

Year 3 ~ Week 8

הלכה of the Week

~ ברכות התורה ~

(The Blessings on Learning Torah, part 1)

Every morning we recite ברכות השחר with ברכות התורה. Torah study is the basis of all mitzvah observance. Through learning תורה, one gains knowledge of his Creator and learns how to observe His מצוות. This is why the obligation to study תורה remains with us throughout our lives, as 'ה told יהושע:

"וְהָגִיתָ בּוֹ יוֹמָם וָלַיְלָה"

"You shall study it day and night." (Yehoshua 1:8)

There is also a very great reward for Torah study. Our rabbis tell us, "The study of תורה equals all other מצוות." (Mishnah, Peah 1:1)

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ש"ו שַׁמַּי אָמַר, עֲשֵׂה תוֹרָתְךָ קָבַע. אָמַר מְעַט וַעֲשֵׂה הַרְבֵּה, וְהָיִי מְקַבֵּל אֶת כָּל הָאָדָם בְּסִכְר פָּנִים יְפוֹת:

Shammai says: "Make your Torah study a fixed practice; say little and do much, and receive everyone with a cheerful face."

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