

a trade teaches him to steal.”

TalmudKedushin 29a ; Kedushin

31b;Kedushin 82a; Brochus 63a Tosephta

Kedushin chapter I; Mechilta chapter 21

Aruch Hashulchon Orech Chaim

106:9,10,11,12

Chapter 9

Acording to Hallacha Jewish Law
someone who is learning Torah should be
exempt from army service and community
service ?

Response

Only if that man is learning full time . Even if he works his main activity must be learning. Whenever he is free from working he immediately returns to study of Torah. The Torah that he studies protects the community. Judaism is based on study of Torah Yoreh Dayoh 243 :2 Shach Pischei Tsuvah and other commentators.

In Israel there exists a situation of Pekach Nefesh Israel is surrounded by the whole Arab world and the Europeans that want to destroy every Jew and steal Israel. It is a milchemet mitzvah. A war of survival. As such all laws are trumped . The law that normally governs yields to ther needs that the military state are necessary to protect the country. The military can not use all the haredim even

if they would be drafted. However if it necessary for them to do community service to equalize the burden then the haredim must agree to serve. The only ones to be excluded are ones who learn day and night. Aruch Hashulchon Orech Chaim 106: 9,10,11,12 Only those individuals who learned day and night and did nothing else had a dispensation not even to pray, other than recite the Shma and its blessings Ibid Aruch Hashulchon Orech Chaim 106:10

Any one else must pray and certainly

is obligated to contribute toward the defense of Israel and the lives of all the Jews not only in Israel but all over the world.

