Micah Goodman's Textual Sources

Job Chapter 1 איוב

- א איש הְיָה בְאֶרֶץ-עוּץ, אִיּוֹב 1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was whole-hearted and upright, and one that feared God, and shunned evil.

 - ב וַיּנְלְדוּ לוֹ שִׁבְעָה בָנִים, 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.
 - -הָאִישׁ הַהוּא, גַּדוֹל מִכָּל-בְּנֵי the east. קדם.
 - ל ביהי מִקְנֵהוּ שִׁבְעַת אַלְפֵי- 3 His possessions also were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred וַחֲמֵשׁ מֵאוֹת צֵמֵד-בָּקַר ארונות, she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was יוֹיִהי the greatest of all the children of
 - . ממה and to drink with them.
 - ,יְהָלְכוּ בָנָיוּ וְעָשׁוּ מִשְׁתֶּה And his sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they would send ,וְקְרְאוּ לשְׁלשֶׁת אַחִיתֵיהֶם and invite their three sisters to eat
 - and offered burnt-offerings וְהַעֵּלָה עלות מסְפַּר כַּלְם--כי אַמַר איּוב, אוּלֵי חָטאוּ בַנֵי all; for Job said: 'It may be that יברכו אֱלהים בּלְבָבָם: כָּכָה my sons have sinned, and
- לוהו בי הקיפו יבור בה And it was so, when the days of their leasing were gone accas, that Job sent and sanctified them, מולקדשם, והשפים בבקר and rose up early in the morning, according to the number of them נְעֲשֶׁה אִיּוֹב, כָּל-הַיָּמִים. [פ] blasphemed God in their hearts.^י Thus did Job continually. {**P**}

- ; אָבאוּרְבָּבּאוּ בְּבֵּרּים, לְהֹתְיַצֵּב עַל-יְהֹנָה sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and .וּיָבוֹא גַם-הַשַּׁטַן, בִּתוֹכַם. Satan came also among them.
 - ר- מַאַין הָשִּטָן אֶת־ אַ אַרי װפּוּנּכּ comest moa. בּאָין הָּבּא; וַיַּעַן הַשְּטָן אֶת־ Satan answered the LORD, and
 - י עיש תָּם וְנִשָּׁר יְבֵא אֱלֹהִים upright man, one that feareth God, and shunneth evil?'
 - אַלהַים.
 - ַּנֵיךּ, יִבְרְכֵּךָ. face.[,]
- 13 And it fell on a day when his נְרָנְיוֹ וְבְנָיוֹ וְבְנָיוֹ וְבְנִיוֹ וְבְנִיוֹ brother's house, אַתִיהֶם הַבְּכוֹר.

- י בויהי הַיּנְם--וַיָּבאוּ בְּנֵי זוֹ Now it fell upon a day, that the
- , ויאמר יהוָה אֵל-הַשְּׁטָן, 7 And the LORD said unto Satan: 'Whence comest thou?' Then יהות, ניאמר, משוט בָּאָרֶץ, said: 'From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
- ,ויאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשְּׁטָן, א פֿאר הַשְּׁטָן, א א And the LORD said unto Satan: יהשמה אוני לבדי לבדי אוני שומים שומים לבדי לבדי לבדי לבדי Job, that there is none like him in 'Hast thou considered My servant איוב: פֿי אֵין כָּמהוּ בָּאָרֶץ, the earth, a whole-hearted and an
 - , ניַען הַשָּׁטָן אֶת-יְהוָה Then Satan answered the LORD, and said: 'Doth Job fear God for nought:
- שַּׁכְתָּ **) את** (אַתָּה) שַּׁכְתָּ **) את** Hast not Thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on ידין בּרַכְּתָּ, וּמְקְנֵהוּ פּעיר side: Thou hast blessed the every side: work of his hands, and his possessions are increased in the land.
- יא וְאוּלָם שְׁלַח-נָא יִדְדּ, וְגַע 11 But put forth Thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, surely he will blaspheme Thee to Thy
- , ויאבֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשְּטְן And the LORD said unto Satan: 'Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself , אֵלְיוּ, אַל-תּשָׁלַח יִדֵּדּ put not forth thy hand. So Satan $\dot{}$ בי יְהוָה. $\dot{}$ שָּטָן, מֵעם, פְּנֵי יְהוָה went forth from the presence of the LORD.
 - sons and his daughters were eating אכְלִים וְשׁתִים יַיִּן, בְּבֵית and drinking wine in their eldest

unto Job, and said: 'The oxen ייאמר: הַבָּקְר הָיוּ חרְשוֹת, were plowing, and the asses וָהָאַתנוֹת רעוֹת על-יִדִיהֵם. feeding beside them;

