



A Note to Rabbi Moshe Kahn by Rabbanit Dalia Davis

Included in a tribute book compiled last year that was dedicated to Rabbi Kahn

Dear Rabbi Kahn,

I cannot thank you enough for everything you gave me during my time learning with you in GPATS. I came to the program with only one year of Gemara learning experience, and that previous exposure was limited to Moed. I was very enthusiastic to join the program and quite quickly realized how incredibly high the caliber of students was and how challenging the learning was going to be for me. However, your approach to teaching always pushed me to keep trying, even on the days when I felt the farthest behind.

In my first year in your class, we learned Masechet Ketubot--that was not simple for me. I remember being in constant awe of your erudition coupled with your humility. You took all of our questions seriously, considered all interpretations, and acknowledged the attendant emotional challenges. Concurrently, you never once compromised the quality and focus of the learning. As we sat in that little seminar room in Stern, I was acutely aware that we were in the presence of true greatness.

It is not only the way in which you helped me build my learning skills, modeled for me true hatmadah, and introduced me to a way of learning that went more in-depth than anything I had experienced before, but you did all of this under the canopy of true kindness to your students. The respect you showed us and our ideas allowed us to grow in our learning, and opened the door for me to persist beyond the challenges I faced along the way.

I truly admire and am deeply grateful for your dedication to women's learning. Your work has forever transformed the landscape for all of us, and we are all so much better off because of it. I also really commend the way in which you share your thoughts based on your reading of the texts, and don't seem to feel the need to respond to the pressures of society. I remember hearing you share your thoughts on agunot in this way, and drew inspiration from your ability to stay so true to the texts and be able to analyze and apply them with such intellectual honesty and yirat sha'mayim.

Thank you so much for everything you have taught me both through the Torah you shared in the classroom and the Torah you shared through your lived example. It has left a lasting impression on me and impacts how I approach teaching my students and raising my daughters.





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