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Deadly Hate Kills Students

"SINUS" ILL FEELING WIDESPREAD—NATION MOURNS TRAGEDY

From the Editor **TALMUDIC TABLOID TABOO?**

Some of our readers may wonder about this journalistic presentation of Rabbi Akiva. Some will raise eyebrows or shrug their shoulders. Some may even condemn it as sacrilegious, insisting that Torah sages belong only in sacred Talmud tomes and not in a newspaper.

Would Rabbi Akiva want to be confined to ancient Aramaic, studied by the exclusive elite?

Rabbi Akiva started out as a simple shepherd, who entered first grade late in life at age forty.

Unfortunately, the problems that plagued Rabbi Akiva's students still plague us today.

The Talmud is here and now – with problems, issues and situations as real as today's newspaper.



OP - ED SECTION

Our family has always followed the traditional Myway Nusach in all of our prayers and customs. But now that I am learning at a big Yeshiva, I have unfortunately discovered that some students follow their so-called Nusach Otherway.

Why must these reshaim go against the established minhag? Their strange ways and aberrations from the authoritative Nusach Myway are repulsive.

Shouldn't we all follow Myway for the sake of achdus and unity in Klal Yisroel?

DEVELOPING STORY...

BNAI BRAK, IYAR 17– Thousands of Yeshiva students are dying daily in a severe epidemic that has hit all divisions of the Akiva Talmudic Academy.

Unless the situation improves by tomorrow, it will be 33 days since the tragedy began.

EMERGENCY ALERT

Experts are warning that the current sinus outbreak is unique.

"This isn't your regular sinus of mucus in the ear, nose and throat cavities that can be treated with cough medicine. The students are suffering from a dangerous "Sinus Chinam" infection.

Rather than a physical respiratory ailment, this Sinus strain is a spiritual disorder that causes enmity leading to askera complications and death, G-d forbid."

The death toll keeps mounting each day, and counting.

problems *in* HUMAN EMOTIONS

by A. Ben Yosef

Dear A.,

This real nice guy who works for my Dad is shy and sheepish. He never went to Hebrew school, but is definitely educable if given the opportunity. He certainly has my permission to grow and learn, more and more.

I like him, but Dad thinks I can do better. He is adamantly opposed to us getting married and will throw me out of the house. What should I do?

Rachel S. Jerusalem

Dear Rachel,

Your encouragement will make him go far, and Dad will come around.

Dear Sir:

I come from a prestigious Yerushalmi family with great yichus. My daughter eloped with a "farbissener am haaretz," an ignoramus who once worked for me. My daughter's grasping at straws!

Now the bum left her and my daughter is a living widow.

She desperately needs help, but I promised to never support her. Is there a Rabbinic heter for me?

Kalbah S.

Dear Kalbah,

Now that you're actually facing your problem, you'll be pleasantly surprised to discover how it's all changed.

Dear Sir,

My neighbor is a poor dresser, although she comes from a very wealthy family. She went out to greet a very famous Rabbi dressed so shabbily, that I am embarrassed. Where is her Kavod Hatorah?

Nay Bohr

Dear Nay,

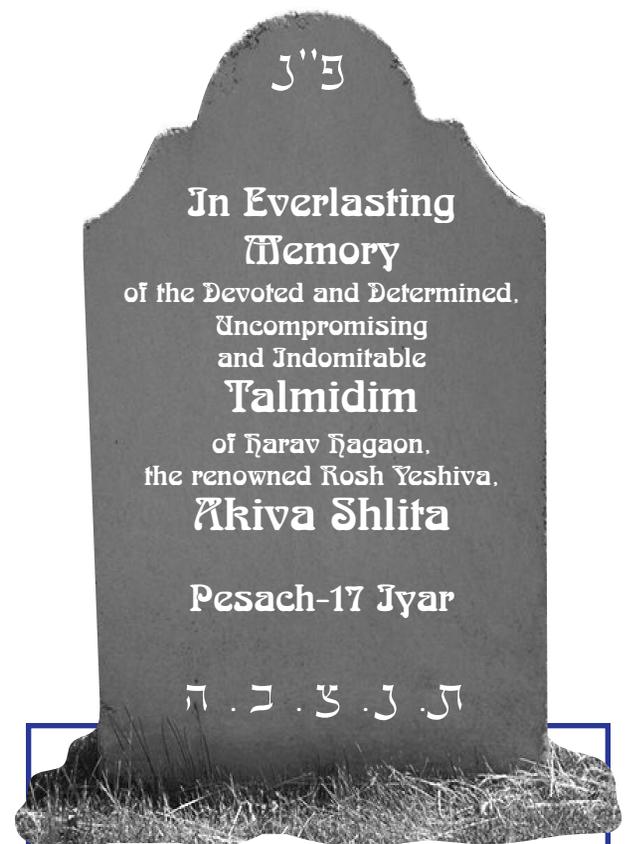
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The Bottom Line: Rabbi Akiva's student Rabbi Elazar B. Shamua states: "Treat your student's honor as your own, and the honor of your peer as the fear of your Rebbe, and the fear of your Rebbe as the fear of Heaven." Avos 4:12

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Bridal SECTION



SOMETHING TO SLEEP ON

by Rachel A.

It's that time of the year when brides are shopping to furnish their new homes. Brides dream of exquisite canopy beds, embroidered satin, down comforters, sham pillows with elegant drapery and lace curtains.

Personally, I grew up with fancy fashion and finery. One of Dad's friends was so wealthy, he walked on carpeted sidewalk! They'd roll out the carpet for B. Z. Hakeses wherever he went, and then donated it all to charity.

Wanting the very best for his little girl, Dad looked forward to match me up with a distinguished young man of his choosing and set me up in a dream house.

But I disappointed Dad. Turned off by the pomp and circumstance, I found that upper society is false and vain.

My fiancé and I share simple tastes, an appreciation of hard work, and sensitivity.

Rich fancy beds are comfortable, but there's more to life than sleeping. Designer labels are just an outer trimming. The main thing in marriage is mutual love and respect, and an understanding husband who's willing to learn.

We're poor, but our marriage is stable.

For my bedroom set, I chose a bottom-of-the-line mattress with a straw pattern. Soft and versatile, this bedding material can easily serve as a maternity bed, delivery bed, or a baby crib, as needed.

Hay! It sometimes gives us a bad hair day, but we help each other.

It's certainly something to sleep on.

Simcha Section

SORRY
 Due to the student tragedy, all weddings and simcha events in this section are **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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Akiva and Rachel of Jerusalem were married in a private ceremony. The bride is the daughter of the Honorable Kalba Sabua, a leading financier who was conspicuously absent.

The couple will reside in an unfurnished apartment.

Formerly with the Wool Street Live Stock Exchange, the groom is now between careers. He is conducting hydro-dynamic research on the effects of liquid droplets on hard surfaces.

According to the new couple's plan, the groom will return to school for a Masters in Talmudic studies, while the bride will major in domestic engineering.



Women's Corner

Dear Editor,

Why does the Yeshiva world push women into a corner like this?

Mrs. R. A.

Dear R.

Unfortunately some don't appreciate the selfless work of our devoted mothers and wives. On the contrary, the Jewish woman's support is the very cornerstone of Torah, for mine and theirs is all really yours!