

# HAMA`YAN

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## Survey of This Issue

This issue opens with a letter published for the first time from manuscript from the leading Rosh Yeshiva [Dean] of Europe before the Shoah Rav Shimon Shkop written in 1925, in which his love and respect for Rav Kook are evident. Next Rav Borer of Modiin Illit (Kiryat Sefer) explains the opinion of the Rav of Jerusalem, Rav Shmuel Salant *Z.T.L.* in determining the time of twilight in Jerusalem which is surrounded by hills Two brief articles clarify elements of the entrancing *piyut 'Unetaneh Tokef'* [liturgical poem recited on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kipur] and Prof. Amar presents convincing arguments that there is no such thing as a 'grafted myrtle', and that the concerns of later authorities in this regard contradict agricultural reality. Rav Metzger, a Jerusalem rabbinic scholar, explains in depth the need for a student to take leave of his teacher before leaving the city, in the course of his explanations resolving several difficult objections of the Gra [Elijah of Vilna] to the Rema [Moses Isserles] and Rav Ron attempts to elucidate the source of the curious given name of the Prince of Hail mentioned in the midrash.

In the area of Halakha and Contemporary Developments, Rav Kupietzky, communal Rav and author of many fine articles, examines the soon-to-be-realized phenomenon of autonomous vehicles and the halakhic questions it will raise – who is responsible for damages, what are the rules for using them on Shabbat and Yom Tov, according to which ethical principles should their reactions be programmed, and more – theoretical questions now which will need practical answers soon. Rav Zuriel, former Spiritual Advisor [*mashgiach*] at Yeshivat Shaalvim and Rav Aryeh Katz, Rav at the Puah Institute and formerly a student at Yeshivat Shaalvim, discuss whether there is room to change the way halakhah views pregnant women fasting on Yom Kippur in the wake of recent studies, and Rav Fisher of Kerem b'Yavneh clarifies the socio-halakhic standing of the female convert [*Giyoret*].

Among the Memorials, Rav Rafi Stern of the Bar Ilan Beit Midrash for Men (Kollel) eulogizes the unique eminent Rav Glanzer of Antwerp who recently passed away, and Rav Banner of Sderot describes the singular character of Rav Eliezerov, Rav of Katamon, Jerusalem, on the recent completion of twenty years since his passing.

Many responses and comments are offered in this issue. They deal with the innovative suggestion of Rav Azariah Ariel in the previous issue that the rule of 'the Sword [Defiles] Like the Corpse' is not what we think; Dr. Schneller presents a letter of Rav Kalman Kahane *Z.T.L* in the matter of how we relate to genetically engineered fowl, attempts to outline accepted methods of engineering, and explains the views of those who permit eating turkey. There are other discussions here in the matter of the Greek 'ki' and in the matter of the '**Moshe** Brings Out **And Caleb** Brings In' rule; on permission to change prayer customs; and on the plain sense of 'In a Single Utterance'. The editor concludes the response section with a précis of the current ornithological debate regarding the standard broiler and the Braekel.

The issue ends with an essay of our beloved, unforgettable Rav Eitam Henkin *H.Y.D.* who corrects several widely accepted errors in the history of the life of the Hazon Ish [Rav Avraham Yesha`ya Karelitz] and finally the regular section about Books Received by the Editorial Board.

The editors of *HaMa'yan* bless all readers of this issue with all the blessings of a good, successful year, in which all the desires of our hearts will be accepted for our benefit.

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