

וּבִשְׁעָה שֶׁבִקְשׁוּ אֲמוֹת הָעוֹלָם לְתַעוֹת מִדְרָכָיו שֶׁל הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא הֶעֱמִיד לָהֶם שְׁנֵי גְדוֹלִים מִשָּׁל בֵּית אָבָא, שֵׁם וְעֶבֶר, וְהָיוּ מִתְרִים בֵּהֶן.

And when the nations of the world sought to stray from the ways of the Holy One Blessed is He, He brought about for them two great men from my father's house, Shem and Ever, and they warned them
Bereishit Rabba 52:11

וַיֵּשֶׁב אֲבָרְהָם אֶל נַעֲרָיו, וַיִּצְחָק הֵיכָן הוּא, רַבִּי בִּרְכִיָּה בִּשְׁם רַבְּנָן דְּתַמְנָן, שֶׁלְּחֹ אֶצֶל שֵׁם לִלְמַד מִמֶּנּוּ תוֹרָה

And where was Itzchak? Rabbi Berechiah said in the name of the Rabbis from there: he sent him to Shem to study Torah. *Bereishit Rabba 56:11*

וַתֵּלֶךְ לִדְרֹשׁ אֶת ה', וְכִי בִּתִּי כְּנִסִּיּוֹת וּבִתִּי מִדְרָשׁוֹת הָיוּ בְּאוֹתָן הַיָּמִים, וְהָלֹא לֹא הָלָכָה אֶלָּא לְמִדְרָשׁ שֶׁל שֵׁם וְעֶבֶר

Were there houses of Divine worship and houses of Torah study in those days? Rather she went specifically to the study hall of Shem and Ever *Bereishit Rabba 63:6*

וַיַּעֲלֶב אִישׁ תָּם יֹשֵׁב אֱהָלִים, שְׁנֵי אֱהָלִים, בֵּית מִדְרָשׁוֹ שֶׁל שֵׁם וּבֵית מִדְרָשׁוֹ שֶׁל עֶבֶר.

Yaakov was a wholesome man abiding in tents. There were two tents, the house of study of Shem and the house of study of Ever. *Bereishit Rabba 63:10*

Studying Torah is greater and more important than honoring one's father and mother, and a proof of this is that for all those years that our father Jacob spent in the house of Eber and studied Torah there he was not punished for having neglected to fulfill the mitzva of honoring one's parents. ...And it was taught in a baraita: Jacob our father was sixty-three years old at the time he was blessed by his father, If we calculate these sixty-three years and the fourteen until Joseph was born, this means that Jacob should have been seventy-seven at the time of Joseph's birth. And it is written: "And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh" (Genesis 41:46). This indicates that Jacob should have then been at least a hundred and seven years old when Joseph was thirty. Add the seven years of plenty and the two of famine, and this would then indicate that Jacob should have been a hundred and sixteen years old when he arrived in Egypt in the second year of the famine. But it is written: "And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many are the days of the years of your life? And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my sojournings are a hundred and thirty years" (Genesis 47:8-9). Where are the missing fourteen years from Jacob's lifetime? Rather, learn from here that the fourteen years that Jacob spent in the house of Eber are not counted here. As it is taught in a baraita: Jacob was studying in the house of Eber for fourteen years while in hiding from his brother Esau. *Megilla 16b, 17a*

בֶּן זָקֵנִים. שֶׁנּוֹלַד לוֹ לַעֵת זָקֵנָתוֹ. וְאַנְקָלוֹס תַּרְגָּם בְּרַחֲמֵי הוּא לֵה – כָּל מָה שֶׁלָּמַד מִשָּׁם וְעֶבֶר מִסֵּר לוֹ.

THE SON OF HIS OLD AGE — because he was a wise son to him" — all that he had learnt from Shem and Eber he taught him *Rashi Bereishit 37:3*

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It means – ומה אם בדורותיו היה צדיק
to imply: Now, if even in his wicked generations he was a
righteous man, אלו היה בדורו של משה או בדורו של שמואל על
– אחת כמה וכמה – how much more so would he be righteous if
he had been in the generation of Moses or the generation of
Samuel!^[71] משל לצלוחית של אפרסמון – This may be illustrated
by means of a parable. It is comparable to a flask of balsam oil
– מוקפת צמיד פתיל, ומונחת בין הקברות – that was sealed all around
with a fastened cover^[72] and was lying among the graves in
a cemetery, והיה ריחה נודף – and its fragrance was wafting
ואלו היה חוץ לקברות על אחת כמה וכמה – to all its surroundings.
– Now, if it had been outside of the area of the graves, how
much more so would its fragrance have wafted!

אברהם אבינו זקן ויושב בישיבה היה שנאמר (בראשית כד, א) ואברהם זקן בא בימים יצחק אבינו זקן
ויושב בישיבה היה שנאמר (בראשית כז, א) ויהי כי זקן יצחק יעקב אבינו זקן ויושב בישיבה היה שנאמר
(בראשית מח, י) ועיני ישראל כבדו מזקן

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Abraham our Patriarch was himself an Elder and would sit in yeshiva, as it is stated: "And
Abraham was old, advanced in years" (Genesis 24:1). Similarly, Isaac our Patriarch was an Elder
and sat in yeshiva, as it is stated: "And it came to pass when Isaac was old and his eyes were
dim" (Genesis 27:1). Similarly, Jacob our Patriarch was an Elder and sat in yeshiva, as it is
stated: "And Israel's eyes were heavy with age" (Genesis 48:10). Yoma 28b

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תיקו..... תשבי יתרץ קושיות ובעיות

וירק את חניכיו ילידי ביתו (בראשית יד, יד) רב אמר שהוריקן בתורה ושמואל אמר שהוריקן בזב

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"He led forth his trained men, born in his house" (Genesis 14:14). Rav said: He showered them
with Torah like someone who pours from one vessel into another, and Shmuel said: He
showered them with gold and gave them an abundance of money so that they would go to war
with him. Nedarim 32a

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לעשות מלאכתו. רב ושמואל, חד אמר מלאכתו ממש, וחד אמר לעשות צרכיו עמה, אלא שנגרעת לו
דמות דיוקנו של אביו

Rab and Samuel differ as to what this means. One holds that it means, his actual house-work;
the other that it means to associate with her, but a vision of his father's face appeared to him
and he resisted temptation and did not sin Rashi Bereshit 39:11