

רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא וּרְחֵל

על פִי הַתְּלִמּוֹד הַבָּבְלִי, מִסְבַּת בְּתֻבּוֹת

Complete the missing words using the word bank below.

Once upon a time, in the land of ancient [redacted], there lived a shepherd named Akiva. He tended sheep for a wealthy man named Kalba Savua, whose [redacted], Rachel, caught his eye. But Rachel's father did not approve of their love, for Akiva was poor and unlearned. Rachel agreed to marry him, if he promised to go and study [redacted].

One day, while watching over the flock, forty year old Akiva saw a remarkable sight - a tiny trickle of [redacted] had slowly worn a hole through a mighty [redacted]. Inspired by this lesson of perseverance, he resolved to pursue his own education, and went off to study Torah for twelve long years.

As Akiva approached their [redacted] after years of study, his heart swelled with excitement to see Rachel once again. But before he could step inside, he paused, overhearing Rachel's conversation with her [redacted]. "I wish for Akiva to go and study for twelve more years." He quietly resolved to embark on another twelve years of study, as per Rachel's wish.

Finally, after twenty-four years, Akiva returned home as Rabbi Akiva, along with 24,000 [redacted] who admired him for his wisdom and knowledge. Upon his arrival, Rachel went out to greet him, but was not recognized by the students, who pushed her away, believing her unworthy of their master's attention. Rabbi Akiva, who recognized her immediately, declared: "mine and yours are hers." For it was Rachel's unwavering love and encouragement that gave him the strength to study.

But the behavior of his students towards Rachel mirrored their treatment of each other. Despite Rabbi Akiva's teachings, they continued to compete for superiority in Torah study. Their arrogance and disregard for one another culminated in a plague that devastated their community, claiming the lives of many. At last, on Lag BaOmer, the plague came to an end. Rabbi Akiva and his surviving students celebrated, understanding the day's importance as a symbol of humility and [redacted] for all.

מילון

אבן = Rock

בית = Home

בת = Daughter

ישראל = Israel

כבוד = Respect

מים = Water

Nachnah = Neighbor

תלמידים = Students

תורה = Torah



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Match each Hebrew word to its English translation.

Respect	•	•	אָבוֹן
Rock	•	•	בֵּית
Water	•	•	בָּת
Students	•	•	יִשְׂרָאֵל
Neighbor	•	•	קָבֹז
Torah	•	•	מִים
Home	•	•	שָׁבָנָה
Israel	•	•	פָּלָמִידִים
Daughter	•	•	תָּוֹרָה

Come up with a Hebrew sentence for each item.



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