



HAVING IT ALL Toldot 2017

Breishit 24:1

Abraham was now old, advanced in years, and the L-rd had blessed Abraham in all things.	וְאֲבְרָהָם זָקֵן בָּא בַיָּמִים וְה' בָּרַךְ אֶת-אֲבְרָהָם בְּכָל.
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Background verses for the gemara we are going to study

Breishit 25:29-35

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open, fainting. Esau said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stuff to gulp down for I am fainting!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "Of what use is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.	וַיִּזַד יַעֲקֹב נֶזֶד וַיָּבֵא עֵשָׂו מִן-הַשָּׂדֶה וְהוּא עֵיִף וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו אֶל-יַעֲקֹב הֲלֵעִיטָנִי נָא מִן-הָאֲדָם הָאֲדָם הַזֶּה כִּי עֵיִף אֲנִי עַל-כֵּן קָרָא-שְׁמוֹ אֲדָוִם וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב מַכְרָה כִּי־וְעַתָּה לִּי וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו הִנֵּה אֲנִי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוּת וְלָמָּה-זֶּה לִּי בְכֹרָה. וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב הַשְּׂבֵעָה לִּי כִּי־וְעַתָּה לִּי וַיִּמְכַר אֶת-בְּכֹרָתוֹ לִי־עֲקֹב וַיַּעֲקֹב נָתַן לְעֵשָׂו לֶחֶם וּנְזִיד עֲדָשִׁים וַיֹּאכַל וַיִּשְׂתֵּי וַיָּקָם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיִּבֶז עֵשָׂו אֶת-הַבְּכֹרָה.
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Breishit 25:9

His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite.	וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ יִצְחָק וְיִשְׁמָעֵאל, בְּנָיו, אֶל-מְעַרְתִּי, הַמַּכְפֵּלָה: אֶל-שָׂדֶה עֶפְרָן בֶּן-צַחֵר, הַחִתִּי, אֲשֶׁר, עַל-פְּנֵי מַמְרָא.
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What does "having it all" meant to Abraham according to the gemara below?

Baba Batra 16b

1. It is written, The L-rd had blessed Abraham in all things [ba-kol].What is meant by 'in all things'? R. Meir said: In the fact that he had no daughter; R. Judah said: In the fact that he had a daughter. Others say that Abraham had a daughter whose name was ba-kol. R. Eliezer the Modiite said that Abraham possessed a power of reading the stars for which he was much sought	וְה' בָּרַךְ אֶת אֲבְרָהָם בְּכָל - מַאי בְּכָל? רַבִּי מֵאִיר אָמַר: שְׁלֵא הִיתָה לוֹ בֵּת; רַבִּי יְהוּדָה אָמַר: שֶׁהִיתָה לוֹ בֵּת; אֲחֵרִים אָמְרִים: בֵּת הִיתָה לוֹ לְאֲבְרָהָם וּבְכָל שְׁמָה; ר"א הַמוֹדְעִי אָמַר: אִיצְטְגִינּוֹת הִיתָה בְּלָבוֹ שֶׁל אֲבְרָהָם אֲבִינוֹ, שְׁכַל מַלְכֵי מִזְרַח וּמַעֲרָב מִשְׁכִּימִין לְפִתְחוֹ; רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בֶּן יוֹחִי אָמַר: אֲבָן טוֹבָה הִיתָה תְּלוּיָהּ בְּצוּאָרוֹ שֶׁל אֲבְרָהָם אֲבִינוֹ, שְׁכַל חוֹלָה הַרוּאָה אוֹתוֹ מִיַּד מִתְרַפָּא, וּבִשְׁעָה שֶׁנִּפְטַר אֲבְרָהָם אֲבִינוֹ מִן הָעוֹלָם - תְּלָאָה הַקְּדוּשָׁה
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after by the potentates of East and West. R. Simeon b. Yohai said: Abraham had a precious stone hung round his neck which brought immediate healing to any sick person who looked on it, and when Abraham our father departed from this world, the Holy One, blessed be He, suspended it from the orb of the sun. Abaye said: This bears out the popular saying, As the day advances the illness lightens.	ברוך הוא בגלגל חמה. אמר אב"י, היינו דאמרי אינשי: אידלי יומא אידלי קצירא.
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2. Another explanation is that Esau did not break loose so long as he was alive. Another explanation is that Ishmael repented while he was still alive.	דבר אחר: שלא מרד עשו בימיו. דבר אחר: שעשה ישמעאל תשובה בימיו.
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3. How do we know that Esau did not break loose while he was alive? Because it says, And Esau came in from the field and he was faint. It has been taught in connection with this that that was the day on which Abraham our father died, and Jacob our father made a broth of lentils to comfort his father Isaac. Why was it of lentils? — In the West they say in the name of Rabbah b. Mari: Just as the lentil has no mouth, so the mourner has no mouth for speech. Others say: Just as the lentil is round, so mourning comes round to all the denizens of this world. What difference does it make in practice which of the two explanations we adopt? — The difference arises on the question whether we should comfort with eggs...	שלא מרד עשו בימיו מנלן? דכתיב: ויבא עשו מן השדה והוא עיף, ותנא: אותו היום נפטר אברהם אבינו, ועשה יעקב אבינו תבשיל של עדשים לנחם את יצחק אביו. ומ"ש של עדשים? אמרי במערבא משמיה דרבה בר מרי: מה עדשה זו אין לה פה, אף אבל אין לו פה. דבר אחר: מה עדשה זו מגולגלת, אף אבילות מגולגלת ומחזרת על באי העולם. מאי בינייהו? איכא בינייהו לנחומי בביעי.
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4. And from where do we know that Ishmael repented while Abraham was still alive? — From the discussion which took place between Rabina and R. Hama b. Buzi when they were once sitting before Raba while he was dozing...Raba awoke and heard them. Children, he said, this is what	ושעשה ישמעאל תשובה בימיו מנלן? כי הא דרבינא ורב חמא בר בוזי הוו יתבי קמיה דרבא וקא מנמנמ רבא...אדהכי איתער בהו רבא, אמר להו: דרדקי, הכי א"ר יוחנן: ישמעאל עשה תשובה בחיי אביו, שנאמר: ויקברו אותו יצחק וישמעאל בניו... מדאקדמיה - אדבורי אדבריה,
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R. Johanan has said: Ishmael repented in the lifetime of his father. We know this because it says, And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him...the fact of the text placing Isaac first shows that Ishmael made way for him, and from the fact that he made way for him we infer that he repented in Abraham's lifetime.

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