



***Because of the fragrance of your fine oils, your name is 'oil poured forth.' Therefore, the maidens loved you.***  
(Shir HaShirim 1:3)

*This alludes to the Torah that the Talmid Chacham teaches others. It is a pledge to the Talmid Chacham that his success will not be less due to this. For at times he will think that he would like to learn alone so that he will be able to grasp the depths of Torah, therefore, it says, "your name is 'oil poured forth', this means that his fate will be like good oil. Just as fine oil, it's fragrance spreads when emptied from one vessel to another, so to by teaching others the fragrance of your Torah will spread to grasp greater levels of depth in Torah. Not only that, matters will reveal themselves to him in the merit of his study with others. Therefore, it states, "Therefore the maidens loved you." This refers to hidden matters which will love to reveal themselves to you.*  
(Ayeles Ahuvim - author of Lecha Dodi - ibid.)

With the above words we can explain a perplexing statement by made by Rav Chiya as told in Bava Metziah 85b:

*Rav Chanina said to Rav Chiya: "How can you dispute with me? If, Heaven forbid, the Torah were forgotten in Israel, I would restore it by my argumentative powers." To which Rav Chiya rejoined: "How can you dispute with me, who achieved that the Torah should not be forgotten in Israel? What did I do? I went and sowed flax, made nets [from the flax cords], trapped deer, whose flesh I gave to orphans, and prepared scrolls [from their skins], upon which I wrote the five books [of Torah]. Then I went to a town and taught the five books to five children, and the six orders [of the Mishna] to six children. And I bade them: "Until I return, teach each other the Torah and the Mishnah;" and thus I preserved the Torah from being forgotten in Israel."*

Rav Chiya's response to Rav Chaninah is hard to comprehend, Rav Chaninah was not saying that he was worthier than Rav Chiya, he was simply stating that he should not argue with him in Torah for his proficiency was greater than Rav Chiya's. Rav Chiya's response proved that he had great merit, however, how does that explain why he feels Rav Chaninah shouldn't argue with him in Torah?

We see from here, as well, that the Torah is a spiritual entity – the infinite knowledge of our loving Father in Heaven – who reveals its secrets as an act of reciprocal love to his dear children.

