

## Sages of the Talmud Session Three

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## Biography

- Pedigree
- Age
- Before Marriage

## Torah

- Started Studying
- Went to Yeshiva
- Twenty Four Years
- Reunion

## Poverty

- Bed of Straw
- Combing Hair
- Pile of Wood

## Grew Wealthy

- Tiara of Gold
- Clothes and Jewelry
- Rabban Gamliel's Wife
- His Students

### Six Sources of Wealth

- Father in Law
- Roman Princess
- Chest on Sea Shore
- Chest on High Seas
- His Second Wife
- Ktiah Bar Shalom

### Generosity

- Bed of Straw
- Visiting the Sick
- Rabbi Tarfon's Funds
- The Great Principle
- Abandoned his Piety
- Kaddish
- Daughter's Wedding Night

### Optimism

- All is for Good
- Candle Rooster and Donkey
- Jerusalem
- Rome
- Rabbi Eliezer's Death Bed

### Piety

- Two Harlots
- It is for Torah and I must Study
- Mocked the Evil Inclination

### Diligence

- Only Erev Pesach and Yom Kippur
- His Son's illness and Funeral

### Scholarship

- The Field Hand - Codified the Law
- Labored to find Sources
- Linked Oral with Written
- Expounded on the Crowns
- Rabbi Tarfon's Praise
- Mystical Accomplishments

### Yavneh

- Devoted to Majority Rule Over Rabi Yehushua
- Over Rabban Gamliel

### Official Acts

- Yeshiva in Bnei Brak
- Traveled Extensively
- Endorsed Bar Kochba

### Teachings

- G-d's Image
- G-d Purifies Israel
- All is in Collateral and a net is Spread upon the Living

### Debates with Tyrannus (Tinnius) Rufus

- Whose Work is More Perfect – G-d's or Man's?
- Why did G-d not Make Man as he Wanted?
- Why are Some Wealthy and Others Poor?

### In his Elder Years

- Lost Twenty Four Thousand Students
- Taught Five New Students
- Established the Talmud
- Never Stop Teaching

### His Last Years

- Fish Without Water
- Taught in Prison
- Two Leap Years

### Final Moments

- Executed while Declaring Shema
- Angels Cried
- Moses Cried
- Adam Cried
- His Colleagues Cried
- His Funeral

### Epilogue

- Till the End of the World

### Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai

### His Teacher

- His Teacher's Regard for Him
- His Regard for His Teacher
- Fasted in Penitence
- Traveled to Prison

### The Cave

- Three Punishments
- Twelve Years
- Temporary Excursion
- Twelve Months

### Righteous

- Absolve the world
- Few Tzadikim
- The Rainbow

## Diligence

- Torah and Work
- Torah and Nature
- Torah and Prayer

## Scholarship

- Discerned Reason
- Ordained
- His Great Disciple

## Miracles

- Gold in the Valley
- Torah for Rain
- Possessed Princess

## Peer Review

- Shabbat
- The Master
- Sacred Light
- One Bond

## The Zohar

- Six Students
- Transcribed by Rabbi Acha
- Bridged Esoteric and Revealed

## His Passing

- Taught Torah and Passed with Life
- The Great Light
- The Great Debate
- Students Mourn

## The Funeral

- Rabbi Chiya's Deceleration
- Gathering of the Righteous
- The Fragrant Spices
- The Struggle and the Miracle
- The Heavenly Declaration