, וְתְּפֵּל שְׁבָא וַתּפָּל יּבְה וְתֹּפּל יִּבְ זְתִּקְּחֵם, sand the Sabeans made a raid, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the

אַפּרִים וַתּאַכְלֵם; וָאִמְּלְטָה sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

three bands, and fell upon the במmels, and have taken them camels, and slain the servants אָני קרים; וְאֶתְּרִים הְכּוּ לְצִירִים הְכּוּ לְצִירִים הְכּוּ מְשִׁאָנִי יִּמְלְטָה רַקּ-אֲנִי with the edge of the sword; and I

.אַתיהֵם הַבּכוּר eldest brother's house;

הְנְעָרִים, וַיָּמוּתוּ; וְאִמְּלְטָה people, and they are dead; and I only am escaped along to tall יוֹלְלֵי, וְיִּבְיִיי, לְחַגִּייִ לְם only am escaped alone to tell רַק-אֲנִי לְבַדִּיי, לְחַגִּיד לָךְיּ

ארצה, וישתחו. worshipped;

יד אָל-אַיּוֹב, that there came a messenger

ָלְאַנְי לְבַדִּי, edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

עוד זֶה מְדַבֵּר, וְזֶה בָּא 16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said: יאמר, אַשׁ אֱלהים נָפְלָה מִן-A fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the

עוד זֶה מְדַבֵּר, וְזֶה בָּא While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said: ינאמר, בּשְדִים שָמוּ שְלשָׁה The Chaldeans set themselves in לבַדי, לְהַגִּיד לָדְ only am escaped alone to tell

עד זֶה מְדַבֵּר, וְזֶה בָּא 18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said: דיאביר: בָּנֶיךְ וּבְנוֹתֶיךְ. Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their אַכְלִים וְשׁתִּים יַיִּוְ, בְּבֵית

יט וְהְנֵה רוּחַ גְּדוֹלָה בָּאָה 19 And, behold, there came a great wind from across the wilderness, מעבר המִדְבָּר, וַיִּגַּע בְּאַרְבַּע wind from across the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young פנות הבית, וַיפּל עַל-

ב וַיִּקְרַע אֶת־ 20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and

בא וַיּאמֶר עָרם יָצְתִי מִבֶּטֶן And he said; naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the LORD

יְהִוּה נְתַּן, וַיהוָה לָקָח; יְהִי gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

לא-חָטָא (לא-חָטָא For all this Job sinned not, nor ascribed aught unseemly to God. $\{P\}$

Job Chapter 2 אילב

- ; הְאֵלהִים, לְהֹתְיַצֵּב עַל-יְהוָה sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and
- בְנִים--וַיָּבאוּ בְּנֵי Again it fell upon a day, that the בוא גִם-הַשְּטוּ בּתכָם, Satan came also among them to . יהוה של present himself before the LORD.

 - ,ויאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשְּׁטָן ב 2 And the LORD said unto Satan: יריי אינער השטן 'From whence comest thou!' And אי מוֶה תָבא; וַיַּעַן הַשְּטָן 'Satan answered the LORD, and אָת-יְהוָה, וַיּאמֵר, מִשֵּׁט said: 'From going to and fro in the said: 'From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.'
- י איוביי, איוביי 'Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in בי איש תָם the earth, a whole-hearted and an
- , וַיּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשָּׂטָן, א And the LORD said unto Satan: ינְשֶׁר יְרֵא אֱלֹהִים, וְסָר מֵרְע; upright man, one that feareth God, and shunneth evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou didst move Me against him, וְתְּסִיתְנִי בּוֹ לְבַלְעוֹ חְנָם. to destroy him without cause.
- אַשֶר לַאִישׁ--יִתֵּן, בְּעַד נַפְשׁוֹ. life.
 - , וַיַּעַן הַשְּׁטָן אֶת-יְהוָה And Satan answered the LORD, and said: 'Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his
 - לא אֵל-פַּנִיךּ, יבַרְכֶּדָ. Thy face.
 - ד אוּלָם שְׁלַח-נָא יָדְדּ, וְגַע 5 But put forth Thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, surely he will blaspheme Thee to
 - שמר.
 - ּן נְיּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשְּׁטָן, And the LORD said unto Satan: Behold, he is in thy hand; only spare his life.
 - י ביגא, הַשְּטָן, מֵאֵת, פְּנֵי ז So Satan went forth from the קדקדוֹ.
 - יהנה; וַיִּדְ אֶת-אִיּוֹב בִּשְׁחִין presence of the LORD, and smote אַרוֹב בִּשְׁחִין; הַנָּה ; וַיַּדְ אֶת-אִיּוֹב בִּשְׁחִין Job with sore boils from the sole רָע, מִכַּף רַגְּלוֹ עד (וְעַד) of his foot even unto his crown.

