

1. INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present to our users, with Hashem's help, the new version of the "Otzar HaChochma", version 19.0.

Eighteen years have passed since we began to offer Otzar HaChochma in its initial version, which included a mere 15,000 seforim. In those early days, the use of digital seforim was virtually unknown. The ability to perform a word search within the images of the seforim was non-existent. The capability that has now been made available to Lomdei Torah and to scholars to easily study from and perform searches for any sefer – from the earliest printings through current publications – on wide a range of subjects has been greeted with shock and amazement and. As new vistas, and providing all-encompassing access to all of the Torah literature became available, there was great joy among a very wide audience of students of Torah. Some said that the access to seforim afforded by Otzar HaChochma represented the greatest revolution in Torah study since the invention of the printing press!

Since that time, we have published a new version that included many new software features and improvements. Furthermore, we have added over 5,000 (!!!) seforim annually; the software now includes approximately 107,000 seforim.

Otzar HaChochma includes rare and vintage seforim that are being made available to the community at large for the first time in hundreds of years, older and new versions of classic seforim, facsimiles of manuscripts and antique printings, Torah journals, and collections, along with thousands of seforim by contemporary authors. The seforim appear in their original format, page by page. The software affords immediate access to every page and every word.

We have been very mindful of respecting copyrights. We contacted every publisher and author for permission to include their work in our database. May it be Hashem's will that we not be guilty of any impropriety in our handiwork.

Over the years we have reached agreements with leading publishers of Sifrei Kodesh who have acceded to our offer to market their full catalogs throughout Otzar HaChochma. We refer to these seforim as "Sifrei HaMechonim" (Books of the institutions). These seforim are priced separately, and available to those who purchase a subscription to view them. Included in this category are the seforim published by Mossad Harav Kook, Machon Yerushalayim, Oz Vehadar, Ahavat Shalom, Encyclopedia Talmudit, Chochmas Shlomo, Machon Afek, Machon Zichron Aharon, and an extensive selection of the publications of Lubavitch/Chabad.

In the year 5780 (2019-20) we launched a major new improvement, "Meforshei HaOtzar". This entirely new and amazing product is intended for those who learn Gemara and constitutes a significant upgrade that truly uses the capabilities of access to the vast collection of commentaries on the Talmud that are contained within Otzar HaChochma. The user can learn in their normal manner from a virtual page of the Vilna Shas. When there is any item that sparks their interest, at a click of the mouse, they will immediately find displayed before them all of the relevant commentaries on any line in the Gemara, Rashi, or the Tosafot. It all appears in an orderly format to the right of the page, with no need for any further searching to find all the comments made on this issue, from the most well-known to the most obscure, from early through contemporary sources. The user can then easily scroll through these sources and click to go to the original book if they so wish.

At this time, Meforshei HaOtzar is marketed exclusively to users of Otzar HaChochma. From version 19.0 and on, we will include the interface of Meforshei HaOtzar and the first page of every masechta for free at no charge. We invite the subscribers and users of Otzar HaChochma to experience the pleasure of studying with Meforshei HaOtzar and to consider adding this wonderful resource to their subscription. As the software is included in the Otzar HaChochma package, it is necessary only to contact us and arrange to purchase a license to use this additional material.

In the year 5781 (2020-21), we will be publishing version 19.0 of Otzar HaChochma and inaugurating a completely overhauled version of the software interface. This version I more user-friendly, and searching within it is easier and faster than ever. The software includes interactive instructions that explain all of the possibilities of the software clearly and concisely.

We are hopeful that you will enjoy all of these improvements and upgrades of Otzar HaChochma. We pray that you will use our software in good health and with joy and that you will derive maximum benefit from it as you conveniently explore its full power. We are here to offer full support for all users – to offer help and advice – at email otzar@otzar.bis or by phone at 02-5866078



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And the entire team of Otzar HaChochma, Jerusalem.



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2.1 INSTALLATION AND SYSTEM STARTUP

Perform the following steps to install and open Otzar HaChochma:

1. Connect the hard-drive to the computer using a USB cable.
2. After the drive is recognized, click on the **My Computer** icon located on the desktop.
3. Open the Otzar HaChochma drive by double-clicking on the Otzar HaChochma icon:



Otzar HaChochma opens and a shortcut icon appears on the desktop.

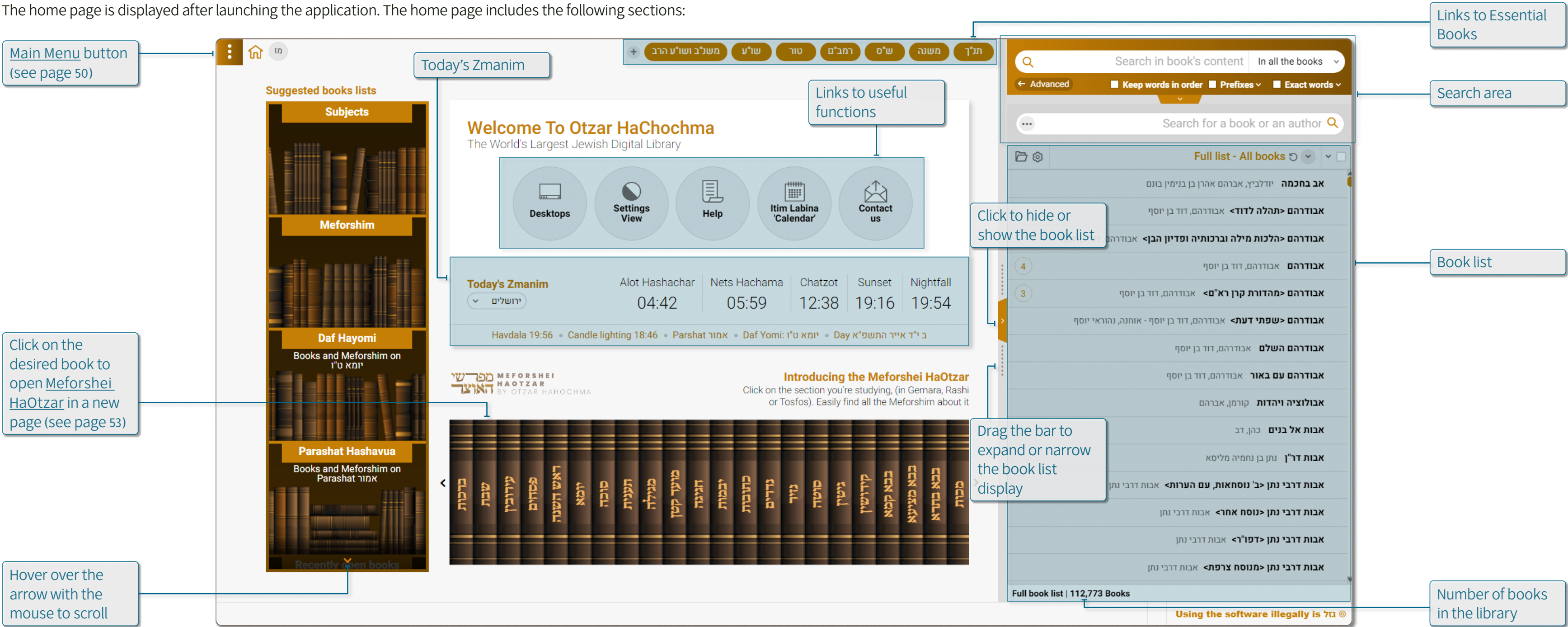


NOTE: If you are using a Windows operating system, you will receive a security warning or confirmation request. Click the confirmation button to continue with the installation.

2.2 USER INTERFACE OVERVIEW

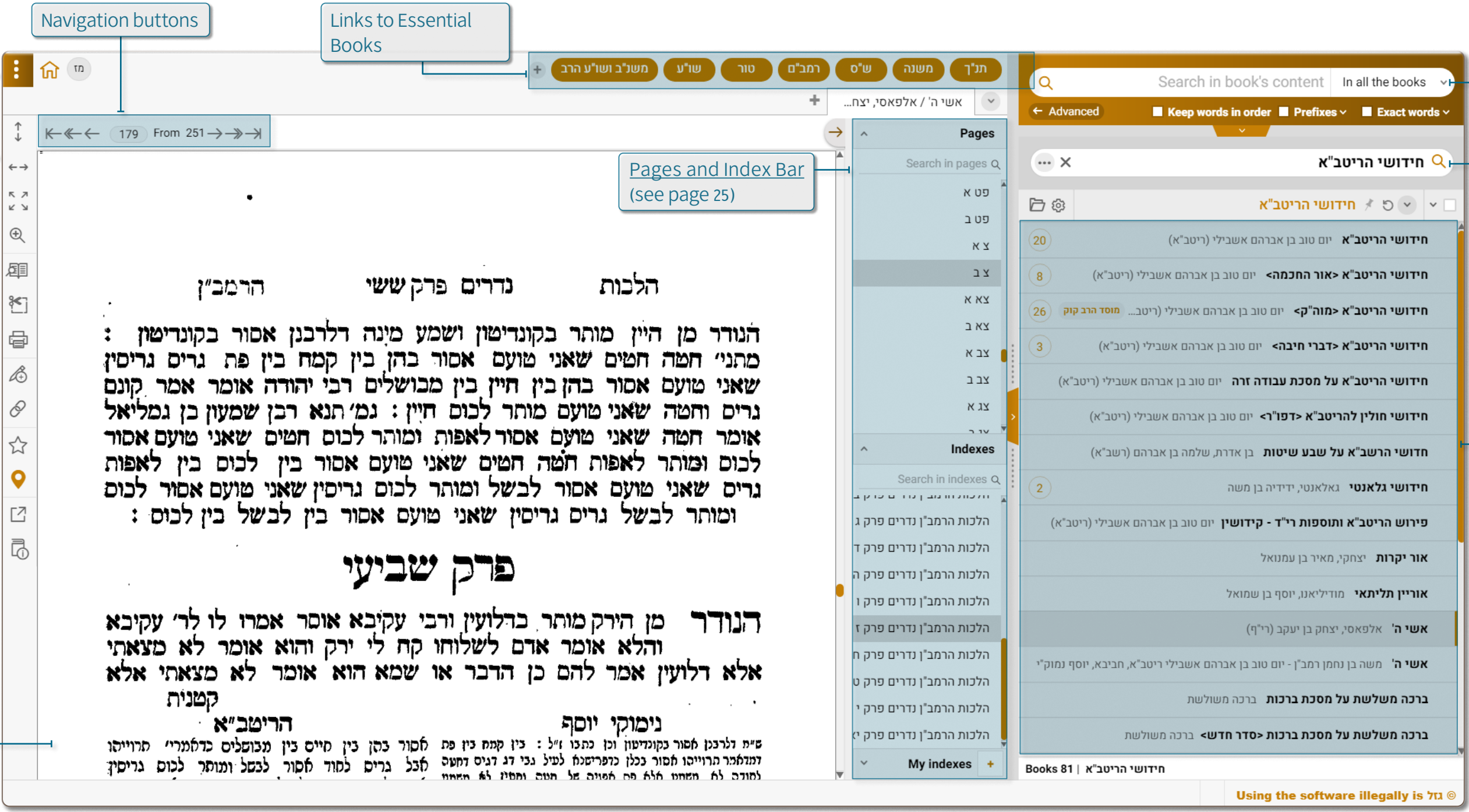
2.2.1 HOME PAGE

The home page is displayed after launching the application. The home page includes the following sections:



2.2.2 WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment is displayed after performing a search or selecting a book to display. The work environment includes the following sections:



The screenshot shows the software interface with the following labeled components:

- Main Menu button** (see page 50): Located at the top left, represented by a three-dot icon.
- Navigation buttons**: A row of icons below the main menu, including home, list, and search.
- Links to Essential Books**: A row of buttons for specific books like 'משנ"ב ושו"ע הרב', 'שו"ע', 'טור', 'רמב"ם', 'ש"ס', 'משנה', and 'תנ"ך'.
- Search for Content search-box** (see page 13): A search bar at the top right with the text 'Search in book's content'.
- Search by Book or Author search-box** (see page 8): A search bar below the content search, with the text 'חידושי הריטב"א'.
- Search results**: A list of search results on the right side, showing titles like 'חידושי הריטב"א' and 'אור יקרות'.
- Pages and Index Bar** (see page 25): A vertical bar on the left side of the main text area, containing 'Pages' and 'Indexes' sections.
- Book display area**: The central area displaying the text of the selected book, 'חידושי הריטב"א'.

