



מִסְכַּת אָבוֹת פָּרָק א מִשְׁנֵה טו: "אָמַר מְעַט וְעָשָׂה הַרְבֵּה"

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שַׁמַּי אָמַר:

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Use the  
reader of  
the Mishna

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The Mishna:

Avot, Chapter 1, Mishna 15

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אבות א, טו

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● *Abraham – spoke little, but did much*

When Abraham saw people walking towards his tent, he rushed to invite them into his home.

Read the verses in the Havruta that describe Abraham's attitude to the angels and answer the following questions:

“Looking up, he saw three figures standing near him. Perceiving this, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them and, bowing to the ground,

he said, “My lords! If it please you, do not go on past your servant.

Let a little water be brought; bathe your feet and recline under the tree.

And let me fetch a morsel of bread that you may refresh yourselves; then go on—seeing that you have come your servant's way.” They replied, “Do as you have said.”

Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Quick, three seahs of choice flour! Mix and make cakes!”

Then Abraham ran to the herd, took a calf, tender and choice, and gave it to a servant-boy, who hastened to prepare it.

He took curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them; and he waited on them under the tree as they ate.”

- ❖ Highlight in yellow what Abraham said to his guests.
- ❖ Highlight in blue what Abraham actually served his guests.
- ❖ Why do you think it is recommended to act like Abraham; to actually do more than what we said we would do, and not vice versa.

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- Prepare a cartoon / humoristic sticker, with a person saying a lot and doing a little.

