

Chavrusa Profile

Scott Dubin

LOCATION: **Hartsdale, NY**
 OCCUPATION: **Venture Capital**
 AGE: **39**
 3 kids

Zusya Kreitenberg

LOCATION: **Brooklyn, NY**
 OCCUPATION: **Kolel L'Horaa Maasis**
 AGE: **23**

JNet provides one-on-one learning on the phone or online for half an hour a week to people all over the world. The goal is to help people grow in their Jewish journey, no matter where they're starting from.

Enhance YOUR life with a JNet chavrusa. Sign up now at jnet.org

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 raised in a loving and vibrant Jewish home. He spent his summers enjoying Jewish summer camps.

"My last year in high school I connected with an amazing Rabbi, Rabbi Dovid Zauderer, 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 a degree in Jewish history and Philosophy from NYU. After moving to Israel and joining the IDF, Scott worked at the Jewish Agency for Israel, after which he returned to America where he joined AIPAC. Eventually Scott transitioned out of Non-Profit work and is now a Managing Director at ff Venture Capital,

an early-stage venture capital firm based out of New York.

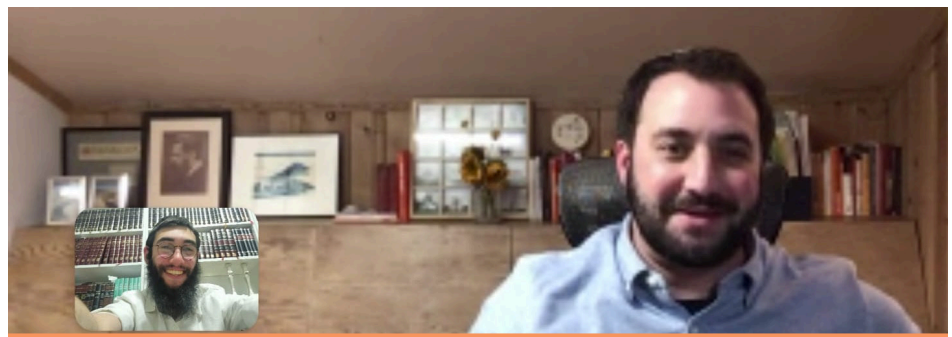
During the pandemic when working from home became the new norm, Scott began following the journey of the late Rabbi Yudi Dukes, director of JNet.

"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 could 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 amount of wisdom and knowledge.”

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

Every time we finish learning I come downstairs and discuss what I learnt with my wife

Zusya decided to volunteer to teach 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

Learn Hebrew the Smart Way

Do you wish you could read Hebrew? Well, now you can!

In just five weeks, you can learn to read the ancient text of our people. JNet offers its members a 60-minute class for five weeks (or 30 minutes for 10 weeks) that will help you master this skill. All you have to do is commit to practicing 10 minutes a day.

This program is proven to work if 10 minutes a day is taken to practice.

Purchase Required. Special discount rate for JNet Members. Go to jnet.org/RIIH

Accomplishments

Gothenburg local Sara Lejdermann and Crown Heights native Rische 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?

Visit us at JNet.org or call, text or whatsapp us at **(347) 770-5638** to find out how you can get involved

In honor of the birthday of our visionary partner and dear friend whose support brings the warmth of Torah and Judaism to Jewish people around the world, Yitzchak ben Leah.