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# SIYUM HASHAS

## של ישראל זאב בן ר׳ בנימין משה שלעזינגער

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# The Siyum HaShas Journey:

## Process, Timeline, and Context

**Talmud Bavli Start Date:** August 2, 2012.

**Shas Completion Date:** February 7, 2025 (Siyum on July 21, 2025).

**Total Duration:** 12 years, 6 months, and 5 days.

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### Record of Masechtos Completed *(some data is incomplete)*

| Masechta | Blatt | Duration | Pushblatt | Chavrusa | Start | Finish | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Berachos** | 64 | ~2 Months | No | | Aug 2, 2012 | Oct 3, 2012 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Shabbos** | 157 | ~5 Weeks | No/Yes (2nd time) | | Dec 31, 2024 | Feb 7, 2025 | First learned Oct 2012 - Mar 2013; skipped five blatt then lost paper. |
| **Eruvin** | 105 | ~3.5 Months | No | | Mar 9, 2013 | Jun 21, 2013 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Pesachim** | 121 | ~4 Months | No | | Jun 22, 2013 | Oct 20, 2013 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Shekalim** | 22 | | No | | | Dec 28, 2015 | Yerushalmi, learned as part of Daf Yomi cycle |

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| Masechta | Blatt | Duration | Pushblatt | Chavrusa | Start | Finish | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Yoma** | 88 | ~3 Months | No | | Nov 12, 2013 | Feb 6, 2014 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Succah** | 56 | ~2 Months | No | | Feb 7, 2014 | Apr 3, 2014 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Beitzah** | 40 | ~5 Weeks | No | | Apr 4, 2014 | May 13, 2014 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Rosh Hashanah** | 35 | ~1 Month | No | | May 14, 2014 | Jun 17, 2014 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Taanis** | 31 | | No | | | Dec 28, 2015 | |
| **Megillah** | 32 | 1 Month | No | | Jul 19, 2014 | Aug 19, 2014 | Completed with regular Daf Yomi cycle |
| **Moed Katan** | 29 | | No | | | Dec 28, 2015 | |
| **Chagigah** | 27 | | No | | | Mar 31, 2016 | |
| **Yevamos** | 122 | ~1 Month | Yes | | Jul 1, 2023 | Aug 2, 2023 | |
| **Kesubos** | 112 | ~6 Weeks | Yes | | Aug 24, 2023 | Oct 8, 2023 | |
| **Nedarim** | 91 | 22 Days | Yes | | Aug 2, 2023 | Aug 24, 2023 | |
| **Nazir** | 66 | ~2.25 Years | No | Rav Shulem Oyzer | Aug 20, 2018 | Nov 30, 2020 | |
| **Sotah** | 49 | | No | | | | First masechta completed |
| **Gittin** | 90 | ~2 Months | Yes | | Oct 9, 2023 | Dec 14, 2023 | |
| **Kiddushin** | 82 | 19 Days | Yes | | Jun 11, 2023 | Jun 30, 2023 | |

| Masechta | Blatt | Duration | Pushblatt | Chavrusa | Start | Finish | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bava Kamma** | 119 | ~1 Month | Yes | | Feb 12, 2023 | Mar 12, 2023 | |
| **Bava Metzia** | 119 | ~1 Month | Yes | | Mar 13, 2023 | Apr 10, 2023 | |
| **Bava Basra** | 176 | ~6 Weeks | Yes | | Apr 11, 2023 | May 23, 2023 | |
| **Sanhedrin** | 113 | 20 Days | Yes | | Jan 22, 2023 | Feb 11, 2023 | |
| **Makkos** | 24 | | No | Reb Shimon Yechezkel | | | |
| **Shevuos** | 49 | | No | | | Jun 14, 2022 | |
| **Avodah Zarah** | 76 | | No | | | Dec 19, 2016 | |
| **Horayos** | 14 | | No | | | May 12, 2018 | |
| **Eduyos** | 30 | | No | | | Sep 19, 2016 | |
| **Zevachim** | 120 | ~2 Months | Yes | | Dec 15, 2023 | Feb 24, 2024 | |
| **Menachos** | 110 | ~3 Months | Yes | | Feb 24, 2024 | Jun 1, 2024 | |
| **Chullin** | 142 | ~3.5 Months | Yes | | Jun 1, 2024 | Sep 21, 2024 | |
| **Bechoros** | 61 | ~1 Month | Yes | | Oct 5, 2024 | Nov 2, 2024 | |
| **Arachin** | 34 | 13 Days | Yes | | Sep 21, 2024 | Oct 4, 2024 | |
| **Kerisos** | 28 | ~1 Month | Yes | | Nov 3, 2024 | Dec 7, 2024 | |
| **Temurah** | 34 | 23 Days | Yes | | Dec 7, 2024 | Dec 30, 2024 | |
| **Meilah** | 22 | | No | Reb Yoel Lichstein (partial) | Dec 27, 2018 | Jun 30, 2024 | Learned intermittently |
| **Kinnim** | 4 | | No | | | Jul 14, 2017 | Finished on one Shavuos |
| **Tamid** | 9 | | No | | | Jun 14, 2016 | Finished on one Shavuos |

| Masechta | Blatt | Duration | Pushblatt | Chavrusa | Start | Finish | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Middos** | 4 | | No | | | May 24, 2018 | Finished on one Shavuos |
| **Niddah** | 73 | 17 Days | Yes | | May 24, 2023 | Jun 10, 2023 | |

# Timeline of Learning and Life Events

**2012–2015: The Journey Begins**

- **Aug 2012:** Learning journey begins with Berachos (Daf Yomi).
- **2013-2015**: Marriage. Continued through Seder Moed via Daf Yomi.
- **Dec 2015**: Completed Shekalim, Taanis, and Moed Katan.

**2016–2018: Life Events**

- **Mar 2016**: Completed Chagigah.
- **Jun 2016**: Completed Tamid.
- **Sep 2016**: Completed Eduyos.
- **Dec 2016**: Completed Avodah Zarah.
- **Jul 2017**: Intussusception Surgery. Completed Kinnim.
- **May 2018**: Completed Horayos and Middos.
- **Aug 2018**: Began Nazir.
- **Fall 2018**: LSATs.
- **Dec 2018**: Began Meilah.

**2019–2022: Law School and Continued Sedarim**

- **2019–2022**: Attended law school full-time.
- **Nov 2020**: Completed Nazir.
- **Dec 2021**: Dolson Car Accident.
- **Jun 2022**: Completed Shevuos.

- **Late 2022**: Graduated law school, passed the NY Bar, and at a law firm.

**2023–2025: The Pushblatt Phase & Final Stretch**

- **Jan 2023:** Pushblatt phase begins with Maseches Sanhedrin at a pace of four blatt per day.
- **Feb–May 2023:** Completed Sanhedrin, Bava Kamma, Bava Metzia, Bava Basra.
- **May–Aug 2023:** Completed Niddah, Kiddushin, Yevamos, Nedarim.
- **Aug–Dec 2023:** Completed Kesubos, Gittin, Zevachim.
- **2024:** Completed Menachos, Chullin, Arachin, Bechoros, Kerisos, Temurah, and Meilah.
- **Dec 31, 2024:** Began an intensive chazara of Maseches Shabbos.
- **Feb 7, 2025: Bavli Complete before Shkia on Tes Shevat.**

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# A Look at the Schedule: The Pushblatt Phase

**(2023–2024)**

The following tables provide a data-driven look into the time allocation required to complete Shas while balancing professional and family responsibilities.