3.1 BASIC SEARCH

Perform the following steps to search for a book by its title or author:

The screenshot displays the SederSimlach software interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons for 'תנ"ך' (Tanach), 'משנה' (Mishna), 'ש"ס' (Shas), 'רמב"ם' (Rambam), 'טור' (Tur), 'שו"ע' (Shulchan Aruch), and 'משנ"ב ושו"ע הרב' (Mishneh Berurah and Shulchan Aruch HaRav). Below these, a search bar contains the text 'אשי ה' / אלפאסי, יצחק...'. The main display area shows the text of 'חידושי הריטב"א' (Chidushim HaRitva) for the Seder of 'חמץ' (Chametz). The text is in Hebrew and includes the title 'הנודר מן היין מותר בקונדיטון' (The one who abstains from wine is permitted in confectionery). The interface also features a 'Pages' bar on the left and a 'My indexes' bar on the right. The bottom status bar indicates 'Books 81 | חידושי הריטב"א' and 'Using the software illegally is גזל' (Using the software illegally is theft).

1. Type the name of a book title or author in the search-box

2. The search results appear while typing, and are sorted by relevancy

3. Click the desired result to display the content in the book display area

4. The selected book is displayed in the book display area

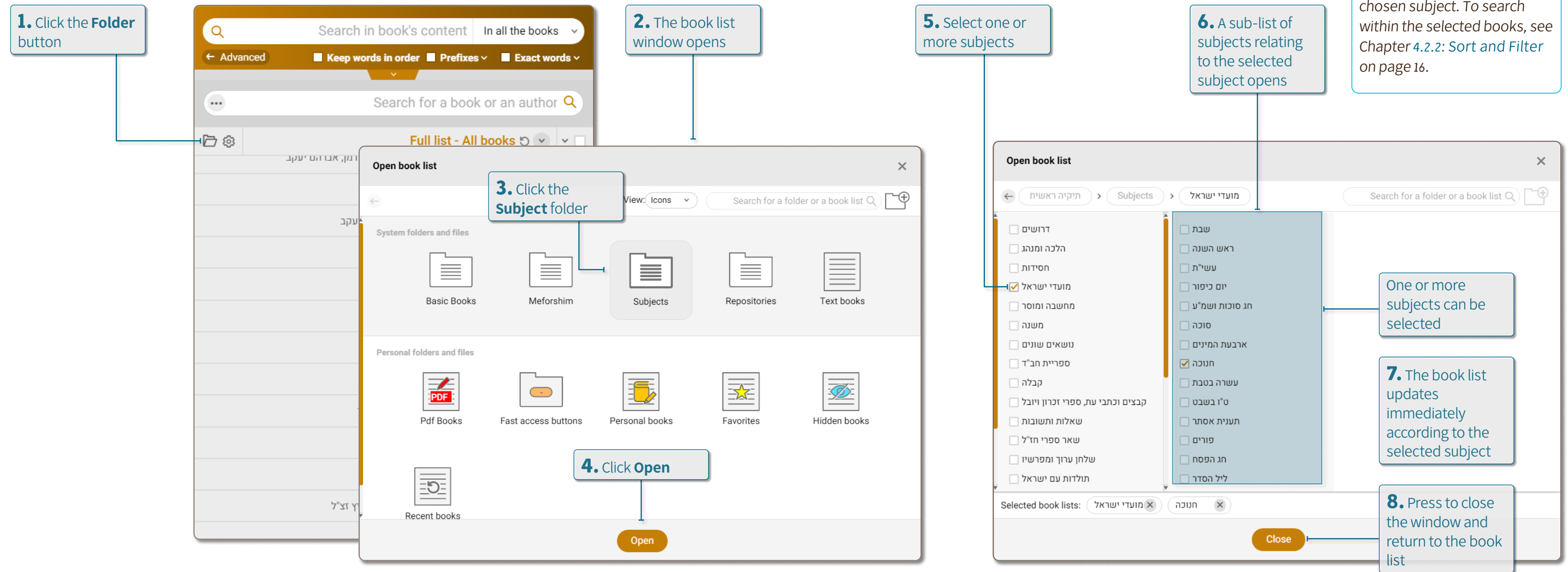
Use the Pages and Index Bar to display different pages (see page 25)

The number of books found in this search

3.2 SEARCH BY SUBJECT

Searching by subject allows displaying a list of books relating to specific subjects.

Perform the following steps to search by a subject:



3.3 BOOK LIST BUTTONS

Perform the following steps to display and use the book list buttons:

Information about the book – when hovering with the mouse a summary of the information is displayed. When clicking, more detailed information is displayed.

Link to all of the author's books

Add to the Favorites Folder folder (see page 36)

2. The book list buttons appear

When the listing includes a series of books, a button will be displayed showing the number of books in the series. Click this button to display all the books in the series

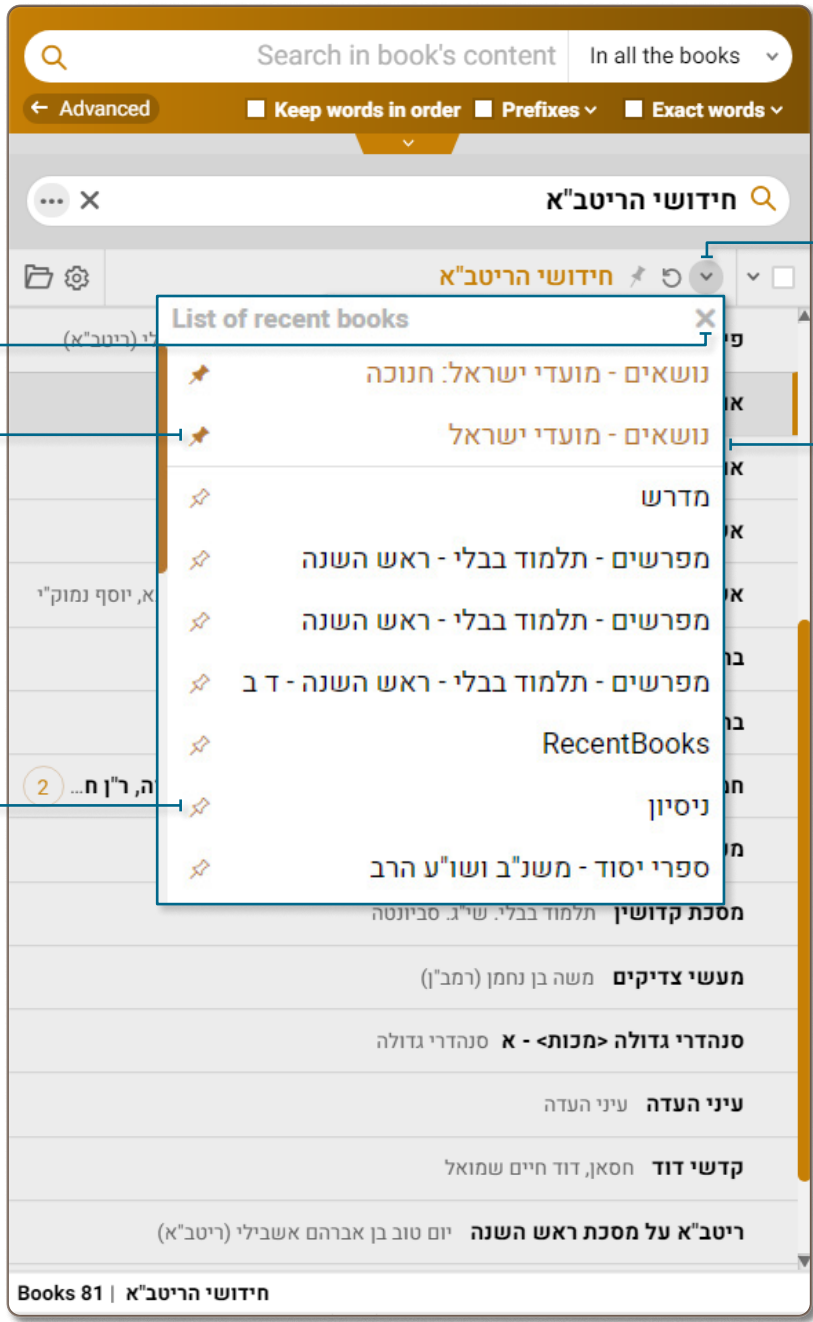
1. Hover with the mouse over the desired book



3.4 BOOK LIST SEARCH HISTORY

The search history allows direct access to books that were used previously.

Perform the following steps to display the book list search history:



Click to close the window

Items with the Pin icon are pinned to the top of the list.
Click the Pin icon again to remove the item from the top of the list.

Click to pin a search item to the top of the list

1. Click the **Recent Book Lists** button

2. The **Recent Book Lists** window opens

3. Select the desired history item to display relevant search results

4.1 BASIC SEARCH

Perform the following steps to search for text within the content of the books:

1. Type the keyword or keywords in the search-box

2. Click the Search button

Click to change the book archive used for the search

3. Search results are displayed

4. Click the desired result to display it in the book display area

5. The selected book is displayed in the book display area

Browse through the book using the navigation buttons

The keywords are highlighted

All the pages containing the search query appear here. Click a page number to display the page in the book display area.

Use the Pages and Index Bar to display other pages (see page 25)

TIP: For other word based search options see Chapter 4.3: Advanced Search on page 17.

Number of results

Search results for: חזקה דרבא דאורייתא

Results in 945 Books 2,116

Search for a book or an author

Full list - All books

אב בחכמה יודלביץ, אברהם אהרן בן בנימין בונם

Full book list | 112,773 Books

Search results list:

- מעדני יום טוב - ח (חינוך הבנים, דיני קטן ובר מצוה) זנגר, יום טוב בן יעקב... [21]
- חתם סופר > על הש"ס - נדה סופר, משה בן שמואל [11]
- אוצרות ירושלים (פרושים) - טו קובץ [6]
- משכנות יעקב - ב (אה"ע, חו"מ) ברוכין, יעקב בן אהרן [5]
- שיעורי שבת אלטמן, יוסף מאיר בן שרגא צבי [5]
- חמדת שלמה > מהדורת מכון משנת ר"א - שו"ת ליפשיץ, שלמה זלמן בן י... [4]
- חינוך ישראל - ב הרפנס, ישראל דוד [3]
- חתם סופר > על הש"ס - יבמות סופר, משה בן שמואל [3]
- ישראל והזמנים - א הרפנס, ישראל דוד [3]
- תשובות והנהגות - א שטרנבוך, משה בן אשר [3]
- התרת נדרים עם ביאור מילתא דשכיחא שטרנבוך, משה בן אשר [2]
- קובץ שיעורים - במסכת פסחים ישיבת מאור התלמוד [2]

Pages

Search in pages

תקסט
תקע
תקעא
תקעב
תקעג
תקעד
תקעה
תקעו
תקעז

My indexes

Book display area:

אוצרות

הפרשת חלה ע"י נערה ביום מלאת י"ב שנה

ירושלים

תקעג

ומבואר בדבריו עוד דעכ"פ במשך הלילה ודאי יש כבר חזקה שהביא ב"ש, עיי"ש. ואף דאינו דומה ממש לכאן. דהרי שם מדובר באיסור דאורייתא ולחומרא. וכאן אנו באים להקל ע"י חזקה דרבא, מ"מ חזינן דלמעשה שיין חזקה זו אף בלילה ראשון, וא"כ מהיכי תיתי לומר דמה שסומכים ע"ז בדרבנן לא נסמוך עכ"פ בלילה ראשון, ובפרט שהרי כן עמא דבר ליתן לחתן הבר מצוה לירד לפני התיבה ולברך בהמ"ז בזימון על הכוס (אם לא להסוברים דזימון דאורייתא). וסומכין בכל זה אחזקה דרבא.

אולם עדיין יש לעיין בזה טובא, דהנה כתב בחלת לחם (סי' א' סק"ג וסק"ה) דאע"פ שחלה בזה"ז לרוב הפוסקים הוא מדרבנן, מ"מ החמירו בכל ספק חלה כחומר דאורייתא, א"כ יש לעיין דאולי גם לענין חזקה דרבא יש להחמיר.

