

# The Return of the Absent Father

## A New Reading of a Chain of Stories from the Babylonian Talmud

The Lecture suggests a new reading of a chain of seven stories in tractate Ketubot in the Babylonian Talmud. In these stories, Sages abandon their homes, their wives, and their families and go away to the study house for long periods. Earlier interpretations have emphasized the tension between the conjugal desire and the scholarly desire as the key driving force in these stories. The new reading reveals an additional layer of meaning to the father figure's role within the family structure. Shifting the spotlight from the couple to the drama of the relationship between the father and his sons and daughters complicates the tension between the mundane domestic sphere and the spiritual-learning sphere of the study house.

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**On Line** ( Zoom platform)

【Language】 English, No interpretation

**Prior Registration is required**  
**Registration closes on November 29, 2022**



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