

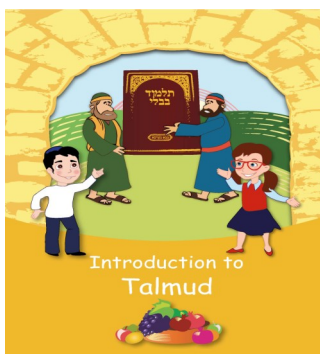
Let's Talk Torah Sheb'al Peh!

The New V'Shinantam Year Two a Great Hit!

Last year at this time, Bonayich announced the distribution of the new edition of the V'Shinantam Mishnah Program. Year One of the Program was released to schools for the 5770 academic year, and was acclaimed as another leap forward in the study of Torah Sheb'al Peh in primary education. The beautiful graphics, the upgraded content and its integration with the skills units, the Mishnah Search Cards learning center, the upgraded teacher manuals and aids, all contributed to the immediate success of the new program.



This year, Year Two of the V'Shinantam Program was released to schools, and the reactions are equally enthusiastic. Schools are reporting that the switch to content from Bava Kamma and Bava Metzia has aroused the interest of students, who constantly apply what they learn to real life circumstances from their own experience. All of the components listed above that



made V'Shinantam One so effective, have been continued and expanded in V'Shinantam Two.

At the request of many schools, such as the Yeshiva of Central Queens, HAFTR, and many more, the Year Two of V'Shinantam now includes a special introduction to Talmud for the end of the second year, to prepare students

more fully for entry into Talmud study the year after. This introduction presents the Talmud page, and helps students orient themselves to Talmud. The main components of the Talmud - b'raitot, memrot and shakla v'tarya are presented and explained, and two sample sugyot from the Bavot are brought to exemplify the principles learned. This is truly a breakthrough in Torah Sheb'al Peh learning in late primary grades!

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Shvat 5771

Important Dates

- **April 1, 2011**
Order deadline for Early Bird Special
- **May 1st, 2011**
Deadline for sea shipment orders
- **June/July**
Inservice training for new schools
- **August 15—Payment deadline for Early Bird Special orders**
- **September 1—Payment deadline for regular orders**

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This new program, designed for Junior High School age students, responds to the input of educators from around the world, and will bring “Hatchalat Gemara” to a level of skills definition and transparent assessment never seen before!

The New V’Dibarta Bam Ready for 5772

Now that the two years of the V’Shinantam Mishnah Program have been released and so well received, Bonayich has turned its attention to the re-write and upgrading of the V’Dibarta Bam Talmud Skills Program for Junior High School. This program is designed as a direct follow-up to the V’Shinantam Program, and will be available for the 5772 academic year.

The new V’Dibarta Bam Talmud Skills Program will be extremely child-friendly, and the following aspects of the program will make it especially attractive:

- The V’Dibarta Bam Student Book will be self-contained – designed for study either in class or in chevruta, so that students may learn it independently as well!
- The teacher materials, including the Student Book with answers, a full, wrap-around Teacher Manual, and multiple teaching aids, will be available in digital form only, to greatly reduce costs and make teaching more effective in a technological classroom.
- The program will appear in a two-year model like V’Shinantam, and is designed for use in either 6-7th Grades, or 7-8th Grades.
- A follow up third year of the program, Introduction to Rishonim, will prepare high -school students for the study of Rishonim and classical “lamdanut.”

AHA Student Newspaper Gives Beit Midrash Program Rave Review

In the recent edition of the student newspaper of the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina, a student reporter discussed the new skills program produced for AHA by Bonayich Educational Services:

“The Jewish studies department has taken a turn for the good this year with the introduction of the new Bet Midrash program. [ed. note: materials produced by Bonayich—see page 3 of this newsletter]. Freshmen this year have been immersed in a type of Judaic studies that has never before been experienced on this campus. This experimental, introductory course in a yeshiva type setting has so far been a great success.....While attending the lesson, I was able to ask some of the students several questions. Students that had never studied Judaics previously said they are learning more than they have ever before; all at a comfortable pace that they can manage. The experienced students admitted that although they had been immersed in their previous school, this program was proving to be a challenge for them as well. Everyone unanimously agreed that the program is interesting and the instructors amazing. I have high hopes for the Bet Midrash and cannot wait to see how much these students grow by senior year.”

These booklets are easy to read, come with full, coherent translation of all sources, answer keys, email contact with Bonayich for questions and answers and guidance, and monthly internet broadcasts for participants.

The booklets are ideal for independent or chevuta study, or in guided workshops in high schools, synagogues or community center learning programs.