4.2 SEARCH RESULT DISPLAY

The search result display area shows all the search results found that match the search criteria.

This chapter describes the various options available in the search results area, and includes:

- Display Options
- Sort and Filter

4.2.1 DISPLAY OPTIONS

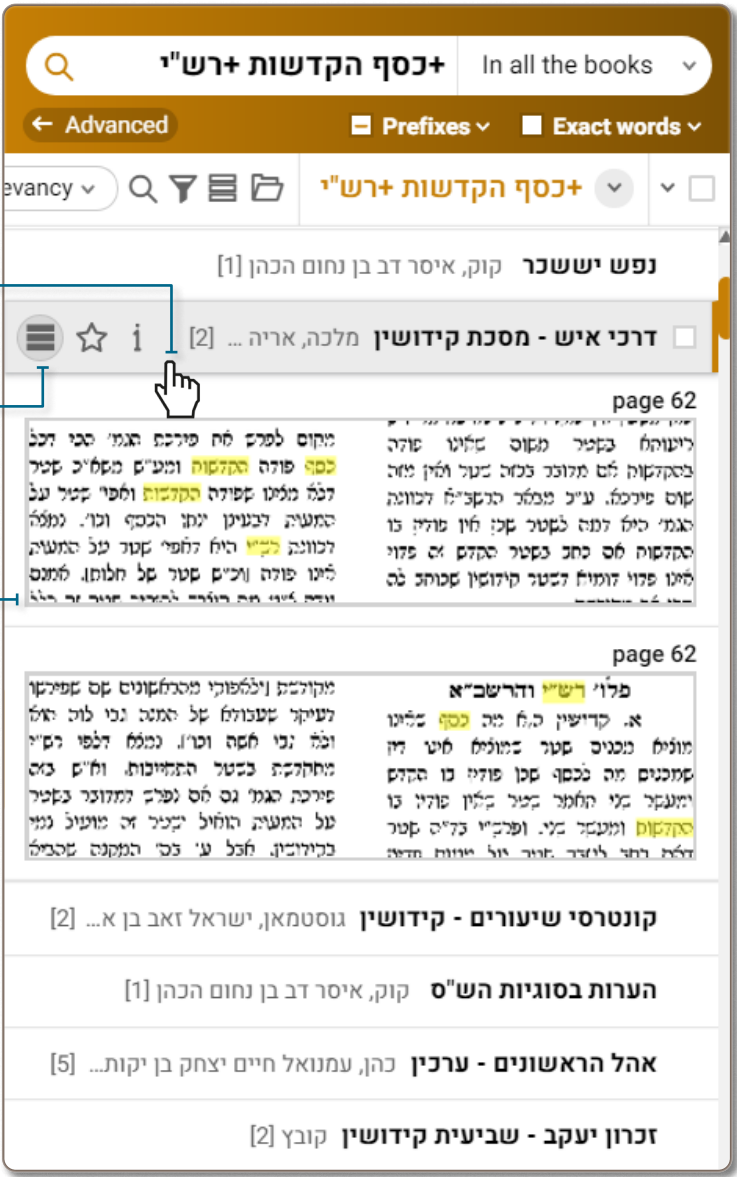
There are two options for displaying a book from the search result list:

- To display search results in the book display area, click the desired result in the search result list.
- To display search results in the search results list, perform the following steps:

1. Hover with the mouse over the desired book

2. Click the Itemized View button

3. Images of all the results found in the selected book appear in the search result list



4.2.2 SORT AND FILTER

The buttons in the search result area can be used to sort and filter search results in the following ways:

TIP: You can edit the sorting options, add new sorting categories, and set one sorting option as default. See Section 6.8: Customized Sorting on page 47.

Click to sort the search results

Click to set the size of the items in itemized view

Click to switch to itemized view. Click again to switch back to list view

Click to search the result list for a book or an author

Click to filter the result list by order of generations

Click to open the Book List window

TIP: The itemized view allows reviewing multiple results at once. To display one search result, click the item in the list and the selected result will appear in the book display area.

Click to change the book repository used for the search

The screenshot shows the search interface with the following elements:

- Search Bar:** Contains the search term "נחוראי - תשס"ט א קובץ [3]" and a dropdown menu for "In all the books".
- Advanced Search Options:** Includes "Keep words in order", "Prefixes", and "Exact words".
- Sorting and Filtering:** A dropdown menu shows "Relevancy" as the selected sorting option. Other icons for search, settings, filter, and view toggle are present.
- Results List:** Displays a list of search results, including "מסורה - כא מאסף תורני [2]" and "נהוראי - תשס"ט א קובץ [3]".
- Book Display Area:** Shows the content of the selected result, including text from "מסורה" and "נהוראי".

4.3 ADVANCED SEARCH

The Advanced Search option allows performing more accurate searches within the content of the books.

1. Click to display the Advanced Search window which includes more search options.

2. The Advanced Search window is displayed.

The search symbols appear in the searchbox according to the defined search options

Click to close the Advanced Search window

Click to only see results where the keywords appear in the order in which they were typed in the searchbox.

Click to also see results where the keywords appear with a prefix (ב, ד, ה, מ, ל, כ, ו, ש).

Click to only see results where the keywords appear exactly as they were typed in the searchbox.

Click to select which words to apply the search option to. Select the checkbox of the desired keywords in the displayed window.

TIP: Selecting a checkbox adds the corresponding symbol before each keyword (for example: +, -, &). These symbols can also be typed or deleted manually.

Click to display the desired advanced search option

Click to reset the search settings

Click to start the search

The advanced search options described in this chapter are:

- Exact Words
- Prefixes
- Keep Words in Order
- Distance between Words
- Similar Words
- Exclude Words
- Word Completion
- OCR Corrections
- Ktiv Male V'Chaser

4.3.1 EXACT WORDS

Select this option to display only results in which the keywords appear without any additional letters between them. The search symbol of this option is " - " between the words.

4.3.2 PREFIXES

Select this option to display results in which the keywords also appear with a prefix (ש, מ, ל, כ, ו, ה, ד, ב). The search symbol for this option is + before the keyword.

Example - when searching for the phrase **מודה בקנס פטור**, it is advisable to use the Exact Words option to refine the search and remove results with additional words. It is also advisable to apply the Prefixes option only before the first word to include results in which there is a prefix before the word **מודה** (for example: דמודה בקנס פטור).

Advanced search

Q x

מודה-בקנס-פטור

In all the books

Optimize your search by:

Exact words

Mark the words that you want to search adjacent by checking the box between them

פטור

☐

בקנס

☒

מודה

Prefixes

In what words you want the search to include ?prefixes

פטור

☐

בקנס

☐

מודה

☒

Keyboard shortcuts:

Learn more

-

+

Select the keywords to which you want to apply the advanced search option

Search for Content | Advanced Search

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4.3.3 KEEP WORDS IN ORDER

Select this option to display only results where the keywords appear in the order in which they were typed in the searchbox. The search symbol for this option is **&** before the first keyword.

4.3.4 DISTANCE BETWEEN WORDS

This search option sets the maximum number of words between the keywords. The default is 30 words. The search symbols for this option are **{ }** between the keywords.

Example - typing the number 10 between the word **דרבא** and the word **דאורייתא** will add the symbol **{10}** in the searchbox as follows:
חזקה דרבא{10}דאורייתא

Advanced search

Q

X

+

חזקה דרבא{10}דאורייתא

In all the books

▼

☐

Keep words in order

Search the words by input order

▼

&

30

Distance between words

Insert the maximum distance between the words

▼

חזקה

30

דרבא

10

דאורייתא

{30}

4.3.5 SIMILAR WORDS

Select this option to also search for alternative words to the keywords. This option is relevant if you want to search for a quote and do not remember it exactly, or if you want to expand the search to several options and define specific alternatives to the keywords.

To add alternative words to the search, click the **+** (1) button below the desired word, type the alternative word in the textbox, and click **Add** (2).

Example - if we search **לא זכה נעשית לו סם המוות** we will not find the Midrash - "לא זכה... סם המות", nor the Gemara "לא זכה... סם מיתה". It is therefore advisable to expand the search to the proposed word "המות", as well as to add the word "מיתה" to the search.

Q

X

+

לא זכה נעשית לו סם המוות

In all the books

▼

☐

Alternative words

Include results with alternate words. (Choose from list or :insert)

▼

המוות

+

המות

+

המיתותא

סם

+

תרופה

+

סמא

לו

+

נעשית

+

זכה

+

ירש

+

נחל

לא

+

add an additional synonym

Add

1

2

/()

4.3.6 EXCLUDE WORDS

Select this option if there are words you do not want to appear in the search results. This option helps filtering particular results that relate to the keywords but do not relate to what the user intended. The search symbols for this option are -- before the excluded word.
 To define a word to exclude from the search, type the word in the textbox, and click **Exclude** (1).

Example – a search for the custom of not eating the heel of a loaf of bread by searching for the words **קצה** and **לחם** will yield many irrelevant results that refer to the verse "קצה נפשינו בלחם הקלוקל". To filter out unwanted results, the words **נפשינו** and **הקלוקל** must be excluded.

Advanced search

Q X

קצה לחם --נפשנו --הקלוקל

In all the books

Exclude words

Which words do you want to exclude from the ?search

1

Exclude

Exclude word

X הקלוקל

X נפשנו

4.3.7 WORD COMPLETION

Select this option if part of the keyword may be spelled differently or you do not know how to spell the word.
 To use this option, type in the searchbox the part of the keyword that you know how to write, and instead of the missing parts of the word, add one of the following symbols:
 * If there are several unknown letters
 ? If you want to enter only one possible letter (or ?? for two letters and so on)
 ! If you want to get results of the keyword both with another letter and without another letter

Example – to find references to electrical matters (often referred to in books as "אלקטריק" or "עלקטריק" and the like) you can type **??קטרי?** in the searchbox and get the results: עלעקטריי, עלעקטריי, עלעקטריק, etc.

Q X

כח ??קטרי?

In all the books

Word completion

When the word can be spelled in multiple ways you can insert just part of the word, and set the rest of the word in it's location, beginning, middle, end, or in several locations in the word) (part of the words which you can set up in this field are editable and you can drag, add or delete them

Add in the designated place * for a few chars, ? for a single char or ! for maximum chars

כח

??קטרי?

! , ? , *

4.3.8 OCR CORRECTIONS

Select this option to also search for words in which the Optical Character Recognition software accidentally converted the original letters into similar letters. For example: in the search for the word **דובא**, the word **דובא** will also appear in the search results. The search symbol for this option is **#** before the first keyword.

4.3.9 KTIV MALE V'CHASER

Select this option to also display results where the keywords appear in full or missing spelling (with and without vowelization). The search symbol for this option is @ before the keyword.

