

ters—only they are transposed. (See the poem written by Rabbi Stencel.) The schedule of two *Mishnayos* a day allows the cycle of *Shas* to be completed in about six years.

Of course, there are practical advantages to *Mishna* study, whereby a complete unit of thought is encapsulated in each *Mishna*, allowing one to cover a meaningful amount of *Mishnayos* in a space of only a few minutes. But there is much more to be gained, or else why did Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, זצ"ל, long make it a practice to review several chapters of *Mishnayos* every day, as he put away his *tefillin*? Why did Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetzky זצ"ל, always encourage the study of *Mishnayos*, even urging memorization? As Reb Yaakov stressed so often, mastery of *Mishnayos* puts the general knowledge on which the Talmud is based on

one's finger-tips. Moreover, the language is concise and pure, worthy of the extra effort of memorization.

The international *Mishna* and *Halacha Yomis* Program, headquartered in Tel Aviv, sponsors in Israel regional and national *Mishnayos b'al peh* examinations in which thousands of children take part; the selection of *Mishna* Champions (*Chasnei HaMishna*); the award of the *Mishna* Pennant (*Degel HaMishna*) to the educational institution distinguishing itself in *Mishna* instruction; the founding of evening yeshivos and workplace study sessions; and publication of cassette recordings. In Zurich and London, telephone *shiurim* (lectures) are available. On the American scene, the program was promoted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Batt, ע"ה, in whose memory the pro-

gram is being maintained.

*Mishna* study is a learning experience that can be enriching to *talmidei chachamim* and novices alike. It is also a means of ushering in *Moshiach*, for the Midrash teaches: "Only in the merit of *Mishna* study will all the exiles be gathered."

*Kaddish for your father you did not say,*

*A monument on your mother's grave you did not place,*

*Their Yahrzeits you will never know,  
You cannot prostrate yourself on your father's grave.*

*On your mother's, you will never shed a tear,*

*No shiva did you sit for them.*

*No Keria did you rend.*

*Millions of your fellow Jews were gassed or burnt to ashes*

*How can you remember them?*

*How can you honor their memory?*

*Enter your shul! Join the congregation in the study of the Mishna Yomis!*

*Commemorate the Kedoshim of the Holocaust,*

*Recite the Kaddish and the prayer for their neshamos." □*

\*With the start of the current *Mishna Yomis* cycle, free telephone *shiurim* by distinguished *talmidei chachamim* are available in New York City, in English (718/435-8868) and in Yiddish (718/435-2727). The *Mishna shiur* is followed by one on *Halacha Yomis*. *Luchos* (study calendars) are available without charge by writing to 1880 47th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11204.

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