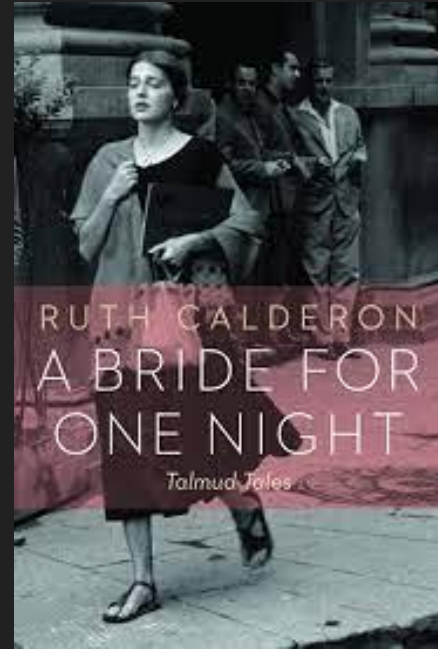


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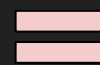
Mishnah

- 200 CE, Israel
- Hebrew
- Holidays, civil and criminal law, prayer, life cycle rituals
- Discussion & debate
- Majority & minority opinion preserved



Gemara

- Babylonia & Israel
- 3rd, 4th & 5th centuries
- Commentary on the Mishnah



Talmud

Halakhah v. Aggadah

Halakhah - laws & all legal discussion

Aggadah - stories, narrative, everything else

“The aggadah expands upon and challenges halacha, its legal and logical counterpart. Both aspects, halachah and aggadah, are reflected in the mind of the Torah scholar, who is at once learned and creative. Yet those who study Talmud traditionally have tended to regard the imaginative story as secondary to the legal text that it serves to illustrate” - p. xii

Midrash

Two Meanings

- Specific collection of writing interpreting another collection of writing
- Interpretative act

Structure of the Book

Exegetical interpretations of Talmudic aggadic texts

17 Stories

1. Talmudic Story in Translation
2. Midrash - creative retelling
3. Reflection