Advanced search

Q

x

חזקה דרבא דאורייתא

In all the books

☐

OCR corrections

Include OCR automatic corrections in the results
An option to add results to the list, by getting results also from a possible OCR conversion
מ=מ mistakes, (for example

#

☐

Ktiv Male V'Chaser

Include Ktiv Male V'Chaser in results

דאורייתא☐

דרבא☐

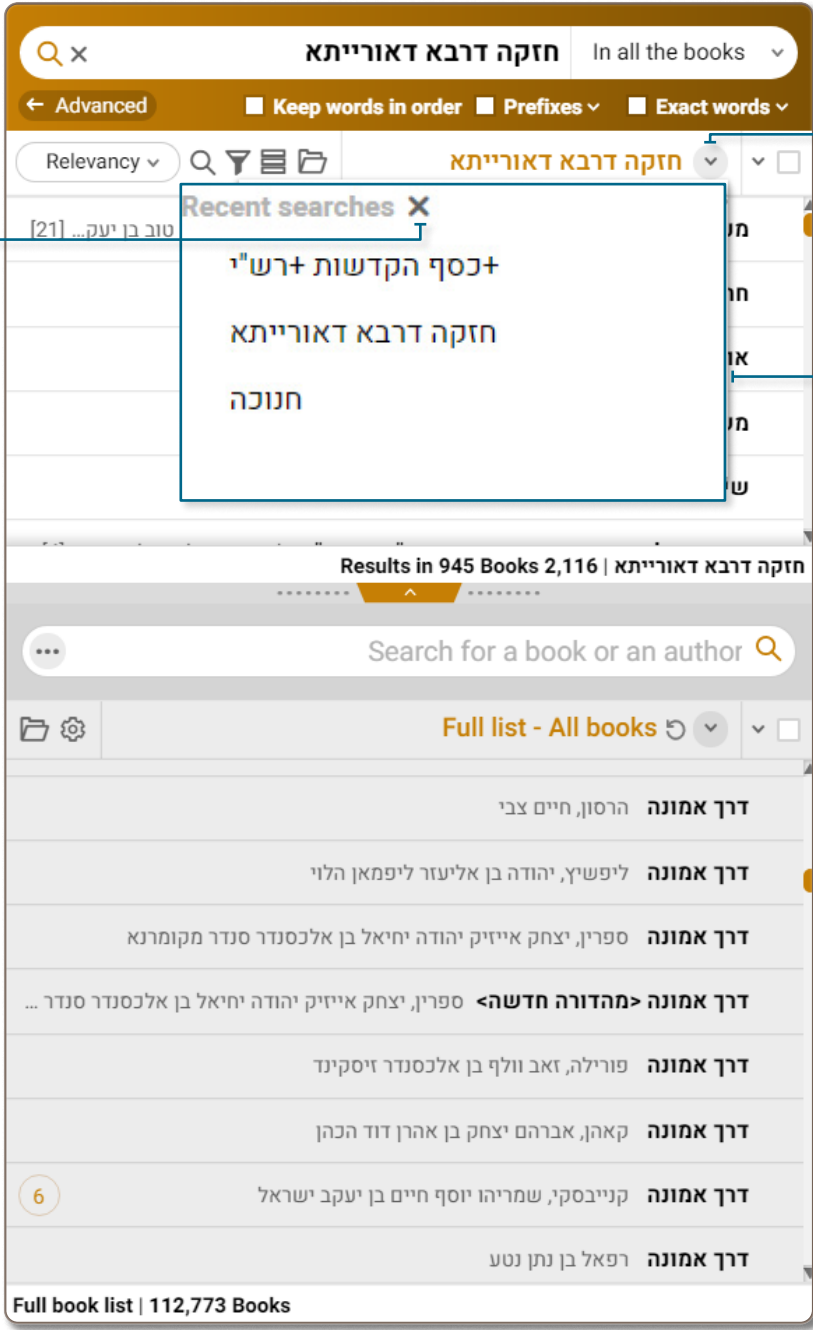
חזקה☒

@

4.4 SEARCH HISTORY

The search history provides quick access to previous searches.

Perform the following steps to display the search history:



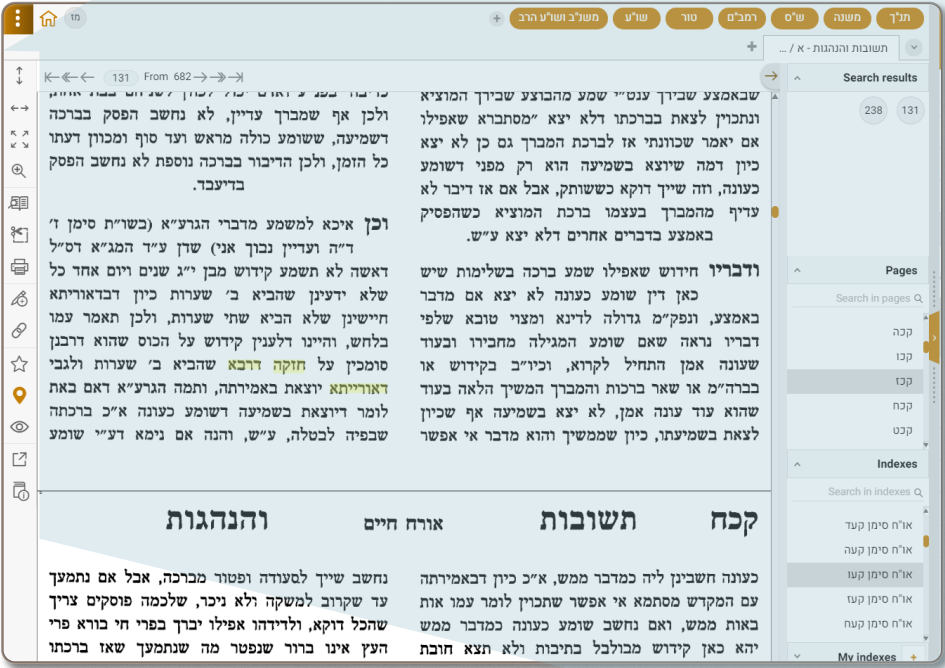
The screenshot shows the search interface with a search bar at the top containing the text "חזקה דרבא דאורייתא". Below the search bar, there are several tabs: "Advanced", "Keep words in order", "Prefixes", and "Exact words". A "Recent searches" window is open, displaying a list of previous searches: "חזקה דרבא דאורייתא", "חננוכה", and "חזקה דרבא דאורייתא". The window has a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the search bar, there is a section titled "Results in 945 Books 2,116 | חזקה דרבא דאורייתא". Below this, there is a search bar with the text "Search for a book or an author". Below the search bar, there is a list of books with the title "דרכי אמונה" and the author "הרסון, חיים צבי". The list is titled "Full list - All books".

1. Click the **Recent searches** button
2. The **Recent searches** window is displayed
3. Select the desired history item to display relevant search results

Click to close the window

5.1 TOOLBAR

The toolbar can be used to perform various actions on the current display and the current book that is displayed in the book display area. The toolbar includes the following buttons:



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Fit to height – Click to fit the book display to the height of the page.

Fit to width – Click to fit the book display to the width of the page.

Full screen – Click to display the current book in full screen mode.

Zoom in – Click to zoom in or zoom out.

Search in book – See section [5.6: Search Within Current Book](#) on page 29.

Text or an image from a book – See section [5.4: Marking and Saving a Section](#) on page 27.

Print – Click to print one or more pages from the book.

User Add-ons – See section [6.7: Personal Add-Ons](#) on page 42.

Create a link to this book – See section [5.9: Creating a Link to a Book](#) on page 32.

Add to favorites – Click to add the displayed book to the Favorites folder. See section [6.1.2: Favorites Folder](#) on page 36.

Hyperlinks – See section [5.8: Hyperlinks](#) on page 31.

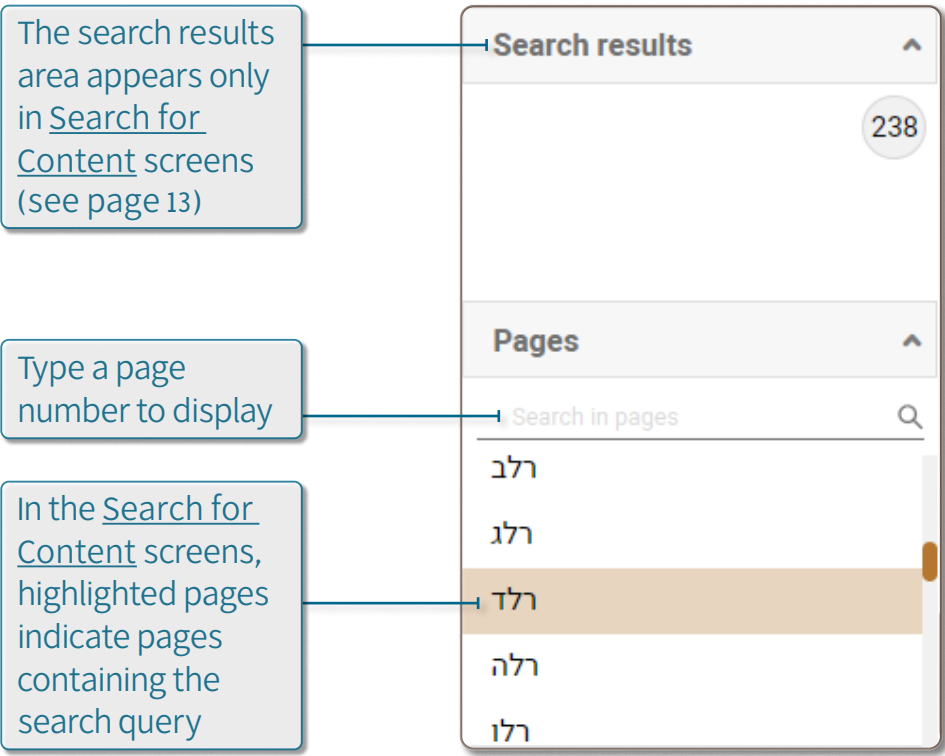
Hide search results – Click to remove the highlight from the search results in the book display area. This button only appears in [Search for Content](#) screens (see page 13).

Open book in a new window – See section [5.7: Opening a Book in a New Window](#) on page 30.

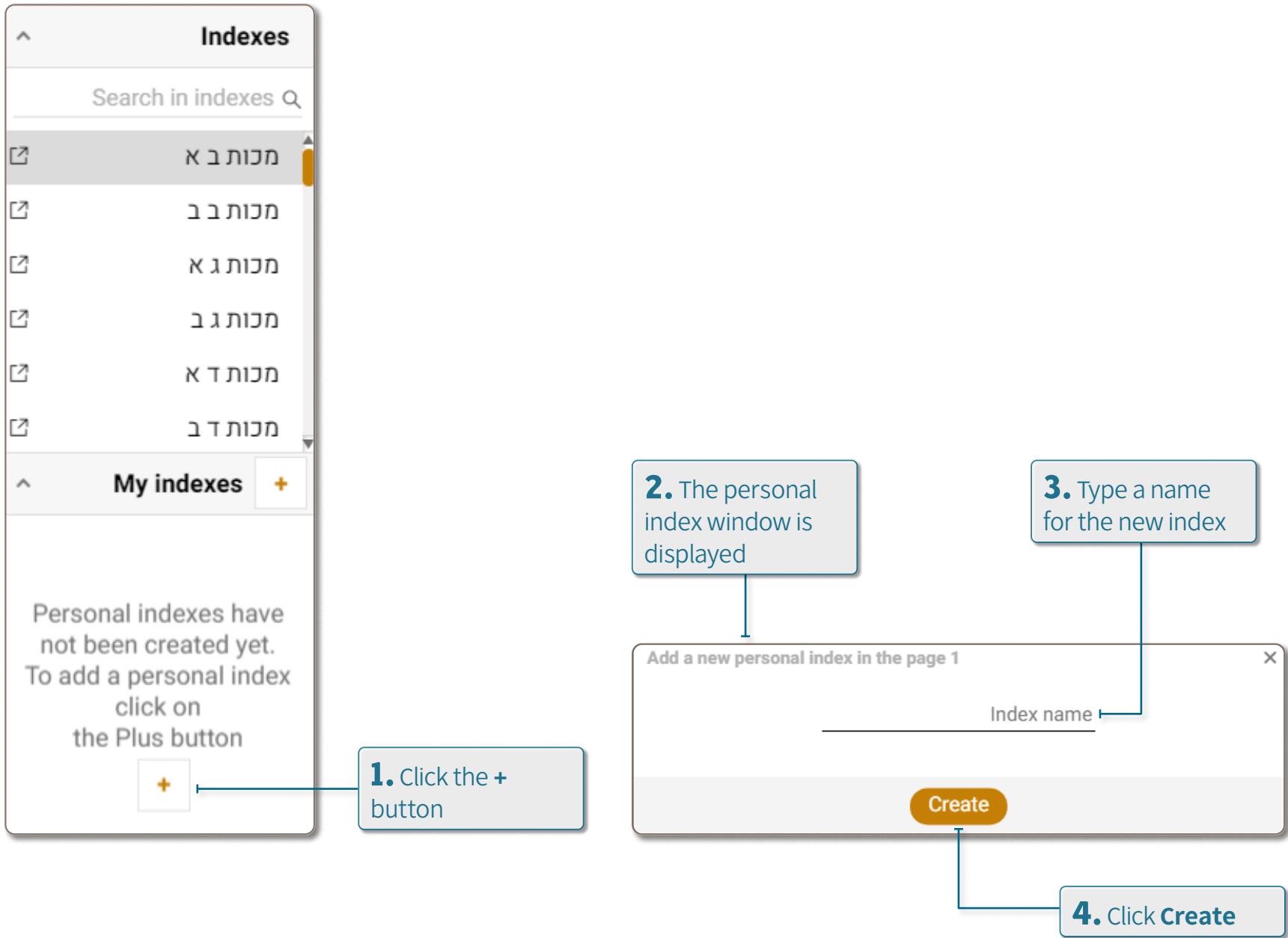
Book details – Click to display information about the current book.

