



Read and Remember: True Stories on Halachic Topics, Arranged in the Order of the Talmud, as an Aid to Memory and Study, by Yirmiyahu Cohen. Hardcover, 737 pages.

Our Sages teach that words of Torah are as difficult to acquire as vessels of gold, and as easy to lose as vessels of glass (Chagigah 15a). Talmud study is challenging, but retaining one's learning is an even greater challenge, even after numerous reviews, as anyone who has studied Talmud can attest. *Read and Remember* is an attempt to alleviate this problem through the device of the story. People tend to remember what is interesting or curious to them, and when the interesting material is connected to a Talmudic passage or halacha, they will stand a better chance of remembering that as well.

Our Sages teach that even the plain speech of a Torah scholar requires study (Succah 21b). And certainly his practices and halachic rulings require study. *Read and Remember* is a collection of over one thousand stories about great Torah personalities of our era, geared to the English reader, providing a glimpse of their plain speech, practices and halachic rulings. At the bottom of the pages is a Hebrew commentary, geared to the Talmudic scholar, providing the beginning of the study and analysis that is expected of us.

*Read and Remember* contains an comprehensive index to make it easy to find what you want. The index is divided into three parts: an index of quotations from Scripture, Talmud and Shulchan Aruch; an index of subjects; and an index of names of people mentioned in the book.

Unlike Parsha Pearls, this work does not focus on anti-Zionism. However, it does contain a few important stories about gedolim on that subject, as well as a eight-page section in the Hebrew footnotes which enumerates the major lines of defense used by Zionists and shows the fallacy in each one.

The book is available in Judaica stores all over the United States.