



## Learning and Remembering Mishnayos

After having finished the longest *masecheta* in *sefer Zera'im*, it's important to take a step back from the intensive *limud* and to see what we can do to improve the quality of our learning. While learning two *mishnayos* a day might seem to be an easy 10 – 15 minute job, the truth is that it is a rigorous activity that requires consistency and focus. It is all too easy to get into the unfortunate habit of skipping over a section of a *mishnah* because of its complexity or due to a lack of time.

While the daily pace is set in stone, there are a number of tips that can help us remember concepts, *machlokos*, and entire *mishnayos*. The *Steipler zt"l* writes in *Karyana D'igrasa* (*cheilek* 1, *siman* 140), his collected letters, that a proper way to review *mishnayos* is to learn each *mishnah* four times, and then at the end of each *perek* review it four times, and finally when one reaches the end of the *masechta* it should be reviewed four times. While this process is no doubt more effective than not reviewing at all, it is also quite time consuming, especially for those of us who have allocated a specific amount time for the *limud* and cannot afford to go over. What can be done is to quickly look over the *mishnah* a couple of times upon completing it, instead of just moving onto to the next one. This revision can take as little as one minute.

Another tip, also for those pressed for time, is to write a one line summary after learning the *mishnah*. It can include the *machlokes*, issue, or main idea. Even a bare-bones outline is helpful as it forces one to process the information sufficiently to boil down the material to get to the

underlying point. Having done this procedure for the entire *masechta* would have resulted in 101 outlines, a small booklet!

For those of us who do have a bit more time and find the *Steipler's eitzah* a bit difficult, another suggestion is to take each line of *mishnah* and repeat it a number of times, not like a parrot, but each time with understanding. The first couple of repetitions after having properly learned the line might take a drop of time, but each subsequent *chazarah* is faster. When one can read the entire *mishnah* smoothly at a normal clip, move on to the next *mishnah*.

While the aforementioned ideas stress the learning of the *mishnah* during the first *limud*, it is very important to have a long term *chazarah* system. Please see the fascinating website [dafyomireview.org](http://dafyomireview.org) for various programs for *chazarah*.

To conclude, the *Steipler* says elsewhere (*ibid* 2:68) regarding teaching *mishnayos* to children, but which is equally applicable to all of us (writer's rough translation):

It [*limud mishnayos*] gives much *chizuk* and encouragement, and many children from homes far away from *limud haTorah* have been pulled and attracted to *limud haTorah* because of it [*mishnayos*] to become outstanding *talmidei chachamim* and *yirei shamayim*.

*V'yhei chelkeinu imahem.*

**Zamir Pollak**

**Revision Questions**

תרומות י: י"א – י"א: י'

- Which foods do the following *Tana'im* treat stringently and why: (י: י"א)
  - R' Yosi?
  - R' Shimon?
  - R' Yehuda?
  - R' Yochanan ben Nuri?
- What is special about eggs? (י: י"ב)
- Which *trumah* products are forbidden to be mixed in fish brine and which are permissible? (י"א: י"א)
- Explain the debate regarding the status of fruit juices made from *trumah* fruit. (י"א: י"ב)
- Can fruit juices become *tameh*? (י"א: י"ב)
- In general one cannot change the form of *trumah* produce (e.g., into a juice or jam) – what are the two exceptions? (י"א: י"ג)
- In which other (four) areas of *Halacha* are these two things also exceptions? (י"א: י"ג)
- Can a non-*kohen* get benefit from the stalks of *trumah* dates? (י"א: י"ד)
- What indicates whether a seed for a *trumah* fruit is permissible for a non-*kohen*? (י"א: י"ה)
- What *kohen*-specific food other than *trumah* shares the above described law? (י"א: י"ה)
- Does one need to take special precautions when cleaning out a store room that contained *trumah* produce with the intention of replacing it with *chulin*? (י"א: י"ו)
- Does one need to take special precautions when cleaning out a barrel that contained *trumah* oil with the intention of replacing it with *chulin*? (י"א: י"ו)
- What is the minimum size of *trumah ma'aser* of *demai* that one has to give to a *kohen*? (י"א: י"ז)
- What is the law regarding *trumah ma'aser* of *demai* that is smaller than this amount? (י"א: י"ז)
- Which *trumah* food can a *kohen* feed to his animals? (י"א: י"ח)
- When can a *Yisrael* who rents a *kohen's* animal feed it *trumah* and when can a *kohen* that rents a *Yisrael's* animal feed it *trumah*? (י"א: י"ח)
- Explain the debate regarding lighting *shemen sreifa* at a mourner's house or at a *simcha*. (י"א: י"ט)
- In which other cases can a non-*kohen* light *shemen sreifa*? (י"א: י"ט)

מעשרות א' א'-ב'

- What are the three defining characteristic of produce from which *ma'asrot* must be separated? (א: א')
- What is the second general rule that is mentioned in this *Mishnah*? (א: א')
- At what point in time in the growth of the following products is one obligated to separate *ma'asrot*:
  - Figs and grapes?
  - Dates?
  - Pomegranates? (א: ב')

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Maasrot 1:3-4	Maasrot 1:5-6	Maasrot 1:7-8	Maasrot 2:1-2	Maasrot 2:3-4	Maasrot 2:5-6	Maasrot 2:7-8