5.2 PAGES AND INDEX BAR

The pages bar is used for navigating to a specific page with a click of a button. Clicking a page opens the page in the book display area.



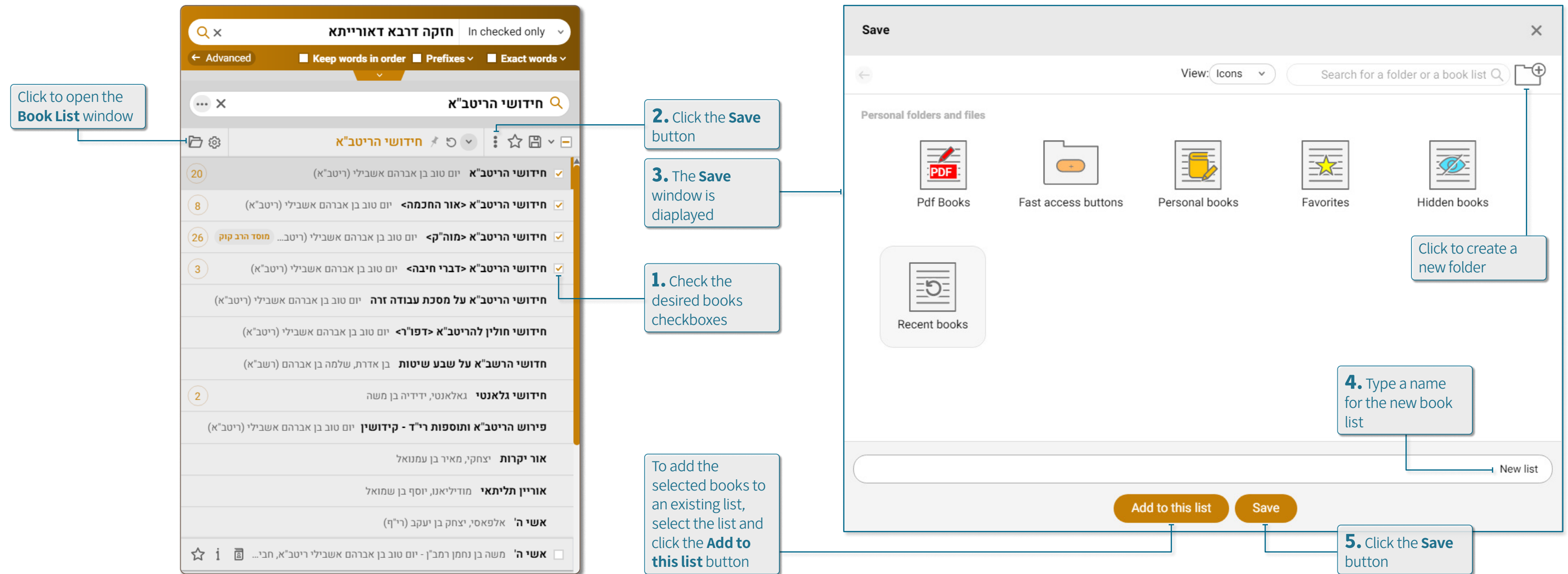
The index bar displays the current book content index list. Perform the following steps to add a personalized index item:



5.3 CREATING A BOOK LIST

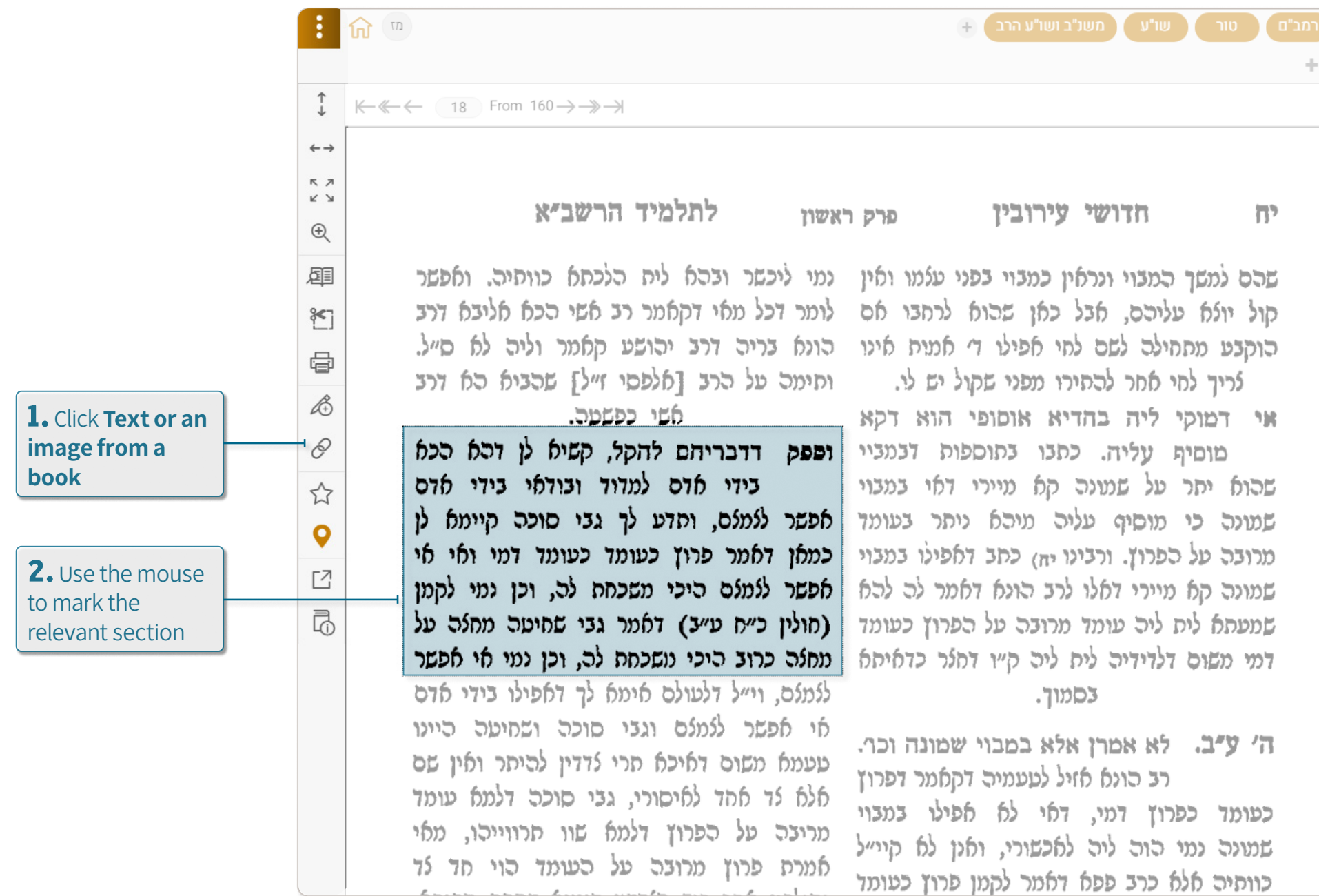
Creating a book list allows the user to keep a list of books of interest that were found during a search. This option is available either when performing a Search by Book or Author or a Search for Content.

Perform the following steps to save a book list:



5.4 MARKING AND SAVING A SECTION

This tool allows the user to mark certain sections in the displayed book, and to copy or save those sections in image or text format. Perform the following steps to use this tool:



5.5 CREATING BOOKMARKS

Working with bookmarks allows the user to have a number of books and pages open simultaneously, and provides quick access to desired pages for use at a later time.

Perform the following steps to use the Bookmarks tool:

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5.6 SEARCH WITHIN CURRENT BOOK

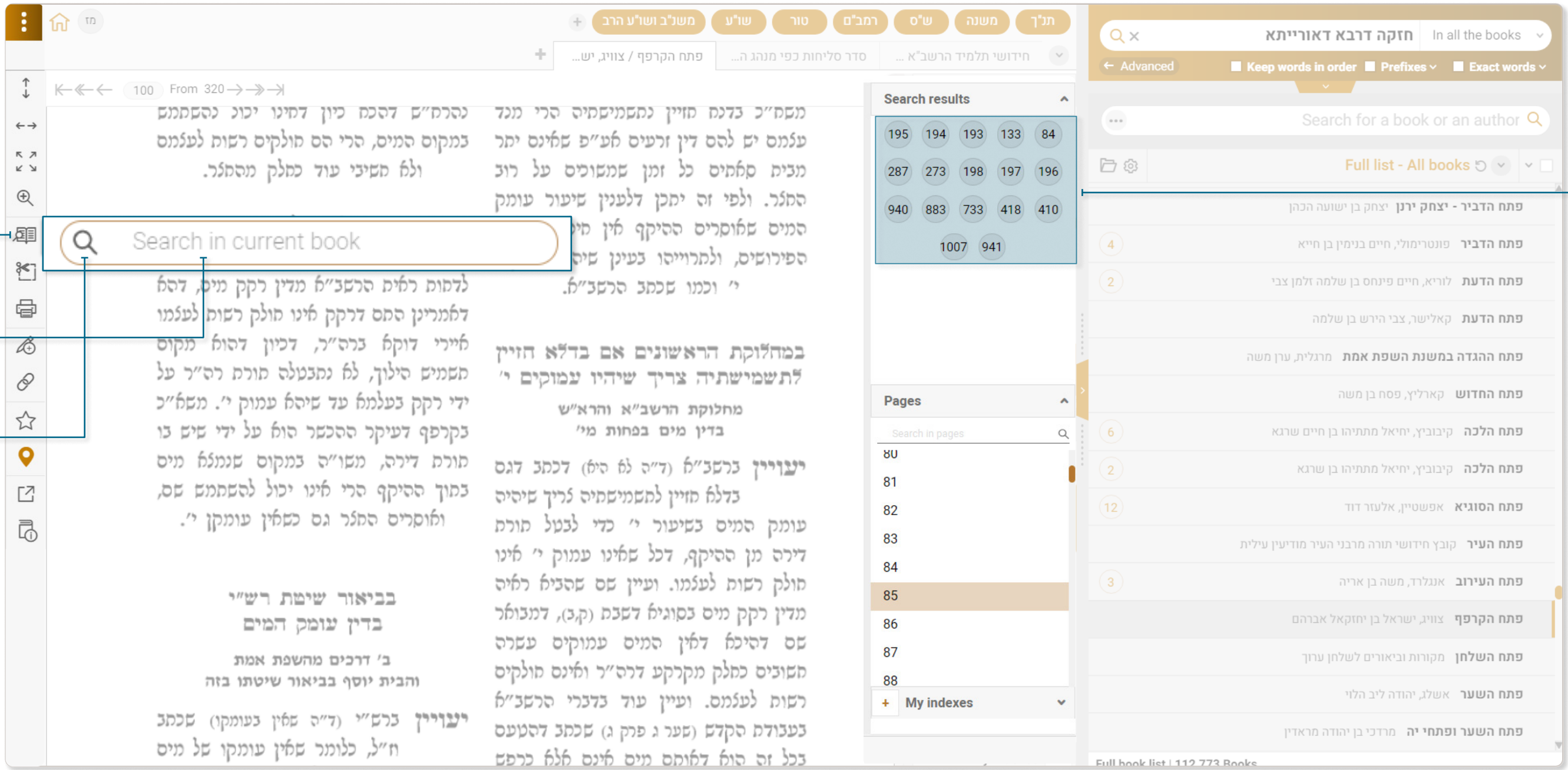
This search function allows the user to search for additional content in the current book appearing in the book display area.