Bonayich Adult Education—Pathways in Torah

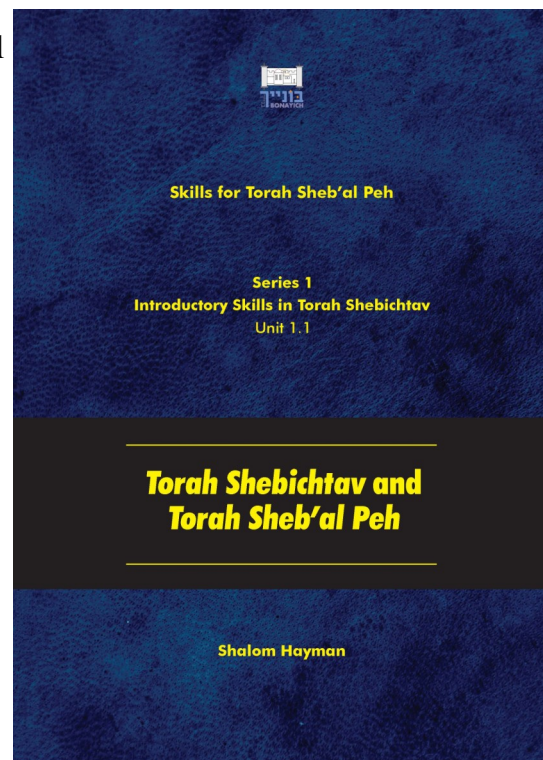


Many of our schools have requested materials for parents who wish to keep up with the accelerated skills acquisition of their children in the V'Shinantam and V'Dibarta Bam Programs. So, here it is: "Pathways in Torah"!

This remarkable program, written by R' Shalom Hayman, meets this need. It is a series of thirty-five self-learn booklets on Torah Sheb'al Peh, divided into five series: introductory skills for Torah Shebichtav in preparation for Torah Sheb'al Peh, Mishnah skills, Torat HaTannaim skills, Torat Ha'Amoraim skills, and Shakla V'Tarya skills. The booklets are easy to read, come with full translation of all sources, answer booklets, email contact with Bonayich for questions and answers and guidance, and monthly internet broadcasts for participants. All this, for a monthly subscription rate of \$18!

These materials have also become popular with Jewish High Schools who want to ensure a fundamental skills training for their students, in a Bet Midrash environment allowing for individualization and an exciting learning style. The materials have been field tested at the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, NC, and the Weber School in Atlanta, GA, and have proven their effectiveness! Also on its way in the Pathways series are: Pathways in Aggadah and Midrash, Pathways in Halachah and Pathways in Tanach. Register now and get them all!

Contact Rachel at the Bonayich office for a brochure and details: Rachel Ben David - rbendavid@bonayich.com.



From the Field

In this new section of our newsletter, we'll bring you remarks from educators around the world who use Bonayich materials. This week, we are proud to bring to you a letter from a V'Shinantam Mishnah Program Master Teacher, Ms. Clara Gaba of the Hillel Community School in Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Gaba writes:

שלום כבוד הרב היימן!
מה שלומך?

לימוד המשנה בבית ספרנו ממשיך להתנהל בהתלהבות יתרה ואני שומעת המון תלמידים שמודים ומתוודים שבתחילת השנה לא הבינו את הנושא הנלמד ועכשיו זה הנושא האהוב עליהם ביותר. רציתי להתחלק איתך בשיעור שנתנו, סטיב פרידמן אני והתלמידים לפני ההורים. אנחנו סיימנו את לימוד המיומנויות ומכיון שבתי הספר עכשיו מתמקדים בלימוד המתאימים למאה ה-21 לימדנו שיעור שקראנו לו:

The Never Changing Skills in an Ever-changing World

התלמידים התחילו את השיעור בשיר ההלכה או שאני צריכה לומר בריקוד ושיר ההלכה. שום דבר לא היה הצגה - כך אנחנו מתחילים מידי יום! אני הבאתי קופסת כלים ובתוכה מתקליט שבור (סימן לשינון כל משנה) ועד בובות רוסיות לתאר רבדים במשנה וגם חוליות שרשרת כדי להבין את הקשר שלנו לעבר ועוד ועוד. התלמידים הפגינו ידע ואמרתי להורים כמה חשוב היה לך לא ללמוד וללמד - לא אינפורמציה אלא מיומנויות שיכינו את התלמיד ללימוד עצמאי שיבוא מתוך אהבת הנושא וסקרנות טבעית... השיעור היה מצוין! כולם נהנו תלמידים והורים גם יחד. ההורים נדהמו לראות ולשמע את מה שילדיהם למדו בתקופה קצרה כל כך... לא חשבתי מעולם שדוקא משנה יהיה הנושא שיצית את אש ההתלהבות בכיתה - זה דבר שצריך לראות ולהבין כי ההתלהבות היא ספונטנית והלמידה נעשית מתוך אהבה. יום יום, כאשר אני מלמדת משנה, אני מודה לבורא עולם שניתנה בחלקי הזכות ללמד כמה מילדי ישראל את הנושא הזה, ובכך לקשור את עתידם בעברו העשיר של עמנו הנפלא.

תודה לך שוב על יצירתך הנפלאה, מקוה ליצור קשר בשבוע הבא. תודה על הכל!
קלרה

New Directions at Bonayich

- V'Shinantam Mishnah Program, Years One and Two, fully rewritten and redesigned
- V'Dibarta Bam Talmud Skills Program, Years One and Two, fully rewritten and redesigned
- Pathways in Torah Adult Education Program, available now!
- Over the next six months, the new Bonayich website with many new features and aids!
- Live broadcasts, inservices and meeting potential through video-teleconferencing direct from Israel!

All this makes Bonayich Educational Services your one-stop center for everything needed to teach and learn Torah Sheb'al Peh!

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