

## Sages of the Talmud Session Four

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### Rabbi Meir

- Enigmatic
- Handsome
- Brilliant
- Committed Exclusively to the Truth

### Background

- Ancestry
- Teachers
- Ordained

### Bruriah

- Wise – 300 Laws
- Beautiful – Behind the Partition
- Compassionate – Sins not Sinners
- Strong – Overcame Tragedy

### Tragedies

- Father – Burned at the Stake
- Mother – Burned at the Stake
- Sister – Taken Prisoner
- Brother - Murdered
- Sons – Died at a Young Age

### Faith and Courage

- Saved her Sister
- G-d of Meyer
- Overcame all her Tragedies
- But not her Personal Shame
- Rabbi Meir Left the Country

## Brilliance

- Non attributed Mishnah
- Both Sides of the Coin
- Uprooted Mountains
- Holy Mouth
- His Stick Made Me Wise
- His Back Made Me Sharp

## Scribe

- Expert
- Wrote Megillah
- Special Ink
- Your Work is Holy
- Three Sela
- His Children

## Acherim - Others

- Followed Elisha
- "The End is Better"
- "Beyond Gold and Crystal"
- Everyone, But Elisha
- The Last Moment

## Elisha's Destiny

- Extinguished Flame Over Grave
- Promised Entry into Purgatory
- Promised Entry into Gan Eden

## Justification

- Cover of the Torah With the Torah
- The Fruit
- Would Never Defy his Colleagues

## The Great Expounder

- Halacha, exposition and Parables
- Three Hundred Parables
- Spit in My Eye

### Man of Peace

- “He Drove Me Out”
- Aaron's Methods
- Either Way – They are my Children

### Piety

- Beware of Me with My Daughter
- She Married a Torah Scholar
- Mocked Sinners

### His Travels

- Shipwrecked
- Dishonest Host
- Cleopatra

### In Usha

- Appointed Chacham
- Attempted Dethronement
- We are Inside and Torah is Outside?
- Left the Country

### Posthumous

- Near Israel's Water
- Whose Water are we Drinking?
- Yehudah is Angry, Meir is Dead, Yossi is Silent

### Sumchus

- Forty Nine Arguments
- And Forty Nine Arguments