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Talmud Yerushalmi is in the air! The past few years have seen significant growth in the study of Talmud Yerushalmi. It was not long ago that the OU launched its Daf Yomi series, not for the Talmud Bavli but for the Talmud Yerushalmi. In Israel, the day-to-day relevance of agriculture has been rapidly directing attention to the Talmud Yerushalmi.

Many of our Sages have referred to the Gaon of Vilna when noting that the Era of Redemption will be marked by an increased interest in the Talmud Yerushalmi!

Research 2012

The year 2012 was a most productive one at the Institute. We made significant progress in refining our understanding of the process by which the Talmud Yerushalmi came together.

We discerned different "redactive hands" in the Talmud Yerushalmi and identified some of the textual irregularities that manifest around "concentrations" of redactive activity.

An awareness of the redactors' *modus operandi* has far-reaching implications for the interpretation of the Talmud Yerushalmi and should allow us to gain important insight into many difficult passages that challenged the commentators throughout the generations.

To see a full list of our studies please visit the Institute site at www.talmudyerushalmi.org/studies.

Research 2013

The upcoming year, we hope will bear witness to many more important advancements. What follows are the studies that are on our schedule as of now for the first half of 2013.

■ THE TYPES OF ANONYMOUS MATERIAL (STAM) IN THE TALMUD YERUSHALMI

The Talmud Yerushalmi, like its Babylonian counterpart has much anonymous material known as *Stam*. A classification of the different types of *Stam* according to their structure - and more importantly - purpose, should shed light on the process by which the Talmud Yerushalmi was redacted.

■ THE TALMUD YERUSHALMI AND THE EARLY AMORAIC MIDRASHIM

Numerous parallels exist between the Talmud Yerushalmi and the Early Amoraic Midrashim; Yet these parallels are not without significant stylistic and structural differences. A close study of the parallels and the differences between them should allow us to discern the characteristics of different "streams" of transmission which can then be used to identify different sources in the Talmud Yerushalmi.

■ MAIMONIDES AND THE REDACTION OF THE TALMUD YERUSHALMI

Maimonides, perhaps more than any other of the *Rishonim* showed favor for the Talmud Yerushalmi. An examination of Maimonides' rulings and their respective derivations from the Talmud Yerushalmi will not only shed light on Maimonides' understanding of the redaction of the Talmud Yerushalmi, but will provide us with an authoritative redactional theory which can be applied to the interpretation of almost every line of the Talmud Yerushalmi.

We hope that you are pleased with our advancements and contributions to the study of the Talmud Yerushalmi. We are grateful for your support and hope that it will allow us to bring this Holy Book one step closer to its place of prominence.

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