Perform the following steps to search for content in the current book:

1. Click **Search in book**

2. Type the search query in the search-box

3. Click the search icon



4. The search results appear in the Pages and Index Bar (see page 25)

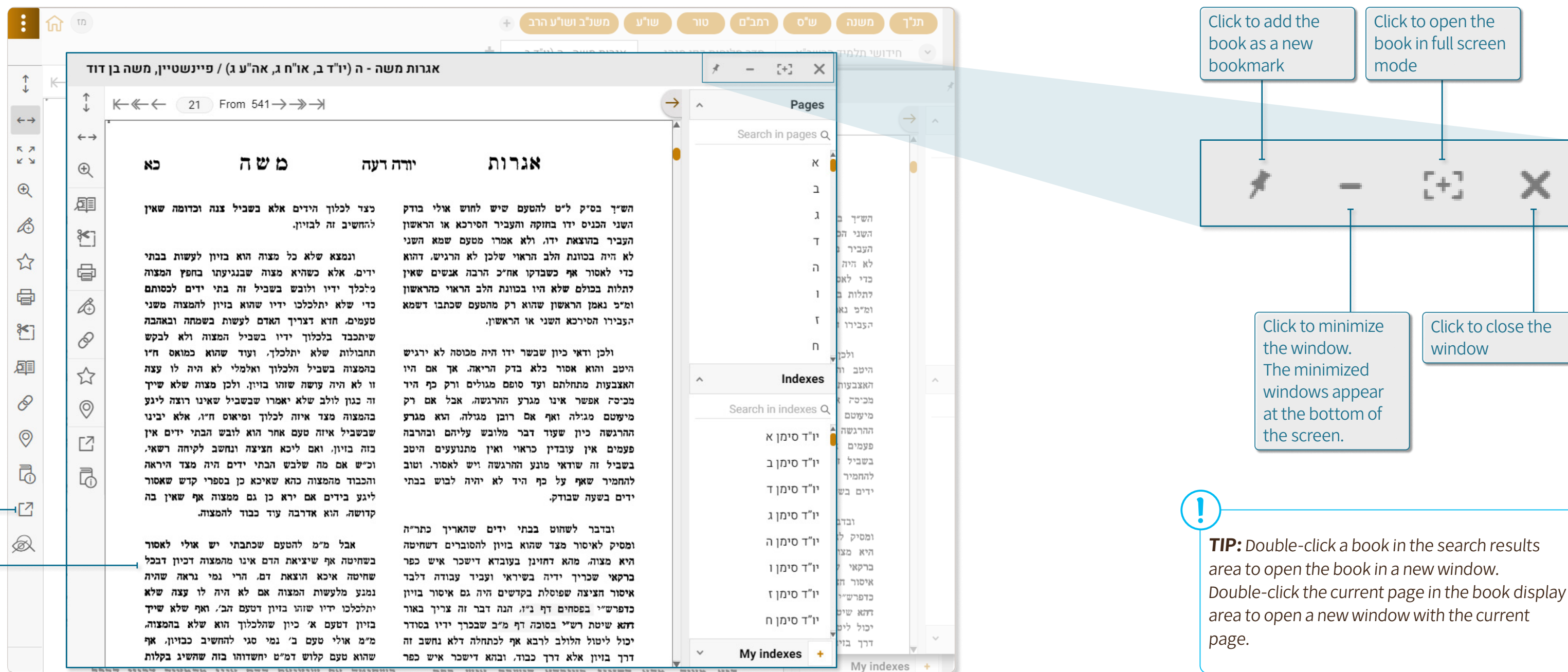
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5.7 OPENING A BOOK IN A NEW WINDOW

Perform the following steps to open a book in a new window:

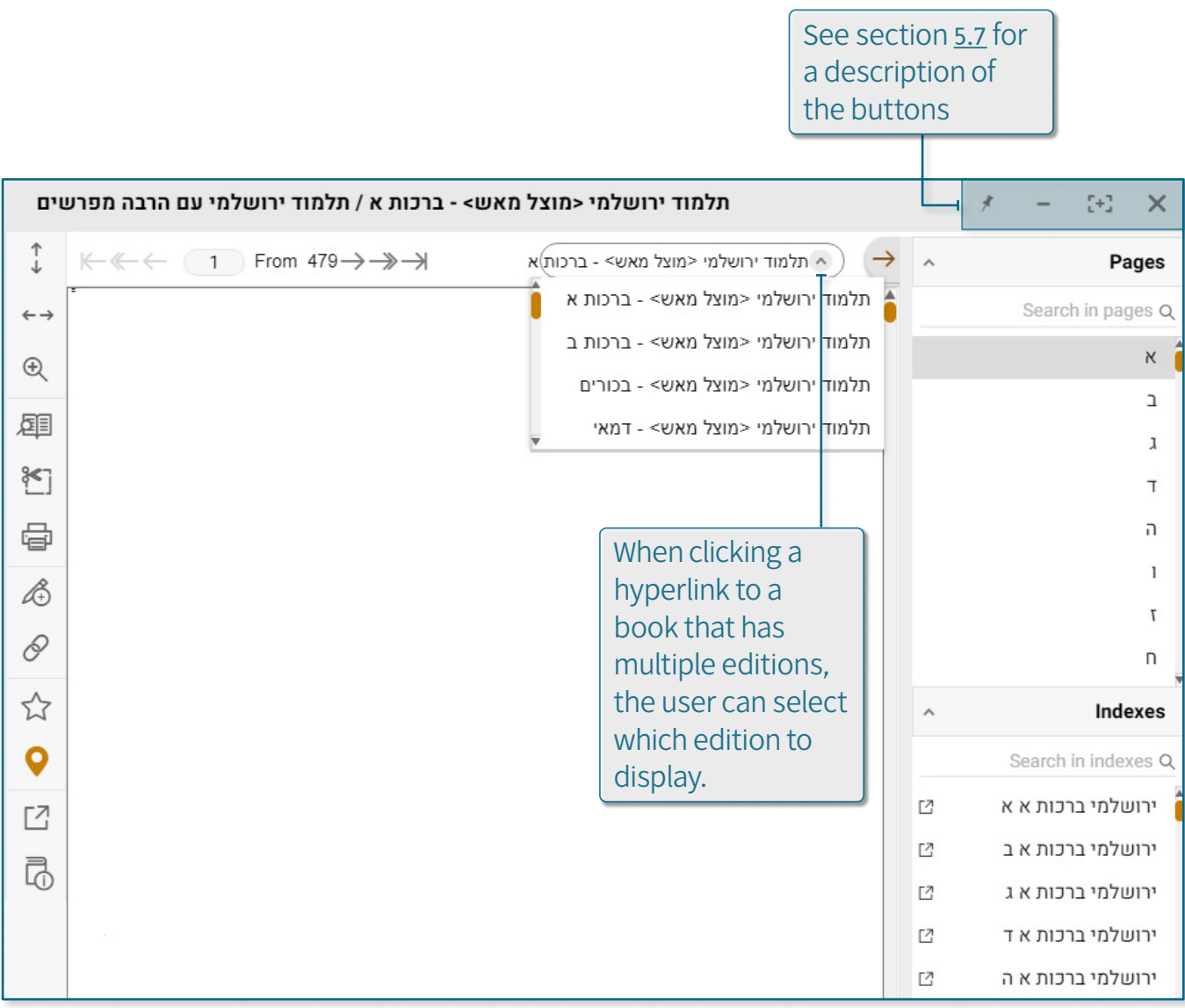
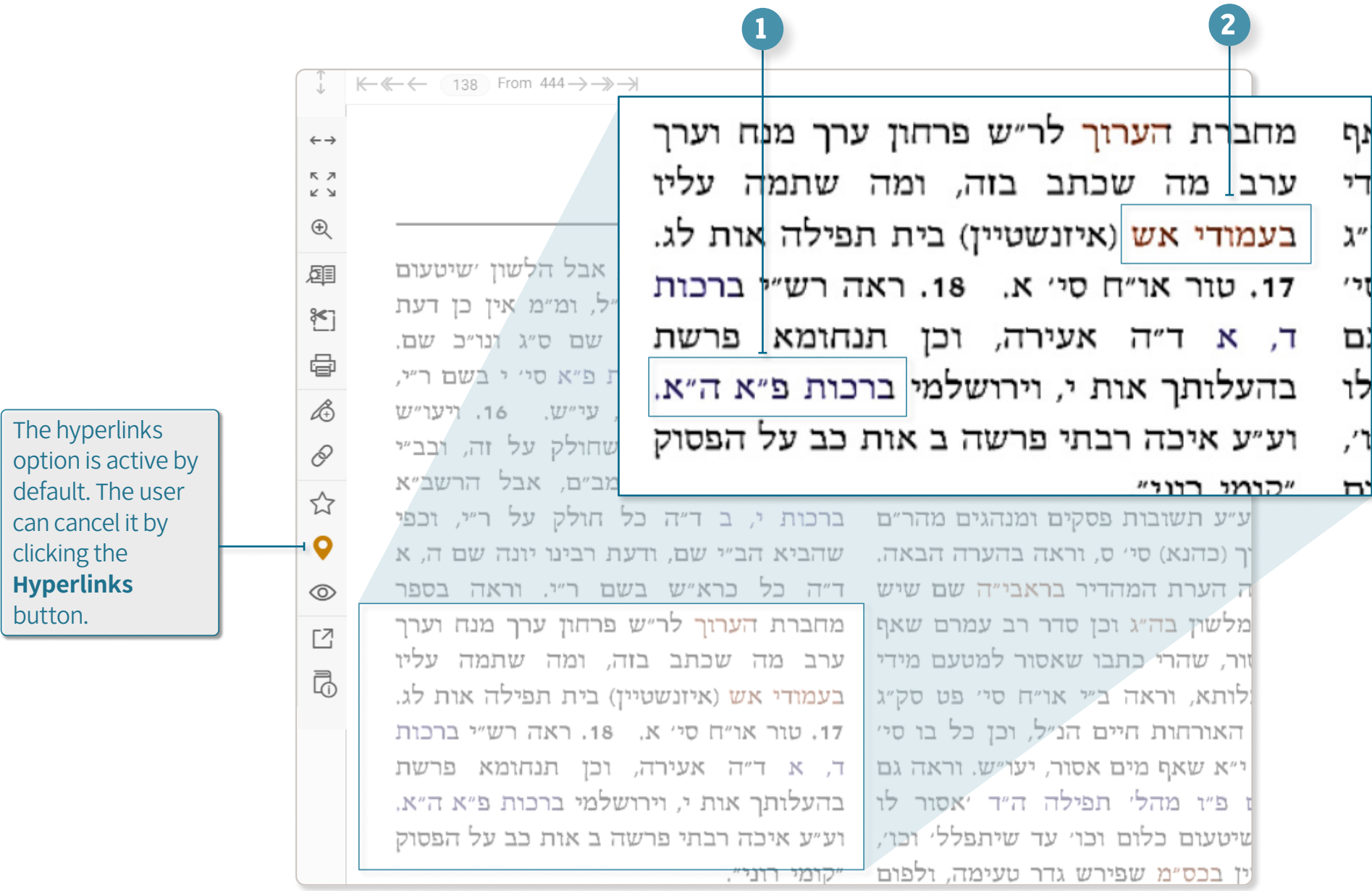


5.8 HYPERLINKS

Hyperlinks are used to jump directly to other books or pages that are referenced in the current displayed book.

There are two types of hyperlinks:

- **Blue hyperlinks (1)** - a specific link to a page in a specific book. Clicking a blue hyperlink opens the linked book to the relevant page in a new window.
- **Brown hyperlinks (2)** - a general link to a book or a link to a book that doesn't have an index list. Clicking a brown hyperlink opens the linked book in a new window.



5.9 CREATING A LINK TO A BOOK

A link to a book in the Otzar can be created to allow access to the book from an external source. After creating a link to a book, it is possible to copy and paste the link into any text editor for future access.