- - עדף פי ותאמר לו אשתו, עדף 9 Then said his wife unto him: .אֱלהים, וַמת die. ֹי
- זאת לא-חָטָא איוב, lips. {P} בַּשְׁפַתַיו. {פ}
- וצופר הַנַעַמְתי ; וַיּוָעַדו יַחדַו, they made an appointment
 - eyes afar off, and knew him not, מְרַחִוּק וְלֹא הֹכִּירְהוּ, וַיִּשְׁאוּ they lifted up their voice, and ַראשִׁיהֶם הַשַּׁמַיִּמַה.
- יג וַיִּשְׁבוּ אִתּוֹ לָאָרֶץ, שִּבְעַת So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a יבר אַלִיו, דָבַר--כִּי רָאוּ, כִּי- word unto him; for they saw that

- א ביקר, לְהְתְנְבֵד 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself therewith; and he sat among the ashes.
 - ים ליק בּתְּמֶּתֶּךְ; בָּרִךְ Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity! blaspheme God, and
- יבר אַחַת **> 10** But he said unto her: 'Thou -בּרִי--גַּם אֵת speakest as one of the implete women speaketh. What: shall we speakest as one of the impious ,השלהִים, receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil!' For all this did not Job sin with his
- יא בי, איוב, heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one עליו, ויָבאו איש ממקמו, from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and together to come to bemoan him לבוא לנוד-לו ולנחמו. and to comfort him.
 - ב וישאו את-עיניהם 12 And when they lifted up their עוֹ אִישׁ wept; and they rent every one his האביר, יבין עלי, ביין און מאלו, ביין און mantle, and threw dust upon their heads toward heaven.
 - . גדל הכאב מאד his grief was very great.

Job Chapter 9 איוב

יַרְשִׁיעֵני; יְנִם-אָני, perverse. ַויַעקשני.

20 Though I be righteous, mine own יפי, פֿי, פֿי, mouth shall condemn me; though I be innocent, He shall prove me

בא תָּם-אָנִי, לא-אֵדַע I am innocent--I regard not myself, I despise my life.

על-כֵּן : עַל-בֵּן 22 It is all one--therefore I say: He destroyeth the innocent and the wicked.

Job Chapter 13 איוב

בּקר-פֿל, רָאֲתָה 1 Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

-בְּדַעְתְּכֶּם, יָדַעְתִּי גַם What ye know, do I know also; I am not inferior unto you.

אָרופָּץ.

אוֹלְם--אֲנִי, אֶל-שַׁדַּי 3 Notwithstanding I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

לם, אַתֶּם טֹפְלֵי- 4 But ye are plasterers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

א בּיִבּן, הַחְבִשׁ 5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it would be your wisdom.

לְּחָבְשָׁה.

ן שִׁבְעוּ-נָא Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. הַקשִׁיבוּ.

ז הַלְאֵל, תְּדַבְּרוּ 7 Will ye speak unrighteously for God, and talk deceitfully for Him? עוְלָה; וְלוֹ, תְּדַבְּרוּ רְמִיָּה.

; אָם-לָאֵל אָם אַפּנְיו תִּשָּׁאוּן אָן אָם אַפּ Will ye show Him favour? Will ye contend for God?

Job Chapter 22 איוב

5 Is not thy wickedness great? And are not thine iniquities without end?

ה הַלא רָעָתְדְּ רַבָּה; וִאֵין-קֵץ, לַעַוֹנֹתֵידְּ.

ל פּלי-תַּחְבּל אַהֶיךְ for thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

תפשיט.

לא-מֵים, עְיֵף 7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

Job Chapter 38 אָיוב

ד אָרּיְבּעְן-יְהוָה אֶת-אִיּוֹב, 1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: מנהסערה (מְן יַיּאמֵר. הַפְּעָרָה); וַיּאמֵר.

