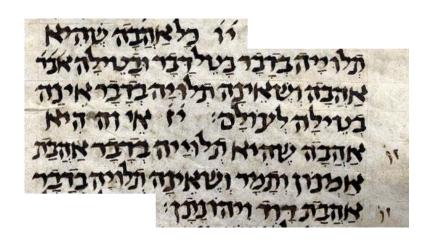


TRACTATE AVOT

TEXT: MISHNA 5:15



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Every love that is dependent on some thing, when the thing fails, the love fails;

ַּכָּל אַהֲבָה שֶׁהִיא תְלוּיָה בְדָבָר, בָּטֵל דָּבָר, בָּטֵלָה אַהֲבָה.

and (every love) which is not dependent on some thing, fails not forever.

וְשָׁאֵינָהּ תְּלוּיָה בְדָבָר, אֵינָהּ בְּטֵלָה לְעוֹלָם.

Which is a love that is dependent on some thing? (This is) the love of Amnon and Tamar.

אֵיזוֹ הִיא אַהָבָה הַתְּלוּיָה בְדָבָר, זוֹ אַהְבַת אַמְנוֹן וִתָמָר.

And that which is not dependent on some thing? (This is) the love of David and Jonathan.

ּ וְשֶׁאֵינָהּ תְּלוּיָה בְדָבָר, זוֹ אַהֲבַת דַּוִד וִיהוֹנָתָן: