

Let's Talk - Torah Sheb'al Peh

New Bonayich Website is Something to See!



This past month, we were delighted to announce that our new Bonayich website – www.bonayich.com – went on air. The website is fully renewed, with a great deal more information about V'Shinantam, V'Dibarta Bam, Pathways in Torah, and all other Bonayich program materials. The new website is also equipped with the new Teacher Forum – a password protected forum designed specifically for teachers and administrators who are involved in the Bonayich programs. If you have not yet received your password, please contact Rachel Ben David at rbendavid@bonayich.com and she'll send a password right out to you. The new website is also equipped with a store for online purchases, and soon will be augmented with a special computerized order form for schools and institutions wishing to order in bulk for discount.

Future plans for the site include a Professional Development Center, in which member schools will be able to see videotaped inservice materials for staff development. The Hebrew version of the Bonayich website will go on air in the near future, to service the increasing number of Israeli schools in the Bonayich family.

Please visit us at www.bonayich.com and send us your comments, your suggestions and your ideas for future development. We're all about serving you!

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Announcements

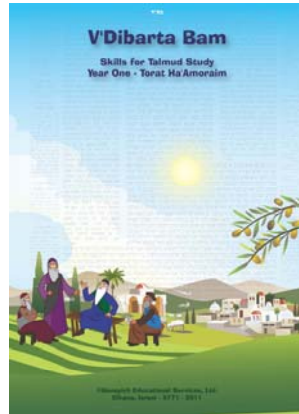
- The new Bonayich website is up at www.bonayich.com
- The teacher forum is open. Contact Rachel Ben David for your username and password
- Rabbi Hayman will be travelling to North America in January 2012 – contact Bonayich office to schedule visits and appointments
- New computerized ordering procedure for schools will be introduced in February, 2012 on the new Bonayich website

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New V'Dibarta Bam Program Attracting Wide Interest

The new Bonayich Talmud Skills program – V'Dibarta Bam – was introduced only this past September, but is already attracting attention and wide interest. This entirely new program is divided into two program years: Year One teaches the Torat Ha'Amoraim, and Year Two (to be published in June of 2012) teaches the Shakla V'Tarya.



The new V'Dibarta Bam is colorful, clear, student friendly and easy to learn from. It is designed as a free-standing book, to be used in chevruta or individual study in a Bet Midrash environment under teacher supervision, to allow students to move along at their own individual paces. Accompanying this new program is a full teacher guide, more than 25 posters, and a teaching and learning aid called the Amoraim Learning Center. This Learning Center is fully computerized and interactive, and presents the biographies and teachings of a hundred of the most common Amora'im, all interlinked and connected:

All known teachers, students, colleagues of the Amora, linked to their own pages in the Center



Questions on the life lessons to be learned from the Amora – designed as an interactive form for sending to the teacher!

The new Amoraim Learning Center may also be purchased separately from V'Dibarta Bam. The Center is available in Hebrew or English editions. [Click here](#) to see an example on our site!

Bet Midrash, generation of Amora, and all variations on his name.

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This new program will be initiated during the coming months, will be in partnership with an extremely well known halachic personality and institution, and will bring color, depth, method and systematic, experiential learning to this critical area of study.

New Bonayich Initiative for the Study and Teaching of Jewish Life

This coming year, Bonayich Educational Services will complete its first major objective: production of a systematic program for the learning and teaching of Mishnah and Talmud skills – the V'Shinantam and V'Dibarta Bam programs for late elementary and junior high school grades. We feel privileged to have provided to the Jewish educational community a set of tools for Torah Sheb'al Peh that makes learning orderly, enjoyable and effective. Ongoing improvements and updates will continue, but the basic tools are now before the Jewish educational community.

Many educational administrators and teachers have expressed to us the need for similar quality curricula and materials for other Jewish Studies areas. Some of our colleagues have requested a modular Chumash curriculum that stresses skill-based learning, while others have asked us to consider writing a curriculum for Halachah, Dinim and Jewish customs. After considerable thought and consultation, the Bonayich team has made its decision, and we are moving on to our next objective: to provide systematic curricula and highly attractive program materials for the teaching of Jewish life in primary and secondary grades.

Our new program will be called “Chaye Yisrael,” and will present the world of halachah and Jewish custom in an organic, colorful and experiential way. With the same high level of student and teacher support as V'Shinantam and the new V'Dibarta Bam Programs, Chaye Yisrael will strive to not only teach the “what” of Jewish life, but also the “why” - the values, beliefs and life approaches that make Jewish life what it is. We hope to teach students around the world how to think in halachah and Jewish customs, how to understand its dynamic principles, methods and values. Chaye Yisrael will be built in keeping with principles of multiple intelligence, differential instruction, and technologically sound methods of learning and teaching.

As we begin the planning process for Chaye Yisrael, we invite you, our colleagues in the world of Jewish education, to play an active part in the design and development of our new program. Please send us your ideas, your suggestions and your feelings about Jewish life education, and we here at Bonayich will listen, consider and seriously relate to your contributions. In the final edition of Chaye Yisrael, your contributions will be included in your name, and the program will become a grass-roots initiative in Jewish life education.

For more information, and to submit your ideas and input, please write to us at bonayich@bonayich.com, and indicate that you are writing about “Chaye Yisrael” – Jewish Life education!

In-service, Guidance and Supervision on Demand!

Administrators and teachers of member schools in Bonayich receive extensive training, guidance and support. We at Bonayich are always looking for new ways to make sure that when a school joins our programs, they can be sure that they will receive the results and fulfill the objectives of their investment.

Many schools have small budgets for training these days. Bringing in Bonayich staff to train teachers or observe them in the classroom is becoming too expensive a proposition for many schools.

Therefore, we wish to remind member schools that as part of the service package you purchase when you join Bonayich, we are happy to provide teacher guidance, supervision and inservice over the internet. If you would like to invite us to view lessons over Skype, and then guide teachers on instruction, we can do it! Since your teaching hours are our evening hours, it is a simple matter to hook up a camera and Skype connection in your classroom, arrange a time for us to connect to you, and we can observe lessons without students even being aware that we are there. Following the observation, we will meet with the teacher over Skype and share our notes and suggestions for instruction. We would be happy to observe regularly, as much as is needed to make sure the programs you purchase from Bonayich are appropriately implemented.

If you would like to train additional teachers without heavy costs of travel and accommodation – we can do it! Join one of our Webinars on Torah Sheb'al Peh - Mishnah or Talmud, and stay with us on line for supplementary meetings and seminars.

You and your teachers are invited to be in touch with us also by phone and email with questions and requests for assistance. We will answer quickly and to the point, to make your job of implementing our programs easier and stress-free!

More and more schools are taking advantage of this unique and highly effective service – so how about you and your school? Please write to us at bonayich@bonayich.com for details. Or, contact Rabbi Hayman by Skype directly at pinchas.hayman - we're always happy to hear from you!

Have You Seen “Pathways”?

Parents of children learning V'Shinantam and V'Dibarta Bam are now able to enjoy the same systematic, skills-based learning as their children!



The Bonayich “Pathways in Torah Sheb'al Peh” program enables adults to continue and augment their own skills in Mishnah and Talmud, so they can not only follow what their children are doing—they can take an active role in helping their children along, while building common languages of learning as their children grow. Have a look on the website: www.bonayich.com and check out the amazing Pathways in Torah

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