BAVA METZIA

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

I dedicate this book to the members of our Daf group, my friends and teachers, who join me each morning before Shacharis to learn the daily Daf. Your passion and excitement made this work and many other Torah initiatives come to fruition. May we merit to learn Torah, love Torah, and spread Torah together for many years to come.

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