Perform the following steps to create a link to the current book:

2. A confirmation message appears

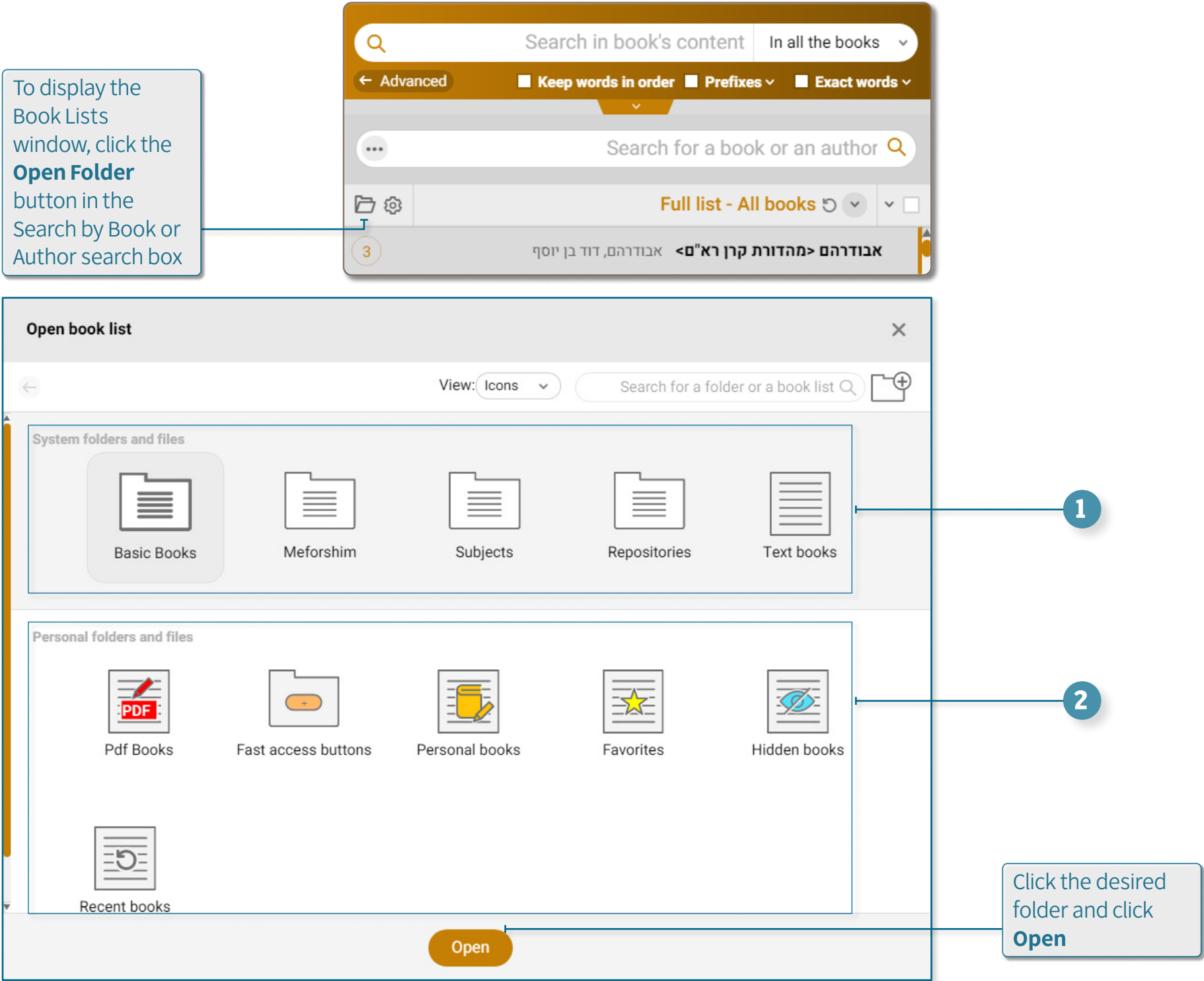
1. Click Create a link to this book

The link has been copied to the clipboard and can be pasted in any text editing software

6.1 BOOK LISTS

The book lists stored in the system include:

- System folders and files (1)
 - Basic books** – a folder that contains the most essential and useful books, such as: the Bible, Mishnah, Shas and Rambam.
 - Meforshim** – see section 6.1.1: [Meforshim Folder](#) on page 35
 - Subjects** – see section 3.2: [Search by Subject](#) on page 10
 - Repositories** – repositories of various books, such as: Chabad Library, Oz and Hadar Books, Mosad HaRav Kook Books and more. As well as repositories of books written in a similar time period, such as: books of the Bible and Chazal, Rishonim and Kedmonim, etc.
 - Textbooks** – a database of books that are typed as text and can be edited in any text editing software. These books do not appear in the Otzar in the format of pictures of book pages.
- Personal folders and files (2)
 - Quick Access Buttons** – see section 6.6: [Quick Access Buttons](#) on page 41
 - Personal Books** – see section 6.5: [Creating Your Own Book](#) on page 40
 - Favorites** – see section 6.1.2: [Favorites Folder](#) on page 36
 - Recent books** – a list of recent books viewed by the user
 - Hidden books** – a list of books defined by the user as hidden books. See section 6.3: [Hidden Books](#) on page 38



6.1.1 MEFORSHIM FOLDER

The Meforshim folder allows access to commentaries and books that deal with a particular page or halacha. **When opening a book through the Meforshim folder, the selected book opens to the exact location on the selected page or halacha.** Perform the following steps to open and use the Meforshim folder:

1. To display the Book Lists window, click the **Open Folder** button in the [Search by Book or Author](#) search box

2. Click the **Meforshim** folder

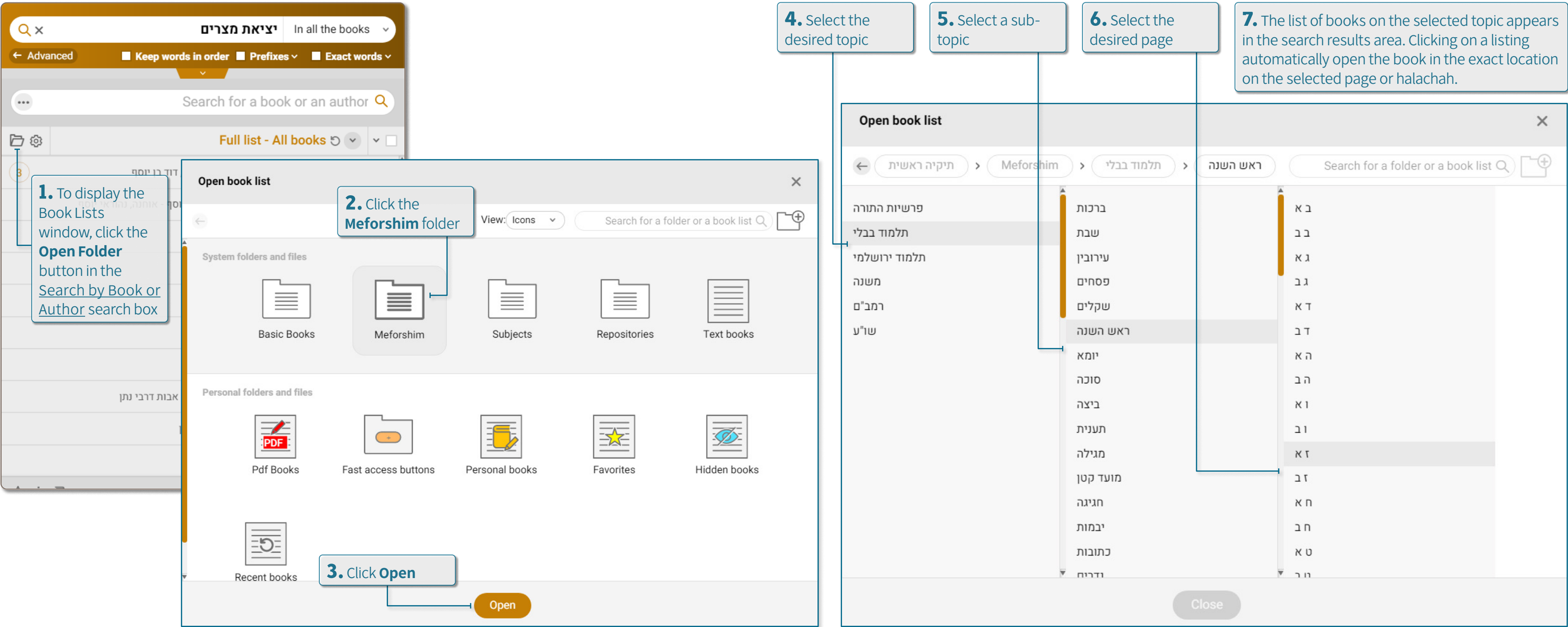
3. Click **Open**

4. Select the desired topic

5. Select a sub-topic

6. Select the desired page

7. The list of books on the selected topic appears in the search results area. Clicking on a listing automatically open the book in the exact location on the selected page or halachah.

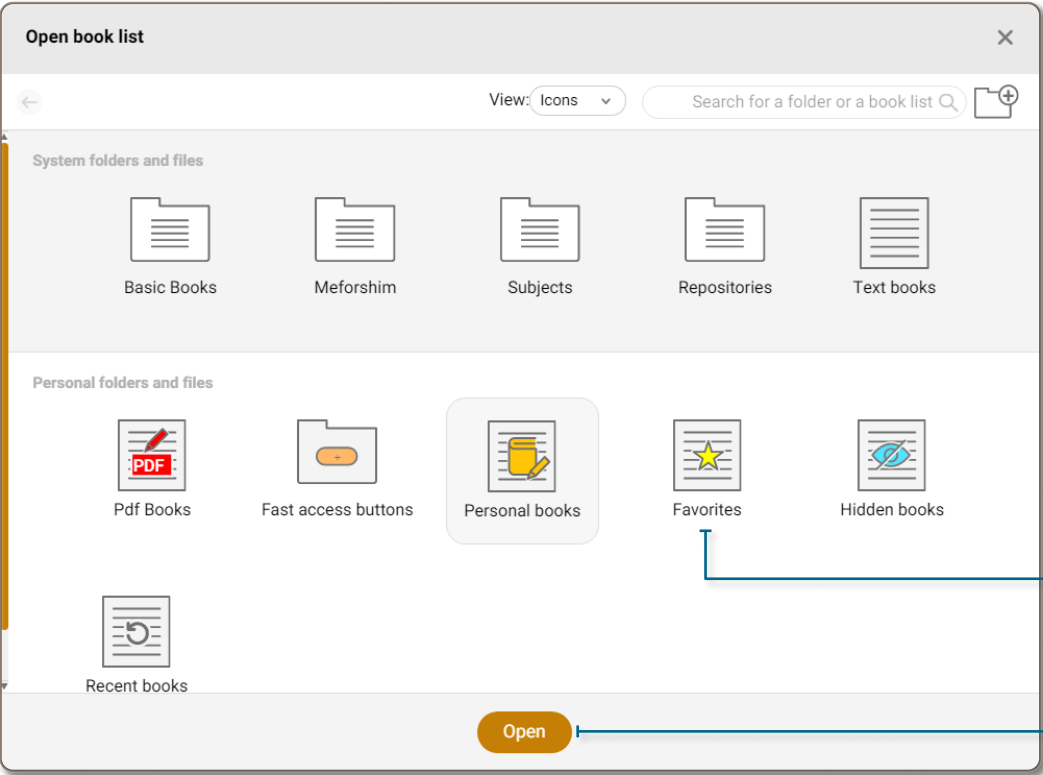


6.1.2 FAVORITES FOLDER

The Favorites folder centralizes all the books marked as favorites by the user. This folder allows you to save Books for later reference or to centralize several books for other personal use.

