

# THE DENVER COMMUNITY KOLLEL KOLLEL UPDATE

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## Torah – Heartbeat of Our Nation Kollel Benefit Event Right Around the Corner

The Denver Community Kollel’s annual Benefit Event, celebrating fourteen years of Torah in Denver, will take place on March 20th, 2012 at 7 pm at District 475, 10111 Inverness Main Street, Suite T. The event is chaired by Shlomo Fried, Jay Kamlet, Harvey & Stephanie Milzer, and Rich & Rochelle Sokol.

Shlomo Fried, who has been involved in many Kollel events and classes since its inception, feels a great debt of gratitude to the Denver Community Kollel and its entire staff for the lessons that they have ingrained in him.

“The lessons and middos that have been instilled during my years of involvement with the Kollel have encouraged me to take an active role in the community at large,” says Fried. “There is no greater feeling in the world than the ability to help others or to be involved and make a difference for an individual or an organization.”

The Kollel’s impact on the Denver community, as well as other parts of Colorado, cannot be overstated. Says Fried, “I feel truly fortunate to be able to give back to an organization that has helped me in my growth and an institution that has shaped and formed hundreds of Jews in Klal Yisrael.”

The Benefit Event’s theme is Torah – Heartbeat of Our Nation. The Kollel is presenting an original audio and visual production bearing the same name, and Rabbi Yechiel Spero,



*Shlomo Fried*



*Jay Kamlet*



*Harvey Milzer*



*Rich & Rochelle Block Sokol*

author of the acclaimed Touched by a Story series, will address the audience. The evening will round out with “Wrap & Roll: A Creative Selection of Sides and Sushi”, prepared by the Kollel women.

To register or for more info: 303-820-2855 [www.denverkollel.org](http://www.denverkollel.org) 

## “Torah for Tycoons” Class Celebrates its Eighth Season

Every month, a diverse group of doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and other professionals from the Denver area convene at the East Side Kosher Deli in Glendale for lunch and a discussion. The topic? The Torah, and how its timeless wisdom can be applied to ethical dilemmas in business.

“Torah for Tycoons provides a unique opportunity for professionals to reflect on their experiences and get the benefit of Torah learning,” says class participant Phil Weiser, dean of the

University of Colorado Law School. “At every T4T I attend, I always leave with interesting insights and food for thought. And the very high quality group that attends leads to both good conversation and valuable networking.”

At the monthly luncheon, a local businessperson or professional presents an



*Rabbi Aron Yehuda Schwab making a point during a Torah for Tycoons class, entitled “Public Prayer & the Tebowing Quandary”. Brad Licht, who presented with Rabbi Schwab, is to his right, and Allan Tenenbaum, moderator, is on his left.*

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# Learn to Learn: A Talmudic Skill-Building Class for Beginners

Over a dozen men pore over ancient texts of Talmud. A mixture of Hebrew, Aramaic, and English fills the air. Concepts are explained, and then discussed. It's the way the Talmud has been studied for centuries. The only difference is that for most of these men, Talmud (or Gemara) learning is something new.

"The Learn to Learn classes have taken me from an ability to read the Gemara in English only to the ability to read and comprehend the Gemara, including Rashi and Tosfos [major early commentators], in the original text."



Rabbi Mandel makes a point during a class.

Clockwise from top right: Rabbi Mordechai Mandel, Bob Weiss, Steve Weiman, Mike Weiss, Marc Sievers, David Solomon

## "Torah for Tycoons"

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ethical dilemma faced in his or her line of work. Denver Community Kollel deans and rabbis illustrate how the timeless lessons culled from the Torah can be applied to the situation. An interactive discussion follows, with class participants contributing insights from their diverse professional backgrounds.

"Torah for Tycoons presents a monthly dose of insight into conflicts faced in business, in the marketplace and in our personal lives," says class participant Dr. Neiel Baronberg. "The discussions that follow, led by our learned Kollel rabbis, bring down wisdom from our Sages, offering practical resolution. We are grateful to

says Bob Weiss, a class participant. "These classes are comprehensive and technical, but friendly, and most of all, fun."

The class is divided into parallel tracks based on skills, so each participant's needs are met. The three tracks are taught by Denver Community Kollel Rabbis Mordechai Mandel and Gavriel Rudnick, and Mr. Daniel Golosow. The different levels cover Hebrew and Aramaic reading skills, vocabulary, and Gemara concepts.

The twice-weekly class is held in



Engrossed in a section of the Talmud.

Clockwise from top right: Rabbi Gavriel Rudnick, Robert Segal, Chuck Michaels, Kerry Berman, Barry Tillis

Greenwood Village's Aish synagogue.

"The discipline of the men that I learn with is quite humbling, especially since some of them only began to learn Hebrew recently," says Rabbi Rudnick. "Seeing these men voluntarily entering new and foreign territory and exerting so much effort to break ground shows me what true dedication is."

Bob Weiss adds, "I would recommend Learn to Learn to anyone who is looking to step into the true world of Gemara learning."

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the Kollel for their efforts to add this meaningful dimension to our study and to our practice."

The Torah for Tycoons series began in 2004. In the eight years since its inception, Torah for Tycoons has impacted approximately 375 individual participants.

"Torah for Tycoons is one of my favorite programs," says Rabbi Aron Yehuda Schwab, Dean of the Denver Community Kollel. "Over the past eight years, Torah for Tycoons has successfully communicated to a broad group of Denver's Jewish professionals and business leaders that Torah has valuable relevance on a wide array of contemporary dilemmas."

The monthly class touches on a

wide range of topics. Past classes have focused on "Gossip and Business Ethics," "Middle Age and Beyond," "Medical Marijuana," and "Tebowing." The class draws on a wide array of classical Jewish sources, ranging from the Torah itself to European commentators of more recent times.

"Torah for Tycoons provides a setting for provocative discussions that integrate modern day events and issues with the teachings of Torah," says class participant Dr. John Abrams. "In addition, it is a wonderful opportunity for creating new thoughts, as well as friendships."

For more information, please contact [info@denverkollel.org](mailto:info@denverkollel.org).

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