עבְה, מַרְשִׁיךְ עֵצְה 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto Me. יְבִּינִינִי.

- ל איפה הָיית, בְּיָסְדי- Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast the understanding.
- א מִי-שָׁם מְמֵדֶּיהָ, כִּי Who determined the measures לה מִי-שָׁם מְמֵדֶּיהָ, כִּי לאוֹ אוֹ מִי-נָטָה עָלֶיהָ קּוֹ. אוֹ מִי-נָטָה עָלֶיהָ קּוֹ. אוֹ מִי-נָטָה עָלֶיהָ קּוֹ.
 - ל על-מָה, אֲדָנֶיהָ 6 Whereupon were the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner-stone thereof, פַּנָתָה.
 - ל בְּרֶן-יַחַד, כּוֹכְבֵי 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
 אֱלֹהִים.
 - א בּדְלָתַיִם **8** Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth, and issued out of the womb;

Job Chapter 40 איוב

יהְנה אֶת- <u>וּיַע</u>ן יְהוָה אֶת- <u>1 {S}</u> Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said:

ב הְבֹר, עִם-שַׁדַּי 2 Shall he that reproveth contend with the Almighty? He that argueth with God, let him answer it. {**P**}

- ויַעַן אִיּוֹב אֶת אַנּ אַר אַנּע אַיּוֹב אֶת אַנּ אַ אַר אַר אַנּע אַיּוֹב אֶת אַנּר אַנּר ; וַיִּאמֵר ; וַיִּאמֵר tord, and said:

Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer Thee! I lay my hand upon my mouth.

קברתיי, וְלֹא י Once have I spoken, but I will not answer again; yea, twice, but I will proceed no further. {P}

Job Chapter 42 איוב

לְשֵׁמַע-אֹזֶן ה ַ וְעַתָּה, עֵינִי רָאָתִּך, וְעַתָּה, שִׁינִי רָאָתִּךּ.

5 I had heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth Thee;

ַעַל-עַפַר וַאֱפֵר.

י על-כֵּן, אֵמְאַס וְנְחֲמִתִּי- 6 Wherefore I abhor my words, and repent, seeing I am dust and ashes. $\{P\}$

הַדְבָרִים הָאֵלֵה--אֵל-אִיוב; ביאליפז Eliphaz the Temanite: 'My הַתִּימָנִי, חָרָה אַפִּי בְדְּ וּבִשְׁנֵי רַעִידְ--כִּי לֹא דַבַּרְתֵּם אֵלַי נְכוֹנָה, כְעַבִדי איוב. {ס}

-זְּלֵּרְיִהְנָה אָתַר דְּבֶּּר יְהְנָה אֶת 7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as My servant Job hath. $\{{f S}\}$

יועתה קחו-לֶכֶם שִׁבְעָה-פָּרִים אַבְעָה-פָּרִים אַבְעָה-פָּרִים אַבְעָה-פָּרִים אַבְעָה-פָּרִים אַבְעָה-פָּרִים ושבעה אילים ולכו אל-עבדי ,איוב, והַעַלִיתֵם עוֹלָה בַּעַדְכֵם, offer up for yourselves a burnt-י כי פי offering; and My servant Job אם-פָּנָיו אֶשָּא, לְבַלְתִי עֲשׁוֹת I accept, that I do not unto you aught unseemly; for ye have אַלֵי נְכוֹנָה, כְּעֲבִדִי אִיּוב.

seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and shall pray for you; for him will not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

י בּלְדַד פּאַלִיפַז הַתִּימָנִי וּבְלְדַד 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and ָהַשוּחִי, צפַר הַנַּעֲמָתִי, וַיַּעֲשוּ, מccording as the LORD בַּאֲשֶׁר דָּבֶּר אֲלֵיהֵם יְהוָה; וַיִּשַא

Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did יהנה, את-פני איוב. commanded them; and the LORD accepted Job.

(שְבוּת) ישב אֶת-שבית (שְבוּת) • 10 And the LORD changed the fortune of Job, when he prayed איוב, בְּהתְפַּלְלוּ, בְּעַד רֵעֵהוּ ; for his friends; and the LORD ָפֵעף יְהוָה אֶת-כְּל-אֲשֶׁר לְאִיּוֹב, gave Job twice as much as he had before.

