

Torah helps root Torah thought in our souls. Pleasurable Torah study interests our minds, engages our hearts, and connects our souls to our Maker.

We have been blessed in our *shul* with a vibrant culture of Torah study. Our Torat Moshe Daf Yomi Group is one of the pillars of our communal experience. The study of a daily page of Talmud each day has added to many, both a mitzvah and pleasure. This publication is an attempt to spread the joy of the daily *daf* to an audience wider than those who come each morning. I have attempted to cull insights related to each *daf* from a variety of sources, and to translate them into English, and spread them for others to enjoy. I am sure that this work happened due to the merit of our holy community, East Hill Synagogue. May it bring blessings to all who learn the *daf* with us and to the entire community who are partners in the spread of Torah.

These essays deal with halachic topics. They are not intended to be the final word. Please ask a competent halachic authority to determine your actual practice about any of the issues the articles cover. The essays are merely an attempt to trigger interest and study.

This year our family and community lost dear individuals. The essays were initially dedicated to their memory and this book is dedicated to their memory as well. May these words of Torah add merit to these special souls.

Mr. Mendel Balk, *a"h*, was an exceptional father, dear friend, and communal leader. Mendel appreciated the value of learning Hashem's word. He had study partners come to his office and home. Even while battling illness and the hardships of his treatments, he set aside time for Torah learning. Mendel built Torah and holiness in Englewood and throughout the Jewish world. He has engraved a legacy of dedication to family, Torah and *mitzvos* in all our hearts. Mendel brought me and my family to the twelfth Siyum Hashas in Metlife Stadium, even though it was the day before his son, Elan's