

Chavrusa Profile

Scott Dubin

LOCATION	AGE
Hartsdale, NY	39
OCCUPATION	
Venture Capital	

Zusya Kreitenberg

LOCATION	AGE
Brooklyn, NY	23
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Kolel L'Horaa Maasis	

This Jewish Man Is Learning The Talmud Just Like He Did In 11th Grade

Scott's story takes us to Atlanta Georgia where he was born and raised in a loving and vibrant Jewish home. He spent his summers enjoying Jewish summer camps and he studied in a local Jewish high school.

"My last year in high school I connected with an amazing Rabbi, he was my gateway into learning. We opened up a Talmud together and he told me, we can study this. I remember at 16 years old covering about a half a page over the course of six months. My Hebrew was choppy, let alone Aramaic."

Scott then went on to receive his master's degree in Jewish history and Philosophy from NYU. After moving to Israel and joining the IDF, Scott worked at the Jewish agency, after which he returned to America where he joined AIPAC. Eventually Scott transitioned out of Non-Profit work and entered a venture capital firm based out of New York.

During the pandemic when working from home became the new norm, Scott began following the journey of the late Rabbi Yudi Dukes, director of JNet.

"I felt that the story of Rabbi Dukes broke through the noise." Scott related. "As I watched what he and his wife were doing, I made the commitment to start learning. That's when I first discovered JNet."

For Scott, joining JNet was the perfect opportunity to continue right where he left off in high school.

Scott was immediately set up with a study partner and set out to achieve his goals.

"I originally wanted to get to a place where I can independently get through a page of the Talmud. I've been lucky enough to be set up with Zusya who is a very patient person. He comes from a background of teaching and has a vast

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amount of wisdom and knowledge.”

After some time, Scott’s goals progressed and blossomed into completing the entire tractate before the summer.

Zusya decided to volunteer to teach

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with JNet after his wife had successfully volunteered about two months earlier. For Zusya, who is studying in Kollel in crown heights, this experience has shifted his perspective on teaching.

“As much as I thought I was the teacher, Scott’s devotion towards his learning goals has taught me more than I can imagine. Scott is a working man who rediscovered his passion towards

learning. He always has something to share, I would say that Scott has taught me a tremendous amount.”

Scott noted that his life outside of learning has also seen tremendous change.

“Every time we finish learning I come downstairs and discuss what I learnt with my wife. In addition, my prayers have gained meaning and I also see a direct influence in my business life. This study time has allowed me to consciously remove myself from the headspace of work. In addition, Gemara is a master work where conclusions are reached by way of precise analytical conversations usually in the form of question and answer. This method of arriving at conclusions enhanced my decision making skills at work. I now approach problems with better tools to come up with the solution that will be most efficient.”

“For those looking to sign up – just start with committing a half hour and see how it can grow. Those in the Chabad community, this is a chance to engage with one person in a deep way. What I took from Rabbi Dukes was the beauty of connecting with even just one person.”

News

Looking for a way to get involved with JNet?

Want to give back and make a real difference in the lives of your fellow Jews while also experiencing real personal growth yourself? JNet is looking for volunteers to help teach our new Hebrew reading course, offered in partnership with JLI. Not only is this course entertaining and informative, but you'll be able to teach Aleph--literally!--if you know Aleph yourself. The course uses full-color slideshows making it easy for the students to follow along. We're looking for volunteers who are comfortable with Zoom and know the Aleph-beis. If that sounds like you, then you should sign up!

Accomplishments

Two Finishers Start New Book

Gothenburg local Sara Lejdermann and Crown Heights native Rishe Deitsch both finished "In Good Hands", and they're moving on to a new book: "Healthy in Mind, Body and Spirit."

Before Sara's learning session at 7 am Monday mornings, she donates to charity. As she says, "It is truly the highlight of my week. My soul sings and I feel like the gates of heaven are open!"



Are YOU interested in learning or volunteering?

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