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Rav Meir Shapiro, the great Lubliner Rav and founder of Daf Yomi, once pointed to a passage at the end of *Maseches Yevamos* (121a) as the inspiration for his revolutionary Daf Yomi program. The Gemara tells us that while traveling at sea, R. Gamliel witnessed the shipwreck of a neighboring vessel with R. Akiva on board, and R. Gamliel experienced great distress. Yet upon R. Gamliel's arrival to dry land, none other than R. Akiva came before him to discuss a point of halachah. When R. Gamliel asked R. Akiva how he was saved, R. Akiva responded that he chanced upon a plank (*daf*) at sea, and with this *daf* he was able to overcome all the waves of the sea. Rav Meir Shapiro concluded that it is learning the *daf* that allows us to overcome the many waves that threaten to engulf us each day. In our very hectic modern lives we face one wave after another, but the *daf* keeps us afloat.

Rabbi Zev Reichman, a rising star in the Jewish firmament for his prodigious scholarship no less than for his deep devotion and acts of *chesed*, has done us all a great service in artfully compiling lucid and compelling insights into each *daf* of *Maseches Bava Kama*. Appropriately entitled "Daf Delights," this work is a true delight to read, incorporating as it does the works of contemporary *poskim* who bring the issues of the Gemara to life with vivid and relevant applications, together with a unique focus on the spiritual side of the Talmud. I wish Rav Zev *shlit"i* a much *hatzlachah* with this important *sefer*, and as the waves of daily life crash down upon us, may he continue to guide us through the deep and serene *Yam HaTalmud*.

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Abraham Hirsch