

## שהושיבו ישיבה על קברו –

**For they established an academy (on) [by] his gravesite**

### OVERVIEW

The גמרא explains the פסוק of <sup>1</sup>וַיִּשְׁבּוּ לוֹ בְּמִוְתּוֹ to mean that a ישיבה was established by the grave of חזקיהו. תוספות will explain why this was done (only) by על קברו (and not by other kings) and what is meant by קברו.

לפי שהרבה תורה בישראל כדאמרינן בחלק (סנהדרין דף צד,ב עיין שם) -

**For increased תורה study in Israel as the גמרא states in חלק -**

שבדקו מן ועד באר שבע<sup>2</sup> ולא מצאו איש ואשה תינוק ותינוקת -

**That they checked from דן (in the north) until באר שבע (in the south) and they did not find a man or woman, boy or girl -**

שלא היו בקיאים בטומאה וטהרה<sup>3</sup> -

**that were not fluent** in the laws of וטהרה (during the reign of חזקיהו).

anticipates a difficulty and resolves it:

ולא על קברו ממש אלא ברחוק ארבע אמות דליכא לועג לרש<sup>4</sup>:

**And they did not place the ישיבה actually on his grave, but rather at a distance of four cubits from his grave, so there is no concern of mocking the deprived.<sup>5</sup>**

### SUMMARY

They gave חזקיהו the special honor of having a ישיבה על קברו since he was מרבה תורה; there was no concern of לועג לרש since it was ד' אמות distant from his קבר.

### THINKING IT OVER

What is the connection between הרבה תורה בישראל וכו' to קברו על ישיבה; why that specific honor and no other?

<sup>1</sup> דברי הימים ב' לב, לג.

<sup>2</sup> Our גמרא there reads מגבת ועד אנטיפרס (instead of שבע).

<sup>3</sup> The laws of וטהרה are considered 'difficult', and yet they were known by all; they certainly knew the other (less difficult) laws.

<sup>4</sup> The גמרא in (יז,ה) פסוק states לועג לרש עושהו (he who mocks the poor, blasphemes his Creator). The ספר תורה derives from this פסוק that one should not walk in a cemetery wearing תפילין and carrying a ספר תורה and reading from it. He is mocking the dead who are deprived from doing מצות.

<sup>5</sup> חזקיהו by לועג לרש (על קברו), there was no concern of לועג לרש since he was מרבה תורה בישראל (and therefore it could be ממש על קברו).