*Calculations are approximate.*

## Yearly Time Allocation (Approximate)

*Based on a total of 8,760 hours in a year.*

| Year | Work (hrs) | Commute (hrs) | Sleep (hrs) | Davening (hrs) | Learning (hrs) | Other (Family, Meals, etc.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2023** | 1,438 | 351 | 2,008 | 365 | ~600 | 3,998 |
| **2024** | 3,868 | 351 | 2,008 | 365 | ~600 | 1,568 |

## A Typical Pushblatt Week (2024 Example)

| Activity | Hours/Week | % of Week (168 hrs) |
|---|---|---|
| Work | 72.4 | 40% |
| Commute | 6.7 | 4% |
| Sleep | 38.5 | 23% |
| Davening | 7.0 | 4% |
| Learning | 13.5 | 11% |
| Other | 29.9 | 18% |

## A Typical Pushblatt Day (Weekday, 2024)

| Activity | Hours/Day | Comments |
|---|---|---|
| Work | 8.5 | Average; some days were longer. |
| Commute | 2.7 | 2–3 days/week; approx. 80 min each way. |
| Sleep | 5.5 | Nightly average; balanced with more on weekends. |
| Davening | 1.0 | Shacharis, Mincha, Maariv. |
| Learning | 1.5 | Often scheduled late at night. |
| Other | 4.8 | Meals, family time, errands, and all other tasks. |
| | | *On a commuting day, over 17.5 hours were pre-allocated, leaving less than 6.5 hours for all other life activities.* |

## Shabbos and Yom Tov Learning

Shabbos and Yom Tov were crucial for maintaining the learning pace.

- **Pace:** A minimum of 4–8 blatt were learned each Shabbos, sometimes reaching 12+ blatt.
- **Purpose:** These days were essential for catching up or getting ahead of the schedule.

# FACTS AND STATISTICS

- **The Physical Library:** The ArtScroll Schottenstein Edition of Talmud Bavli used for this journey spans **73 volumes**.
- **A Mountain of Pages:** The full course of study covered all **2,711 pages (Blatt)** of Bavli, which corresponds to **5,422 amudim (sides)**.
- **The English Translation:** With each blatt typically having 2-3 pages of English translation and commentary, it is estimated that this journey involved learning between **5,500 and 8,200 English pages**.
- **A Blizzard of Sticky Notes:** During the intensive "Pushblatt Phase" alone (covering approximately 1,823 Blatt), an estimated **400 to 750 sticky tabs** were used to mark passages of note. *See images below*.
- **A Unique Chavrusa:** The learning pace accelerated dramatically over time. Maseches Nazir was learned over ~2.25 years with Rav Shulem Oyzer in brief daily phone calls, whereas in stark contrast, during the Pushblatt phase, Maseches Sanhedrin (113 Blatt) was completed in just **20 days.**
- **The Yerushalayim Shutuf:** Makkos was learned over a period of time with R' SYS in the Senter's Yeshiva Beis Medrash.
- **The Hectic Multitasking:** In August 2023, the schedule included completing Maseches Yevamos (Aug 2), finishing Maseches Nedarim (Aug 24), and beginning Maseches Kesubos.
- **Peak Performance Year:** The year **2023** was the most prolific in terms of quantity, with a total of **10 different masechtos** completed. **The Final Sprint:** The "Pushblatt Phase," which began in January 2023,

accounted for the completion of approximately **1,882 blatt**. This means that nearly **70% of the entire Bavli** was completed in the final 25 months of the 12.5-year journey.

- **A Tale of Two Paces:** The intensity of the final push is clear when comparing learning speeds. Maseches Sanhedrin was completed at a pace of **5.6 blatt per day**, more than five times the initial Daf Yomi pace of one blatt per day.
- **From Marathon to Sprint:** The longest single Masechta studied was Bava Basra (176 blatt), which was completed in about six weeks. The shortest were Kinnim and Middos, each only four blatt.
- **Jumping Through Shas:** The final phase was not a linear progression. To complete the remaining masechtos, the learning jumped across four different Sedarim (Orders) of the Talmud—Nezikin, Nashim, Kodshim, and Taharos—often simultaneously.
- **The Commuter's Challenge:** Based on the 2024 schedule, on a typical day involving a commute to the office, over **17.5 hours were pre-allocated** to work, commute, sleep, and davening, leaving less than 6.5 hours for family, meals, errands, and all other life activities, *in addition to* the scheduled learning.

