



Daily Reading Schedule

Five weeks to the Siyum HaShas: Sunday, June 6, 2027

This calendar breaks the book into a short daily reading, timed so a beginner who starts the Sunday after Pesach finishes the entire book (guided learning, appendices, and all five practice exercises) with a few days to spare before the next Daf Yomi cycle opens with Berachos 2a. Each Shabbos is left for review rather than new material; a three-day buffer near the end absorbs any day you fall behind.

Pesach 5787 (2027) ends Thursday, April 29. This schedule begins the following Sunday, May 2, so as not to compete with the last days of Yom Tov.

Week 1 · May 2–May 8

Sun, May 2

READING

Chapter One

What You Can Realistically Expect to Gain from This Book

Mon, May 3

READING

Chapter Two

A Lifetime of Torah Learning, Called Upon at a Moment's Notice

Tue, May 4

READING

Chapter Three

ArtScroll's Introduction to the Talmud

Wed, May 5

READING

Chapter Four

Essential Words and Concepts Found in This Book

Thu, May 6

READING

Chapter Five

Your First Look at a Mishnah

Fri, May 7

READING

Chapter Six

What Is Mishnah and Gemara?

Sat, May 8

SHABBOS

Shabbos

Review Chapters One through Six, no new material.

Week 2 • May 9–May 15

Sun, May 9 Chapter Seven Following the Logical Flow of the Gemara: the five components	READING	Mon, May 10 Chapter Eight ArtScroll as Your Context Whisperer	READING
Tue, May 11 Chapter Nine Making the Most of Your ArtScroll Gemara	READING	Wed, May 12 Chapter Ten How to Read a Vilna Shas Page	READING
Thu, May 13 Reference day Appendix C: General Gemara Concepts	REFERENCE	Fri, May 14 Reference day Appendix D: Common Gemara Vocabulary (skim; a reference to grow into)	REFERENCE
Sat, May 15 Shabbos Review Chapters Seven through Ten and this week's two appendices.	SHABBOS		

Week 3 • May 16–May 22

Sun, May 16 Chapter Eleven Guided Learning: The Opening Mishnah of Berachos	READING	Mon, May 17 Chapter Twelve, part 1 Guided Learning: Berachos 2a (through the first sugya)	READING
Tue, May 18 Chapter Twelve, part 2 Guided Learning: Berachos 2a, finish the daf	READING	Wed, May 19 Reference day Appendix E: Klalei HaGemara (logical & argumentative principles)	REFERENCE
Thu, May 20 Chapter Thirteen, part 1 Guided Learning: Berachos 2b (opening)	READING	Fri, May 21 Chapter Thirteen, part 2 Guided Learning: Berachos 2b, continued	READING
Sat, May 22 Shabbos Review Berachos 2a–2b so far.	SHABBOS		

Week 4 • May 23–May 29

Sun, May 23 Chapter Thirteen, part 3 Guided Learning: Berachos 2b, finish the daf	READING	Mon, May 24 Chapter Fourteen, part 1 Guided Learning: Berachos 3a (opening)	READING
Tue, May 25 Chapter Fourteen, part 2 Guided Learning: Berachos 3a, the watches of the night	READING	Wed, May 26 Chapter Fourteen, part 3 Guided Learning: Berachos 3a, finish the daf	READING
Thu, May 27 Chapter Fifteen, part 1 Guided Learning: Berachos 3b (opening)	READING	Fri, May 28 Chapter Fifteen, part 2 Guided Learning: Berachos 3b, King David at midnight	READING
Sat, May 29 Shabbos Review Berachos 3a–3b so far.	SHABBOS		

Week 5 • May 30–June 5

Sun, May 30 Chapter Fifteen, part 3 Guided Learning: Berachos 3b, finish the daf	READING	Mon, May 31 Chapter Sixteen The ArtScroll Digital Companion	READING
Tue, Jun 1 Chapter Seventeen How to Continue Learning After This Sefer	READING	Wed, Jun 2 Reference day Appendix B: Glossary of Hebrew and Aramaic Terms, start to finish	REFERENCE
Thu, Jun 3 Self-test Reread the Quick-Reference List and all five Your Turn exercises, with answers.	REFERENCE	Fri, Jun 4 Buffer day Catch up on anything you fell behind on this cycle.	BUFFER
Sat, Jun 5 Shabbos Final review. Skim Appendices A and B once more; set out your Gemara for tomorrow.	SHABBOS		

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Sun, Jun 6

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Begin Daf Yomi (Berachos 2a) with everyone else.

From A Beginner's Guide to Gemara. Free to print and keep alongside your learning.