



My Dear Students and Friends,

I am pleased to share with you that I just published a new book, *The Final Exam: Letters to our Students*.

The great sage Rava once taught that in the fullness of time, after one departs from this world, each of us is asked six questions about how we spent our time here in this world. Collectively, the answers to these questions express the way in which we lived, worked, loved, studied, and built a better tomorrow. These questions challenge us and guide us at crossroads in our lives and in our day-to-day decisions. From Rava's perspective, all of our education and years on earth are a preparation for this final exam.



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As someone who has devoted years of my life in high school, yeshiva, and university settings, I am only too familiar with final exams. Studying for days and sometimes weeks, taking notes and summarizing the material, are all ways I prepare. But imagine if someone gave you the questions ahead of time. You received a brief study guide that laid out with perfect clarity what it was you were expected to answer. And part of that study guide included an easy to

remember system to help you keep the core concepts in mind. How valuable would that study guide be to you?

Click here to purchase *The Final Exam* or find in local Judaica stores.

All proceeds go toward funding YU scholarships.

In my mind, our education at Yeshiva University uniquely prepares one for this final exam. And that's why I wrote this book. Sometimes as students we are so focused on the grade and the task ahead that we lose sight of our real goals and purpose. For you our students and for all members of our community who are seeking to continue growing in your life journey, I hope this book helps spark your thinking about your potential to lead lives of meaning, service and contribution.



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We all have a mission. We are all born for a purpose. Each of us has a different way in which we feel Hashem's presence. My blessing to each of you is that you find the friends, teachers and partner in life that will fill your lives with love and meaning as you maximize your unique gifts in service to your family, community and broader society, Ha-kol Lichvodo, bringing honor and glory to God.

My warmest wishes,

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