**The following is an excerpt from the Q&A segment of a shiur Rabbi Kessin gave in November, 2021.**

**Participant: When the Torah is released, what actually happens?**

R’Kessin: Many are not familiar with this *midrash* “Rabah,” *sefer*  Vayikra, *parashat* “Tzav,”: “The *galut---exiles* will only be gathered due to the merit of *limud mishnayot---learning of Mishna.* Most will wonder what the learning of Mishna has to do with this.

**LEARNING IS AKIN TO DOING**

There two ways to earn the merit of a *mitzvah*: by doing a mitzvah or learning the Torah, the *halachot---laws* of that *mitzvah*. To learn it is considered by G-d as if you’d done the *mitzvah*. The *midrash* brings the proof: “This is the law of the *chatos---sin-offering.”* Why doesn’t it just say, “This is the *chatos*”? Why does it say this is the “Torah of the *chatos*”? This tells us that if you learn about the laws of *chatos* or *kodshim---an order of the mishnayos about the operation of the beis ha’Mikdash*, it is as if you have brought an animal to the altar. In this case, learning is equivalent to doing. You need both, but **learning** Torah is almost the same as **doing** Torah. That is why it also says, *“Talmud Torah k’neged kulam”---Torah learning is equal to all other mitzvot*, not only in terms of the reward but because learning is akin to doing.

If G-d wants to bring back the Jewish people from the diaspora, from the exile, to gather them to Himself to be *talmid chachamim---scholars*, how will He do it? He wants them to have done the whole Torah, but how? The answer is *mishnayot* because it is the entire Oral Law. There are 4,192 of them. The average *mishna* has seven or eight *halachot*, so 8 x 4192 is 33,*000 yediot---facts* of Torah. That’s a staggering amount of knowledge of the Oral Law.

But most *mishnayot* are missing some information. They don’t provide the background information. If you were to add all that information needed, the pre-*mishnaic*, the post-*mishnaic*, all the ideas one must know before and after, it would total more than 100,000 *yediot*. Could you imagine knowing that? Today, it’s possible because there are many good *mishnaot* that bring all the relevant data in order to understand every *mishna* clearly. So, it comes out that the shortcut, if you want call it that, is that everybody can know the entire law and knowing it is akin to having done it. They will have fulfilled the *mitzvot*. That’s the kicker here! This fulfills “*misham yekabetzcha”—from there He will gather you*, *will separate you from the nations of the world, and bring you to Him*. This means He will make you a *talmid chacham----scholar.*  **That’s what it means to be close to G-d. This is how G-d can fulfill this.**

You may say: Hey! Wait a minute! 4,192 *mishnayot* takes time to learn. Not really! If you apply the “Method” of the RaMCHaL which is to see the structure from top down, to see the ideas as a kind of map, a “mishnaic map,” a structure of every *mesechte---organizational elements,* 63 of them---**you could teach the totality of the Oral Law in one year!**

People are not going to believe that but that’s because people have never learned with the advantage of structure or a map. They usually learn “linearly” which means it’s fragmented. If you were to look at the Torah with each *masechte* as a map, you could see how all aspects of the information relate to each other. You first see the map and then see more and more related detail **that can be learned in one year.**

If G-d could create a climate, which of course He can, this mishnaic curriculum could be developed and disseminated. It would revolutionize Klal Israel because everybody would become a formidable *talmid chacham*. It’s possible. I’m not talking about something supernatural. If it were implemented in *yeshivot*, schools for *ba’alei teshuva---students returning to Judaism,* it would be a miracle, absolutely astounding. There are hundreds of thousands of *ba’alei teshuva*---I’m not even including the eleven million Jews who are “gone”---who, in this environment that G-d will foster, would realize that there is a G-d, there is Judaism, and will want to come back. How will you teach them? Supernaturally? That’s not the goal. It will happen naturally but what natural force is there? This is the way to do it. G-D will create the environment whereby the Jews suddenly want to come back and learn.

You would have 63 diagrams, each one representing the totality of the entire tractate, the *misechte*, so not only would you see the totality of the map, but you would be able to link every *mishna* to that map!

The upshot of this is that you could take a million people and teach them the entire Oral Law in one year. There are many groups, organizations to help and benefit. Chabad has 4000-5000 *shluchim---emissaries*, *the Lev L’achim*, and others. What do they do with people who come back? They can’t do much. Maybe you can get a guy a *chavruta---learning group* but the problem is that so much of his life has gone without Torah, he doesn’t have the time to sit down and acquire the entire Oral Law. He’s married, has to work, raise kids. He doesn’t have thirty-five years to do this. But **what if there were institutes that would specialize in this approach, where every person who entered would master the entire *shisha sidrei Mishna---the six orders of Mishna* in one year?**

The content is easy to memorize if you have an organized system. That is what the *midrash* is saying, that the exile ends because of the learning of *mishnayot.* Learning the entire oral law gives you the merit of practicing it! There you are.

**THE SPARK**

We’re not far away from this, but it does take a miracle to create such an environment where people will want to sign up for this. I’ll tell you how it can be done. There’s a saying in English: “Nothing succeeds like success.” Success is the greatest impetus to continue striving. The beauty of Torah is that, when a person learns Torah, there is a spark ignited in his *neshama---Divine soul,* and there’s a reason for that. That spark turns him on but it happens only when he is successful. That is what motivates him to continue learning. But success can be elusive.

But what happens if a person has mastered the entire Oral Law through *mishnayot* in the proper way, knowing vast amounts of Torah, facts from the Mishna? He will never stop because he will have been incredibly successful. That is the way to reach him. The target audience are *ba’alei teshuva*, those returning.

Once you learn the entire Mishna, the 100,000 facts, you learn Gemara. And since you know 40% of *shas*, and every *mishna* and every *baraita---ancillary material,* you can learn two *blatt---pages* and finish the whole thing in 3.7 years. So, it comes out that, in 4.7 years, you will be a master of the Oral Law, an *adam godol---great man* of Judaism! The beauty of what frames this is the structured *mishnayot* that allow everything you learn to be easily located within that structure. Like the use of a map, you can’t get lost.

Imagine giving this to kids, starting at aged 13. In one year, they master *mishnayot*! All he would then need is another three or four years to go through the rest of the 2711 pages. Since he has the entire framework, it’s easy. That means that, in five years, by the time he’s 18-years-old, when he leaves high school, he will be one of many great scholars on the planet! He will remember everything because there are systems of memory that can make your mind almost photographic.

**In accordance with the miraculous rise of this environment would be the need for funding and sponsorship.**

The “Method” of the RaMCHaL explained in *Derech Hashem---Way of G-d* is the method of learning through structure termed “rapid education.” You can learn with incredible speed.

Take ten young students and teach them this way. They will be so enthralled that they will tell ten of their friends. Ten will tell ten more and ten will become one hundred. Then you can advertise and, the next year, it becomes one hundred. They will tell their friends and they too become enthralled. Now you are up to a thousand and each of them bring ten because there is nothing greater than mastering the entire Oral Law.