

THE TEXTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE *AGGADAH* OF
RAV ADA B. ABBA (B BB 22A) IN LIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE
OF AN EARLY GENIZAH FRAGMENT

Yonatan Feintuch

This article discusses the *aggadah* of Rav Ada b. Abba (bBB 22a), which, as it appears in most textual witnesses, is a lengthy narrative, composed of several stories and statements of scholars. The *aggadah* revolves around Rav Ada's death following his disrespectful and offensive behavior toward fellow and superior rabbis. The article discusses the textual development of the *aggadah*, in light of the various textual witnesses, and especially in light of the evidence of an early Genizah fragment, which sheds new light on the textual history of this *aggadah*. The final part of the article discusses two terms that relate to Babylonian institutions of learning and teaching Torah, the *Siyuma* and the *Resh Kallah*, which appear in some of the versions of *aggadah*.