

# Dip the Apple in the Honey

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1. **Keritot 6a**

**Abaye said: Now that you have said that a sign is a substantial matter, a person should be accustomed to eat, at the start of the year, gourd, fenugreek, leeks, beets, and dates,** as each of these grow and multiply quickly, which is a good omen for the deeds of the upcoming year.

**כריתות ו' א**

אמר אביי השתא דאמרת סימנא מילתא היא יהא רגיל איניש למיכל ריש שתא קרא ורוביא כרתי סילקא ותמרי

2. **Genesis 27:1-27**

(1) When Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." He answered, "Here I am." (2) And he said, "I am old now, and I do not know how soon I may die. (3) Take your gear, your quiver and bow, and go out into the open and hunt me some game. (4) Then prepare a dish for me such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my innermost blessing before I die."....(15) Rebekah then took the best clothes of her older son Esau, which were there in the house, and had her younger son Jacob put them on; (16) and she covered his hands and the hairless part of his neck with the skins of the kids. (17) Then she put in the hands of her son Jacob the dish and the bread that she had prepared. (27) and he went up and kissed him. And he smelled his clothes and he blessed him, saying, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of the fields that the LORD has blessed.

**בראשית כ"ז:א-כ"ז**

(א) ויהי כִּי־זָקֵן יצחק ותִּכְהֶיֶן עֵינָיו מְרֹאֵת וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־עֵשָׂו | בְּנֹו הַגָּדֹל וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו בְּנִי וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הִנְנִי (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה־גַא זְקֵנְתִי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי יוֹם מוֹתִי (ג) וְעַתָּה שְׂאֵ־גַא כְּלִיךְ תִּלְקֶךָ וְקִשְׁתְּךָ וְצַד הַשֵּׁדֶה וְצוּדָה לִי צִידָה [צִידָה] (ד) וַעֲשֵׂה־לִּי מִטַּעַמִּים כַּאֲשֶׁר אֲהַבְתִּי וְהִבִּיאָה לִּי וְאֲכַלְהָ בְעֵבְרֹוֹ תִּבְרַכְךָ נַפְשִׁי בְטַרְם אֲמוֹת: ... (ט) וַתִּקַּח רִבְקָה אֶת־בְּגָדֵי עֵשָׂו בְּגָה הַגָּדֹל הַחֲמֹדֹת אֲשֶׁר אִתָּהּ בְּבַיִת וַתִּלְבַּשׁ אֶת־יַעֲקֹב בְּגָה הַקָּטָן (י) וְאֵת עֶרְוַת גְּדֵי הַעֲזִים הַלְּבִישָׁה עַל־יָדָיו וְעַל חִלְקֵת צוּאָרָיו (י"א) וַתִּתֵּן אֶת־הַמִּטַּעַמִּים וְאֶת־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂתָה בְּיַד יַעֲקֹב בְּגָה.... וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יִצְחָק אֲבִיו וְגָשָׁה־גַא וְשָׁקָה־לִּי בְּנִי (כ) וַיִּגַּשׁ וַיִּשָּׁק־לוֹ וַיֵּרַח אֶת־רִיחַ בְּגָדָיו

וַיְבָרְכֵהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר רְיָאָה רִיחַ בְּנֵי כְרִית  
שְׂדֵה אֲשֶׁר בֵּרְכּוּ הִלְ

3. **Rashi on Genesis 27:9:2**  
(2) שְׁנֵי גִדְיֵי עֲזִים TWO KIDS OF THE GOATS — Did then two kids of the goats form a meal for Isaac? But the explanation is: it being Passover he offered one as his Paschal sacrifice and of the other he prepared the savoury food. So is it stated in Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer 32).
- רש"י על בראשית כ"ז ט':ב'  
(ב) שְׁנֵי גִדְיֵי עֲזִים. וְכִי שְׁנֵי גִדְיֵי עֲזִים  
הָיָה מֵאֵכֶל נֶשֶׁל יִצְחָק? אֵלֶּא הָאֶחָד  
הִקְרִיב לְפֶסַח וְהָאֶחָד עָשָׂה  
מִטְעָמִים; בְּפִרְקֵי רַבֵּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר:
4. **Taanit 29b**  
"And he said: See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed" (Genesis 27:27), **Rav Yehuda, son of Rav Shmuel bar Sheilat, said in the name of Rav:** This smell was like that of a field of apple trees.
- תענית כ"ט ב'  
(בראשית כז, כז) וַיֹּאמֶר רָאָה רִיחַ בְּנֵי  
כְרִית שְׂדֵה אֲשֶׁר בֵּרְכּוּ ה' אָמַר רַב  
יְהוּדָה בְּרִיהַ דְּרַב שְׁמוּאֵל בַּר שֵׁילַת  
מִשְׁמִיָּה דְּרַב כְּרִית שְׂדֵה שֶׁל תְּפוּחִים:
5. **Song of Songs 2:3**  
(3) Like an apple tree among trees of the forest, So is my beloved among the youths. I delight to sit in his shade, And his fruit is sweet to my mouth.
- שיר השירים ב':ג'  
(ג) כְּתַפּוּחַת בְּעֵצֵי הַיַּעַר כֵּן דּוֹדִי בֵּין  
הַבָּנִים בְּצֵלוֹ חִמְדָּתִי וְיִשְׁכַּבְתִּי וּפְרִיָּו  
מִתּוֹק לְחִכִּי:
6. **Shabbat 88a**  
**Rabbi Ḥama, son of Rabbi Ḥanina, said: What is the meaning of that which is written: "As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. Under its shadow I delighted to sit and its fruit was sweet to my taste" (Song of Songs 2:3)? Why were the Jewish people likened to an apple tree? It is to tell you that just as this apple tree, its fruit grows before its leaves, so too, the Jewish people accorded precedence to "We will do" over "We will hear."**
- שבת פ"ח א'  
אָמַר רַבִּי חָמָא בְּרַבִּי חַנִּינָא מֵאֵי  
דְּכַתְיִב כְּתַפּוּחַת בְּעֵצֵי הַיַּעַר וְגו' לְמָה  
נִמְשְׁלוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל לְתַפּוּחַת לּוֹמֵר לַךְ מָה  
תַּפּוּחַת זֶה פְּרִיָּו קוּדֵם לְעַלְיוֹ אַף  
יִשְׂרָאֵל הַקְּדִימוּ נַעֲשֵׂה לְנִשְׁמַע



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