



Shas Chabura Inc.

'learning, reviewing, remembering'

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Dear Friend, עמור'ש

- Did you ever dream of making a Siyum HaShas; of becoming a בקי in תנ"ך or ששה סדרי משנה, משנה ברורה or שולחן ערוך?
- Do you wish you had a broader background knowledge of the Gemaros and complex סוגיות that you are learning?
- Do you wish you could find a way to remember the Gemaros you learned last year and two years ago?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then read on — Shas Chabura may be just what you are looking for

What is Shas Chabura?

Shas Chabura is a worldwide network of thousands of individuals using a simple yet effective method to learn and remember Shas. Shas Chabura is not a new idea, it is merely a systematic method expounding the age old concept of constant review — and it really does work! **And the way it works is quite simple: Each Gemora is reviewed at five intervals — not equal intervals, but progressively longer intervals (the next day, the next week, etc.) culminating in a once a year review. This method enhances the long term memory, while ensuring that each Gemora is always reviewed before it is forgotten.** With each review many unclear issues often just resolve themselves, as one gains a broader and deeper understanding of the סוגיות. Within a relatively short time, full Mesechtos start coming alive, with indescribable joy and genuine simchas HaTorah, and the dream of learning, comprehending, and remembering Shas starts becoming a tangible reality!

Who can benefit from the Shas Chabura system?

The Shas Chabura system is for everyone, as it is not based upon having a superior intellect or prolific memory. For the בקיאות seder or the Daf Yomi seder, Shas Chabura is the difference of . . . just learning a Mesechta or also remembering the Mesechta, just going through Shas or also getting a grasp on Shas, just knowing the Gemara that you are learning, or also knowing the Gemaros that everyone is learning!

And for the Yeshivaman there is even more to gain. By using the Shas Chabura system second seder, one creates the background for first seder — the עיון seder. The broader, deeper understanding of the Gemaros, generates an equally more profound appreciation for the אחרונים and ראשונים. It creates an ever greater potential for true Gadlus HaTorah!

How does the system work?

The system works as follows: **A new blatt Gemara is learned each day** (day 1) in 1½ – 2 hours, or a new amud is learned in ¾ – 1 hour. **It is then reviewed at five progressively longer intervals** – the next day (day 2), then a week later (day 9), then a month later (day 39), then three months later (day 129), thereafter once a year (day 365) – ועד מאה ועשרים! Each review takes 20-30 minutes for a blatt or 10-15 minutes for an amud. **After the first year when all reviews are in place, six different blatt or amudim are learned each day, one new and five old.** Total approximate time is: 4 hours for the blatt schedule — 2 hours for the new and 2 hours for the old, or 2 hours for the amud schedule — 1 hour for the new and 1 hour for the old.

Pocket calendar and personal assistance

To simplify the system, Shas Chabura has a **convenient pocket calendar to check off each day's learning and review list.** Its generic layout makes it adaptable to any limud at any pace – be it Gemara, a blatt or amud a day, Mishnayos, Halacha, etc. We have already distributed well over 30,000 copies. Customized calendars for personal learning programs, are also available from our offices. In addition, our offices are available to answer questions and offer assistance. Phone numbers are: (732) 447 – 4201 / 730 – 9496. Rabbi Sender Dolgin, who developed the system (Sept. '97 – end of 10th Daf Yomi cycle) is also available to answer questions and can be reached at (732) 364 – 6282 between 3:30 – 4:30 in the afternoon and 11 – 12 at night. All assistance and materials are free of charge.

Public response – global effects

The Shas Chabura system, in but a few short years, has already gained **such popularity, that tens of thousands of people of all ages and all walks of life, are using it all over the world** — Yeshivos and Kollelim, Roshei Yeshiva and Magidai Shiurim, Baalai Batim and Baalai Teshuva, with the numbers increasing almost daily. There are Chaburos in The Mir (Yerushalayim), Lakewood East, Ger, Belz, Toldos Aaron, and dozens and dozens more all over Eretz Yisroel and all over the world. In Lakewood USA there are two large Chaburos, one with 120 participants learning an amud a day (Gemara-Rashi-Tosefos), and one with 40 participants learning a blatt a day (Gemara-Rashi).

