



Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon

Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon is an Israeli *talmid chachom*, who serves today as the rav of the Lev Academic Center of The Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT), an academic program combined with Jewish studies. He teaches in the Herzog College and the Migdal Oz Midrasha, serves as a synagogue rabbi in south Alon Shvut and founded an Employment Center for the Gush Katif residents.

For many years Rav Rimon was a *rosh mesivta* in a yeshiva, and taught, researched and published many articles and books on halachic topics and their application to modern life, including: Jewish laws of military service, Shmittah, Shabbat and a series of books: *Halacha miMekorah*, *Mekorot Hilchos Chaggai* Israel, and more.

The mishna in Avot, Chapter 3 mishna 9, relates: One whose deeds are greater than his wisdom, his wisdom will endure. These words ably describe Rabbi Rimon in his community work and his diligent learning and dissemination of Torah to students and rabbis.

His numerous activities are unique in their rare blend of a Torah personality who is well versed in his learning, a man of action who functions in our complex reality, and a person capable of bringing a potential to fruition. These two strengths come to the fore in his personality and his widespread influence on the public.



The areas which Rabbi Rimon is particularly involved in are directly related to the revival of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel, and are characterized by the attempt to shape Torah life in the challenging modern reality. For example: guidelines for Torah observant soldiers serving in the army, detailed instructions to farmers on matters of Shmitta, and standing at the head of the Lev Academic Center beth midrash which seeks to produce Torah observant scientists who are trailblazers in the fields of science and Torah, and more.

Poskei halacha in the present and past were primarily divided into two groups: One mainly focused on clarifying the halacha at its sources until they reached the practical ruling. The second mainly focused on reaching the practical halachic conclusion without seeking its sources.

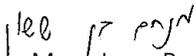
Rabbi Rimon's way is to unify these methods through a brief and thorough discussion and perusal of the halachic fundamentals and actual rulings on common practical matters in an appealing way, while utilizing in-depth reasoning and easily understandable explanations.

His Torah works are unique in their orderly and articulate presentation, which lays out to students the entire edifice of halachic principles derived from the scriptures, Oral Law, Rishonim and Achronim down to the existence and development of new technology.



Pouring Talmudic content into new vessels and making knowledge accessible through the aid of advanced media tools, have become a significant methodology in conveying our ancestors traditions to the generation who was born and grew up in the Eretz Israel. The modern halachic language of his books and articles, assisted by tables and flowcharts, have allowed new audiences to discover Jewish treasures daily and have contributed concretely to the development of halacha in modern life.

In consideration of all the above, the selection committee has decided to award Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon the Katz Prize for 2018.


Professor Menahem Ben-Sasson


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