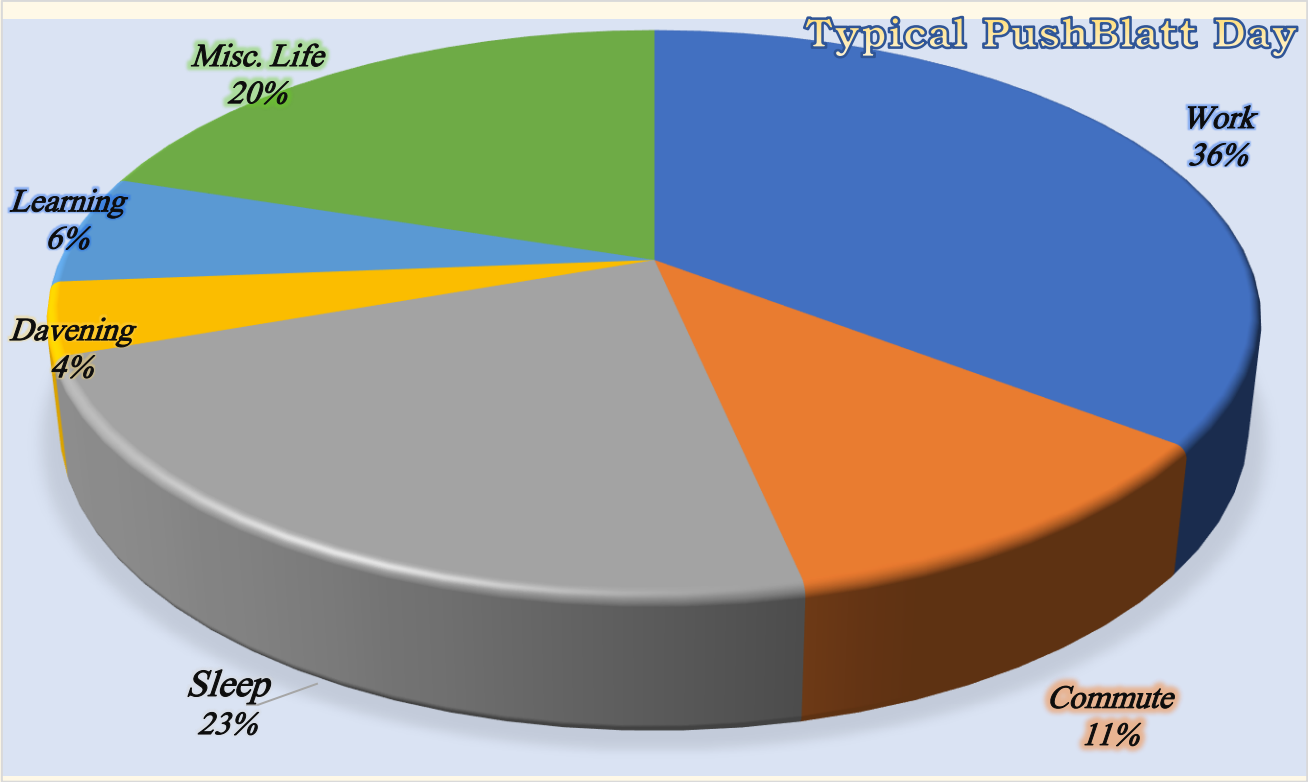
## A Final Numerical Snapshot

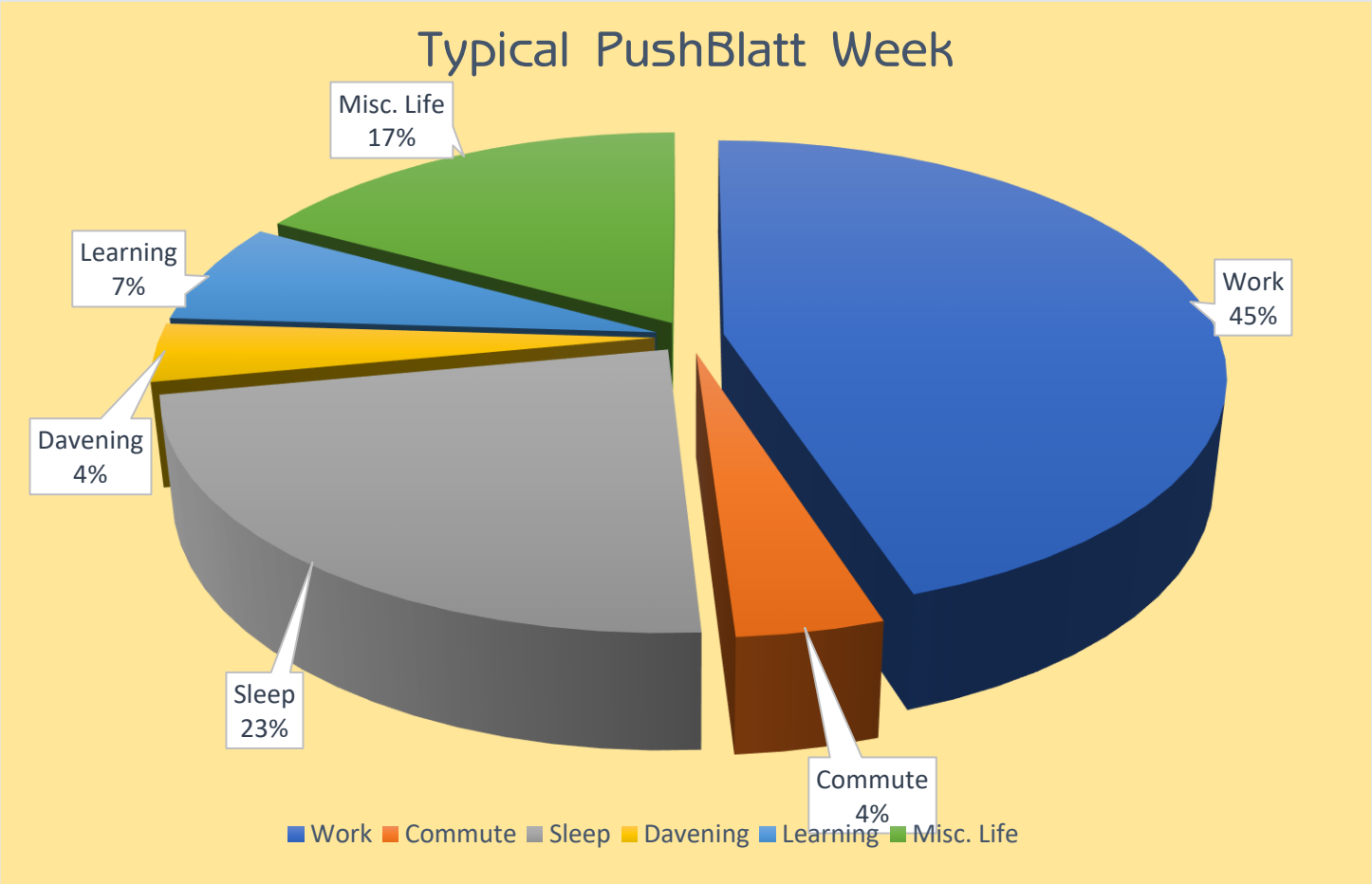
**Shifting Time Allocations:** The data from 2023 and 2024 illustrates a significant shift in time consumption. As annual work hours increased from **1,438** to **3,868** with the transition from law school to a full-time career, the time available for "Other (Family, Meals, etc.)" was reduced by more than half, from nearly 4,000 hours to 1,568. Throughout this period of increased

professional demands, the annual time dedicated to learning was maintained at approximately **600 hours**.

