well, yes and no. Rabbi Miller delivered a uniquely styled gemara shiur. In order to encourage and ensure everyone's participation, he would pause every few minutes and have all the participants at the shiur review for themselves what they had just learned.

So, while it's true that the shiur lasted a full hour, it was actually broken up into increments of several minutes.

Q. HOW WILL A SHIUR OF ONLY 5 MINUTES HELP ME FINISH SHAS?

Not only will it help you finish Shas, it will help you KNOW Shas! The point of these 5 minute shiurim isn't merely that you should listen for five minutes. Hopefully, these shiurim will give you a clear path in how to approach gemara study, enabling you to learn, acquire, retain and master Shas on your own. It's been tried and tested, and many of the Rav's talmidim finished Shas by following his program.

Also, you'll be able to access all the previous shiurim so that in addition to your five minute kevius, you can always add time for chazara or another mesichta. In addition, with time, we plan on introducing new programs, such as the 15 Minute Kevius, Sunday Shiurim, and much more, b'ezer Hashem.

Q. I ALREADY HAVE A SHIUR IN GEMARA, WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP?

Because it's a great opportunity. Rav Miller encouraged his mispalilim to come to all of his shiurim. If you went to his Thursday night lecture, he wanted you to come to his shiur in Mesichta Yevamos as well. And once you were learning Yevamos, he wanted to see you at his shiur in Mesichta Pesachim. Look, there's never too much learning and it certainly can't hurt to try; after all, it's only five minutes a day. Try it for a week or two; you can't lose!

Q. IT SOUNDS TEMPTING BUT WHAT CAN I REALLY ACCOMPLISH IN FIVE MINUTES A DAY?

The following is an excerpt from one of Rabbi Miller's Thursday Night Lectures:

Even a little bit of Torah is your life. In the Kelmer Yeshiva they went back to their rooms late at night when the day was over, and then all the talmidim would make their way back to the



beis medrash again for five minutes of learning before they went back to go to sleep. They made a special trip from home to the yeshiva to learn five minutes! A five minute seder and then they went back home again. What for? Why the back and forth? To teach them that for five minutes of learning it's worth coming to yeshiva. It was a chinuch. If you can learn five minutes, three minutes, one minute, it's a very important achievement.

I want to tell something to you people: If you're ambitious, if you utilize your spare moments, you can learn an entire mesichta by means of mere minutes. Have a Gemara ready and whenever there's a few minutes, learn that Gemara. You'll be amazed how much you accomplish with the time that people waste otherwise.

Q. I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE LEARNING GEMARA WILL THIS PROGRAM BE HELPFUL FOR ME?

Rabbi Miller geared his shiurim towards beginners in gemara, and many of those same beginners, who found it difficult to read a page of gemara without nekudos (punctuation marks) completed and were tested on Shas a few years later! At the same time these shiurim have an appeal to advanced students of the Talmud. Attending the Rav's shiurim one would always find talmidei chachomim as well as beginners. That was the magic of a Rav Miller shiur – it was for everyone.

If you're a beginner and you find yourself having trouble understanding these shiurim, reach out to us, and we'll be glad to help!

Q. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I MISS A DAY?

There is no missing! Every shiur will be sent to you by email or whatsapp and will be available on the Kol Avigdor phone line as well, making it very easy for you to access your five minute shiur. It will always be easy to return to a shiur that you missed and catch up.

Q. WHAT IF I'M LOVING IT SO MUCH THAT I WANT TO GO AHEAD IN THE MESICHTA?

You absolutely can! Mesichta Makkos was sponsored by the Pollack Family לע"ב ר' דוד ב"ר יעקב הלוי ע"ה which means that the entire mesichta can be listened to at any time on our phone system. Or it can be downloaded from our site at a discounted price.

Q. WHAT IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND A PIECE OF GEMARA AND GET STUCK?

The Rav always recommended keeping a notebook with your gemara and writing down your questions. Don't get stuck; write down your question and move on in Shas. Next time around, you'll be able to answer your own questions. Also, several talmidim of the Rav ztz"l have made themselves available to answer questions. You can submit questions via email/whatsapp or through the Kol Avigdor phone line.

Q. WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST TIME OF THE DAY TO SET UP MY KEVIUS?

Whatever works for you. It's only five minutes after all! For myself I find that early in the morning works best while the whole family is still sleeping. Then I can constantly come back and review the gemara throughout the day. But the purpose of this program is to make finishing Shas accessible to everyone – no matter what time works best for you. The most important thing is to remember the kevius – be firmly dedicated to making it happen every day; morning, night or afternoon. ●

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Schedule of Classes Fall 5756

SUN	7:15 AM	Shacharis
	8:00 AM	SHABBOS - 5th perek
	9:00 AM	Breakfast
	10:30 AM	BAVA METZIA - 4th perek
	3:30 PM	BAVA BASRA - 9th perek
MON	9:30 AM	SANHEDRIN - 6th perek
	10:30 AM	BAVA KAMA - 2nd perek
	7:25 PM	Maariv
TUES	7:45 PM	BAVA METZIA - 9th perek
	9:30 AM	PESACHIM - 1st perek
WED	7:25 PM	Maariv
	7:45 PM	BAVA BASRA - 5th perek
	9:30 AM	YOMA - 5th perek
THUR	7:25 PM	Maariv
	7:45 PM	BAVA BASRA - 3rd perek
	9:30 AM	AVODA ZORAH - 5th perek
	8:05 PM	Maariv
FRI	8:30 PM	LECTURE (for men and women)
	10:05 PM	Maariv
	9:30 AM	SANHEDRIN - 7th perek
שבת	7:45 AM	PESACHIM - 2nd perek
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