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halacha sources and put halacha into practice by means of its unique study materials and programs including:

Tzurbah Ba'olam - Tzurbah around the world

Tzurbah Letzi'ir'im - Tzurbah for young people

Tzurbah BaTzahal v'Sherut Beit Sohar - Tzurbah in the IDF and the prison service.

The unique teaching method developed by the head of the institute, Rav Ben Zion Algazi, introduces the learner to how halachic rulings evolved, and leads him comprehensively and thoroughly from the source, the verses in the Torah, through the Mishnayot and Gemarot, through the opinions of the Rishonim and Achronim, down to the contemporary legal rulings. The curriculum is spread out over about 300 lessons which encompass the entire Jewish life cycle in an orderly and comprehensive manner. It can be easily completed within four years of studying once a week.

For these impressive achievements in the transmission of the Torah to our generation, our Prize Committee recommends granting the 2021 Katz Prize to the Tzurbah M'Rabbanan Institute.

In consideration of all the above, the selection committee has decided to award Tzurbah M'Rabbanan Institute the Katz Prize for 2021.

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