Children, Mishnayos, V'debarto Bom Organization

In addition, the Shas Chabura system does wonders for children. An eleven year old learning two Mishnayos a day with the Shas Chabura system, **will finish Seder Noshim and Nezikin 3 – 4 times by his Bar Mitzvah.** And the benefit is immeasurable – both in terms of background knowledge for learning Gemara, and in terms of growing accustomed to constant review. There are currently **thousands of children** all over Eretz Yisroel learning Mishnayos through the V'debarto Bom Mishnayos Organization founded and directed by **Rabbi Yitzchak Aharon Shapiro – all using the Shas Chabura system.** On the following page are excerpts of a letter dated Sept. 23, '04 from Rabbi Shapiro to Rabbi Dolgin. It is but a crosscut from the hundreds of letters and phone calls Shas Chabura receives on a steady basis expressing the hatzlacha and **enthusiasm** of those using the system.

The following letter is clearly indicative of the far-reaching effects of Shas Chabura, and the warm encouragement of the Gedolim:

לכבוד ידיד נפשי מגדולי מזמי הרבים בדור הרב סנדר דולגין שליט"א

. . . wherever I go, in Israel or abroad, your plan is known. You have become one of the greatest influencers of the generation. You sit in Lakewood and your influence is felt in the whole world. I showed the program to Hagaon Rav Chaim Kanievsky, Hagaon Rav Shmuel Auerbach, and Hagaon Rav Michel Yehudah Lefkowitz and they encouraged me to develop the program in all the Yeshivos. The idea is being spread throughout the country.

The campaign started in Shevat 5764 and as of today (10 months later), more than 32 Yeshivos with 800 students have joined, in Yerushalayim, Bnai Brak, Tiberias, Ashdod, Rishon Lezion, Beit Chelkiah, Telz Stone, and Kiryat Sefer. We have Litvishe, Sephardic, and Chassidic Yeshivos in the program. You can see the names of the Yeshivos in the Yated Neeman that I sent you. These students will complete within 3 years, 3 or 4 sedorim

of Mishnayos — Moed, Nashim, Nazikin, and Kodshim. This is based on learning 2 Mishnayos a day plus review – about 15 minutes average, without interfering with regular study . . . the students and their Roshei Yeshivos already feel spiritual gains . . . 8 Mishnayos a day, 240 in a month, and 2,800 in a year . . . we have already 800 students (equaling over) 2,000,000 Mishnayos a year, and the numbers are continuing to grow. We've already had three siyumim on tractates Succah, Rosh Hashana, Ta'anis, Beitzta, Moed Katan, Megilla, and Chagiga in which about 500 students took part. A student that starts on Mishnayos, will later continue with Gemara. Therefore it is most worthwhile that the program should develop and grow. Who can describe how great is your reward?! You'll have the merit of millions of Mishnayos from spreading this idea.

All the best, (Rabbi) Yitzchak Aharon Shapiro

Publications and Haskamos of the Gedolim

Shas Chabura has been featured in many national and international publications in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish, French, and German; publications such as The Jewish Observer, Yated Ne'eman, Hamodia, the 11th Siyum Hashas publications, and others in America, Europe, and Eretz Yisroel. Shas Chabura has been highly recommended and encouraged by the Gedolim of Eretz Yisroel and America.

