

Pinkas Torah

פנקס תורה

The method on one page

The nine rules

- One book, in order.** Write as you learn, page after page: your own ideas and what you hear. Never tear out a page; cross out with one line.
- Open every entry with one line:** date · makom · source (your own, or שמעתי מ" and the name). Never blur what you heard with what is yours.
- Write the makom in the outer margin** as well, so you can find the entry by turning pages.
- Use the marks you already use.** Keep entries short: one he'ara on a daf is enough. Close each entry with העולה: the conclusion in one line.
- Note what a sevara rests on:** the Gemara or Rishon. If you have none yet, write צ"ע.
- Thread.** When you continue or connect, write → p. at the old entry and ← p. at the new one. Later additions go in the margin as הגה"ה, with the date.
- Index by makom** at the back: give each masechta, sefer or chelek you learn its own index page, and write the daf, siman or pasuk with the page.
- Review every Rosh Chodesh.** Read back, copy each open ע"צ to the review page, and mark it: still open · settled · set aside. When the volume is full, carry what is still open into the next one.
- Log what an entry becomes:** a chabura, a shiur, a clean copy, shown to your rebbe or teacher.

The marks

קשה / ק"ל	a question
וי"ל	an answer
נ"ל / ולכאורה	my own reasoning (ולכאורה: tentative)
צ"ע	left open: goes to the review page
וצ"ב	needs explaining
שמעתי מ" / בשם	heard from: write the name
ע"י לעיל / לקמן	see page: write → p. or ← p.
הגה"ה	added later: in the margin, dated
העולה	the conclusion, in one line: closes the entry

The entry line

Makom ____ Source ____ Date ____ from p. _ to p. _

Every Rosh Chodesh

- Read back what you wrote since last month.
- Copy each open ע"צ to the review page, with its page.
- Mark it: still open · settled · set aside. Missed a month? Review at the next one.

To begin

Write your name in it, open your first entry with date · makom · source, and write one line from today's learning. It doesn't matter what your first entry is.

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