-יבאו אַלָיו כָּל-אָחָיו וְכָל Then came there unto him מון his brethren, and all his sisters, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance וַיּאכָלוּ עְמוֹ לֵחֶם בְּבֵיתוֹ, וַיָּנְדוּ לו וַינַחַמוּ אתוֹ, עַל כָּל-הָרְעָה before, and did eat bread with ביא יהנה עליו; ויתנו- bemoaned him, and comforted לו, איש קשיטה אחת, ואיש, him concerning all the evil that

him in his house; and they נוֹם זָהָב אֶחָד. the LORD had brought upon him; every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one a ring of gold.

Isaiah Chapter 58 ישעיהו

ג לָמָה צַמְנוּ וְלֹא רָאִיתָ, חֵפֵץ, וְכָל-עַאָבֵיכֵם תנגשו.

Wherefore have we fasted, and Thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no אנינו נפשנו ולא תדע; הן knowledge?'--Behold, in the day of your fast ye pursue your business, and exact all your labours.

.לַהַשִּׁמִיעַ בַּמָּרוֹם קוֹלְכֶם high.

, הן לריב ומַצָּה תַצוּמוּ, Behold, ye fast for strife and contention, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye fast not this day so as to make your voice to be heard on

יַצִּיעַ--הַלָּזֶה תִּקְרַא-צוֹם, ויום רצון ליהוה.

ד הַכְּזֶה, יהְיֶה צוֹם 5 Is such the fast that I have chosen? the day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, מְדָם, נַפְשוֹ ; הַלְכף and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, מול באני באור ושל ואפר and an acceptable device the LODE. and an acceptable day to the LORD?

יה, צום אום א 6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the fetters of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let ; רשע, הַתֵּר אֲגִדוֹת מוֹטָה the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

וְשַׁלַּח רָצוּצִים חַפִּשִׁים, וְכַל-מוֹטַה תְּנַתֶּקוּ.

לְרם וְכִּסִיתוּ, וּמְבְּשְׂרְדְ him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

ז בולוא פָרס לָרְעֵב **ז** Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover : כִּי־תְרְאֵה

- ,אָז יבָּקַע כַּשַּחַר אוֹרֶדּ, Then shall thy light break forth as the ; וְאֵרֶכְתְּדְּ מְהֵרָה תּצְמָח morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness יהלף לפגיף צדְקָף, כְּבוֹד shall go before thee, the glory of the .קבּר יַאַסְבֶּך CORD shall be thy rearward.
- , או תקרא ויהוה יענה, או פיהוה יענה, או פיהוה יענה, או פיהוה יענה, או פיהוה יענה, יענה, יענה, יענה, יענה, יענה, will answer; thou shalt cry, and He will say: 'Here I am.' If thou take away ,תְסִיר מִתּוֹכְדְ מוֹטָה, from the midst of thee the yoke, the י אַבְע וְדַבֶּר-אָנֶן. putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedness;
- כּצַהַרִים.
- יְנְבֶּכְ לָרָעֵב נַפְשֶׁדְּ, **10** And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thy gloom be as the noon-day; בּרוֹשֵׁךְ אוֹרֶדּ, וַאֲפֵלָתִדְ

תלמוד בבלי מסכת עירובין דף יג

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אמר רבי אבא אמר שמואל שלש שנים נחלקו בית שמאי ובית הלל הללו אומרים הלכה כמותנו והללו אומרים הלכה כמותנו יצאה בת קול ואמרה אלו ואלו דברי אלהים חיים הן והלכה כבית הלל

Rabbi Abba said that Shmuel said: For three years Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel disagreed. These said: The halakha is in accordance with our opinion, and these said: The halakha is in accordance with our opinion. Ultimately, a Divine Voice emerged and proclaimed: Both these and those are the words of the living God. However, the halakha is in accordance with the opinion of Beit Hillel.

וכי מאחר שאלו ואלו דברי אלהים חיים מפני מה זכו בית הלל לקבוע הלכה כמותן מפני שנוחין ועלובין היו ושונין דבריהן ודברי בית שמאי ולא עוד אלא שמקדימין דברי בית שמאי לדבריהן

The Gemara asks: Since both these and those are the words of the living God, why were Beit Hillel privileged to have the *halakha* established in accordance with their opinion? The reason is that they were agreeable and forbearing, showing restraint when affronted, and when they taught the *halakha* they would teach both their own statements and the statements of Beit Shammai. Moreover, when they formulated their teachings and cited a dispute, they prioritized the statements of Beit Shammai to their own statements, in deference to Beit Shammai.