The following Haskamos for Shas Chabura appeared in the Feb. '05 edition of the Jewish Observer:

- Harav Yosef S. Elyashiv, shlita:** "For this, one doesn't need my askama – it is a must for everyone to do it."
- Harav Chaim Kanievsky, shlita:** "There is an obligation for each and every person to learn and know all of Shas, as it says in the Pasuk: **ב = בראשית מ = מאמתי**." "ודברת בם."
- Harav Aaron L. Steinman, shlita:** "This is a great thing; please send me the details of the program."
- Harav Nosson Tzvi Finkel, shlita:** "The chabura in the Mir that utilizes this method gives me much **נחת**. In the past 3 years they have learned and chazzered over 1000 blatt using this system in seder **שני** alone."
- Gerrer Rebbe, shlita:** "In the past, learning all of Shas was a goal that one strived for. In our day, it has unfortunately become a **מת מצוה**. Hashem should grant you hatzlacha with your program to be **מזכה** the **רבים**."
- Toldos Aharon Rebbe, shlita:** "Words alone cannot express how good this is. I myself have begun using it, and I have included it in my Yeshiva's sedarim."
- Novominsker Rebbe, shlita:** "All efforts should be expended to spread this method of learning to Klal Yisroel. If someone does not have the time to do this himself, he should act as a Zevulun to assist someone who does."
- Harav Shmuel Kamenetzky, shlita:** "Yasher koach for developing this system of chazara להגדיל תורה ולהאדירה! (to advance Torah study and glorify it)."
- Harav Yosef Zeinert, shlita:** "The question that the Chofetz Chaim asked of Rabbi Meir Shapiro, I ask of you – What is your **זכות** that you were **זוכה** to create this **דרך** of **הרבצת התורה**?"
(The following askamos were not available at the time of the JO printing):
- Harav Malkiel Kotler, shlita:** "Many **תלמידי חכמים** have tried this system and have seen great success."
- Harav Matisyohu Salomon, shlita:** "This program is **מעולה**!"

SPONSORSHIPS AND DEDICATIONS

Become a supporting member of Shas Chabura, and a partner in the thousands of משניות, בלעטר גמרא and הלכות that are learned and reviewed daily all over the world!!

Our budget and activities include:

- Two Lakewood Chaburos and full time Rosh Chaburah. 📞 **Our offices answer, at times, 80-100 calls a day:**
- Two offices – one in Lakewood and one in Eretz Yisroel. 📞 **Some want to discuss starting their 1st Mesechta,**
- Extensive advertising throughout the world. 📞 **Others have a question about their 3rd or 13th.**
- Write ups in many of the frum publications. 📞 **Some want hundreds of calendars for a Yeshiva.**
- Display booths at different conventions. 📞 **Others want *customized* calendars for themselves.**
- Customized calendars for personal learning programs. 📞 **And then there are those who call to express their**
- Printing and worldwide distribution of our popular pocket calendars — a staple to anyone using the system. **overwhelming joy and appreciation for the major change Shas Chabura has made in their lives!**

LAKEWOOD CHABUROS

Shas Chabura, under the guidance of their Rosh Chabura, has grown to become the **largest** second seder Chabura in Lakewood! Their rigorous learning and review schedules represent — challenge, focus, and achievement. Stipends are awarded to those who excel in the daily schedules, the ongoing reviews, and the monthly tests. ***Become A Partner In Their Success!***

Amud Chabura 1 Year – \$54,000 6 Months – \$27,000 1 Month – \$4,500
 [5 amudim/wk Gemara-Rashi-Tosefos; approximately 120 participants; size of Chabura cannot be guaranteed]

Blatt Chabura 1 Year – \$18,000 6 Months – \$9,000 1 Month – \$1,500
 [5 blatt/wk Gemara-Rashi; approximately 40 participants; size of Chabura cannot be guaranteed]

Amud and Blatt Chaburos (together) 1 Year – \$72,000 6 Months – \$36,000 1 Month – \$6,000

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Send your tax deductible donation to Shas Chabura Inc. PO Box 380 Lakewood, NJ 08701. This form can be used for mailing or faxing. Credit card payments can also be called in to our office at (732) 447-4201. Phone/fax (732) 730-9496.

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