## The "Pushblatt" Methodology

**PushBlatt™** is a daily program that combines a structured push-up regimen with a daily seder in the Gemara. The physical exercise component increases in difficulty each week, while the learning proceeds at a consistent pace. The name, a blend of "push-up" and "blatt," reflects its goal: to foster discipline and consistency in both daily Torah learning and physical well-being. In the context of this siyum, the "Pushblatt Phase" refers to the period where this intensive methodology was adopted to structure and accelerate the completion of the remaining masechtos in time to complete Shas by 30 years of age. *For more information, visit: https://www.pushblatt.com*




Typical PushBlatt Week
Misc. Life 17%
Learning 7%
Davening 4%
Sleep 23%
Commute 4%
Work 45%
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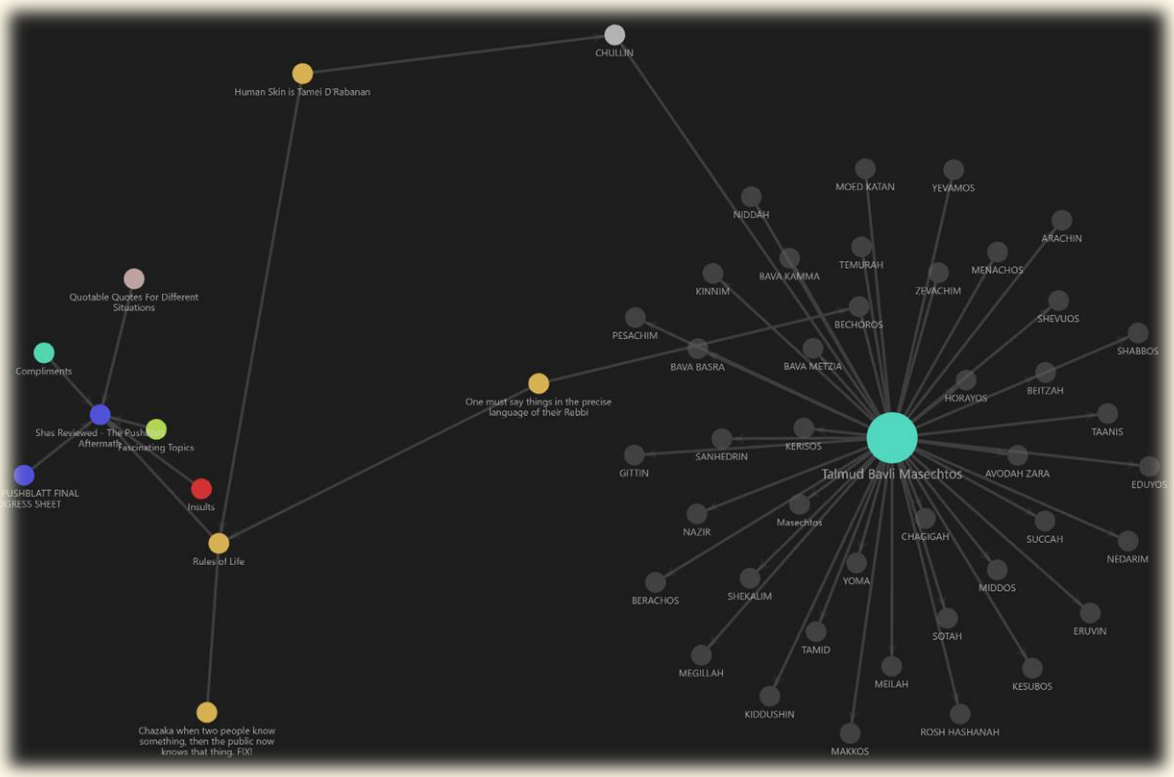
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KIDDUSHIN
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Chazaka when two people know something, then the public now knows that thing. FIX!
MAKKOS