Perform the following steps to open the Favorites folder:

Perform the following steps to add a book or books to the Favorites folder:

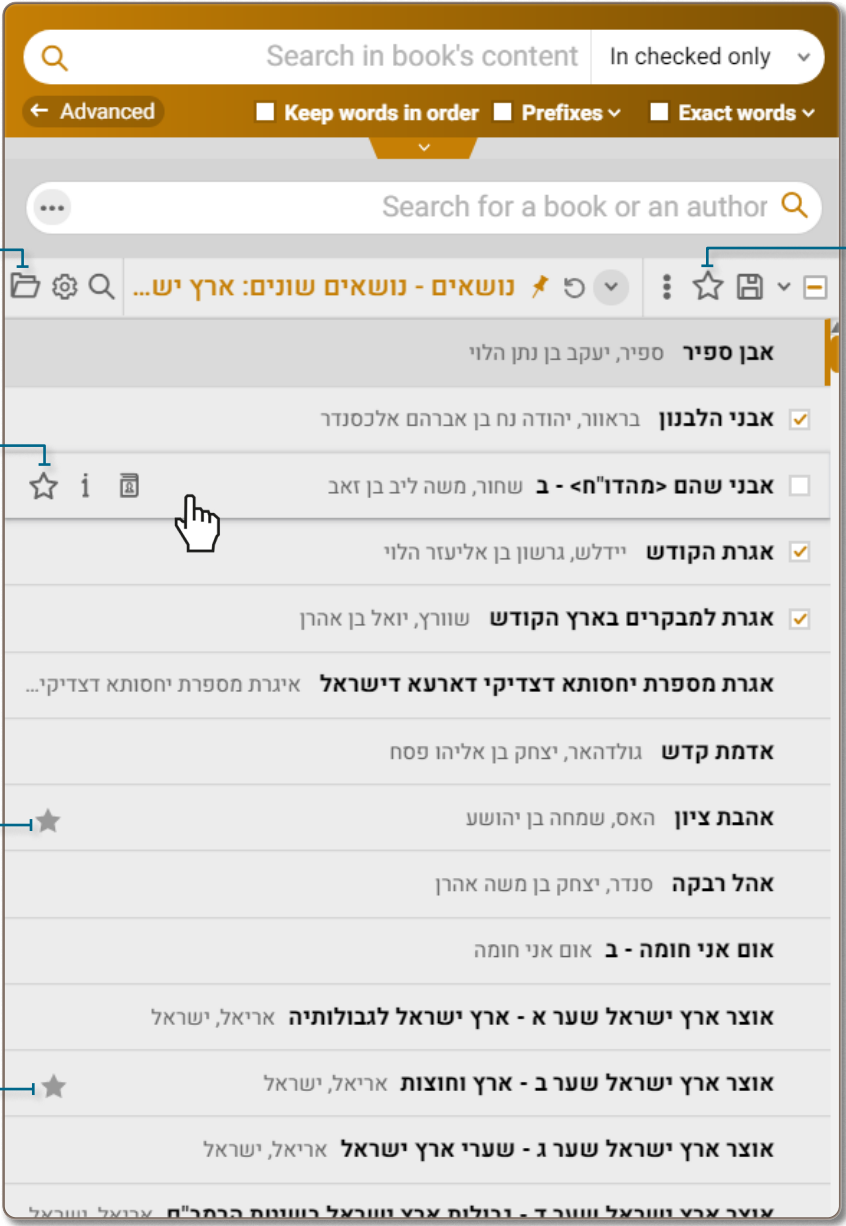


1. Click the **Open Folder** button

2. The **Book Lists** window opens

3. Click the **Favorites** folder

4. Click **Open**



Hover over the desired book and click the **Add to Favorites** icon

A book added to the Favorites folder is marked with a full star icon

Click the star icon to remove the book from the Favorites folder

To add a number of books, select the desired books from the book list and click the Favorites icon.

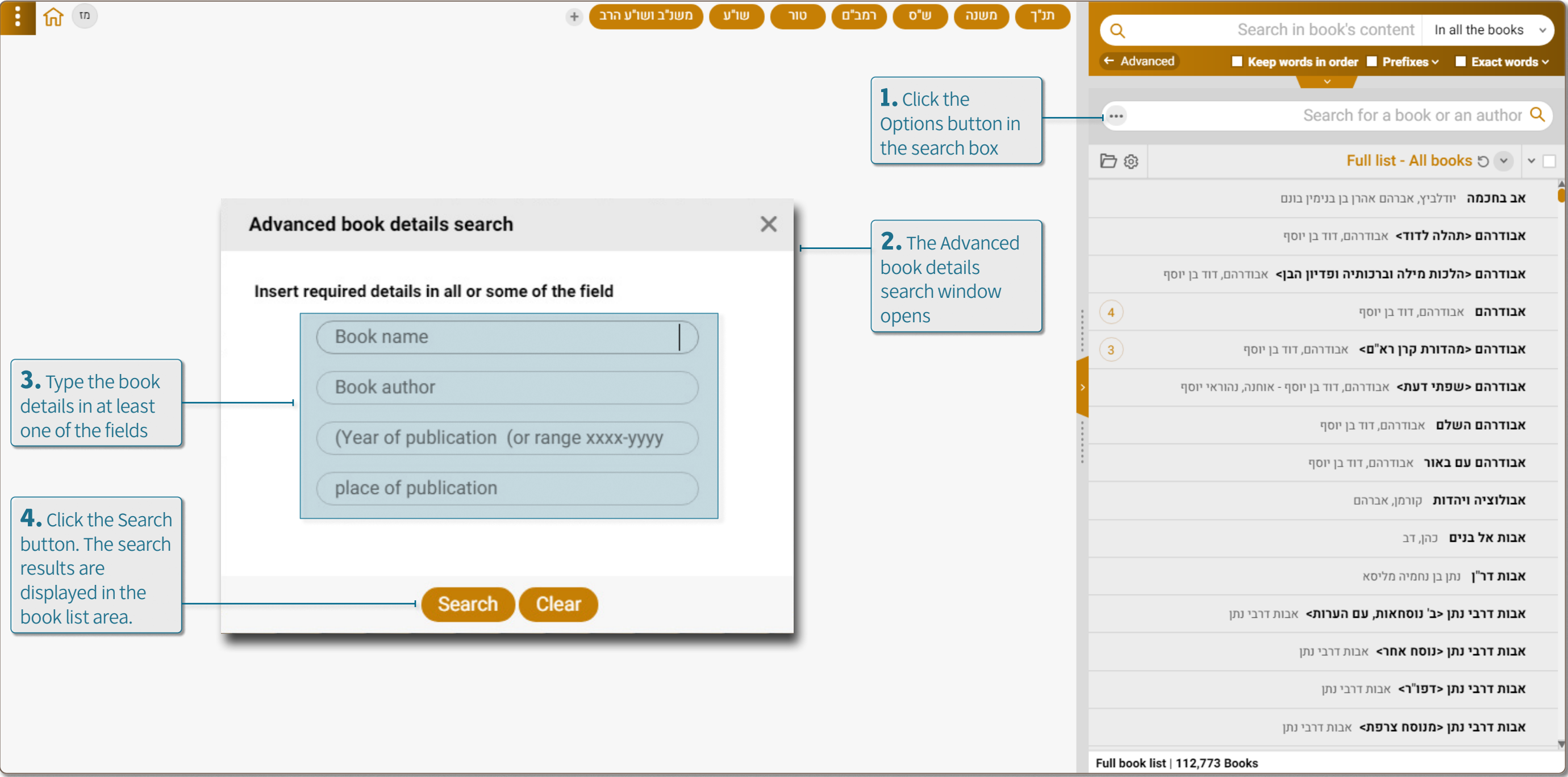
Clicking the Favorites icon can also be used to remove books from the Favorites folder.

TIP: You can also add or remove a book from the Favorites folder by clicking the star button on the [Toolbar](#) (see page 24).

6.2 ADVANCED DETAILS SEARCH

The advanced book details search is possible through the [Search by Book or Author](#) search box (see page 8).

Perform the following steps to search for books by advanced details:



1. Click the Options button in the search box

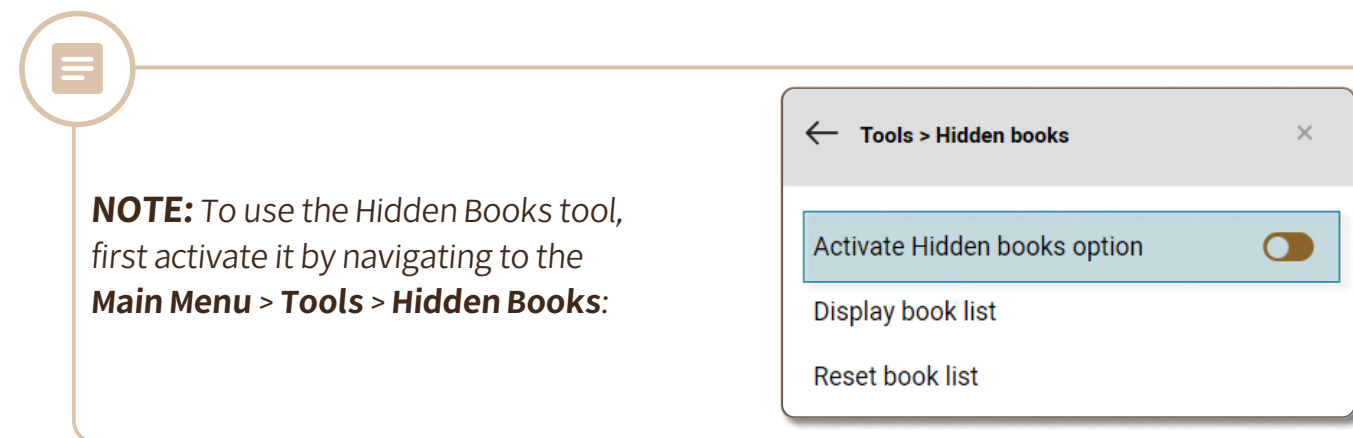
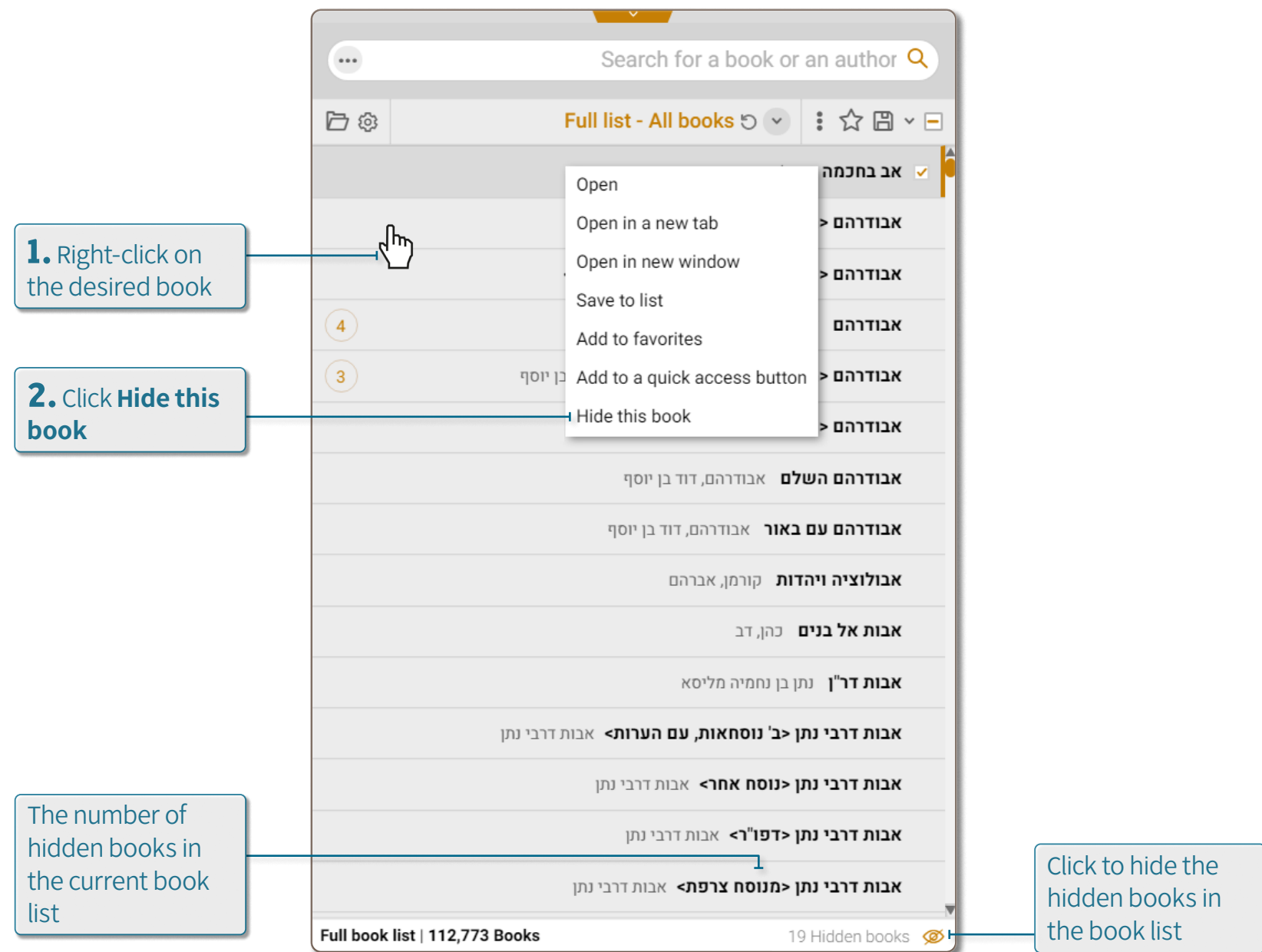
2. The Advanced book details search window opens

3. Type the book details in at least one of the fields

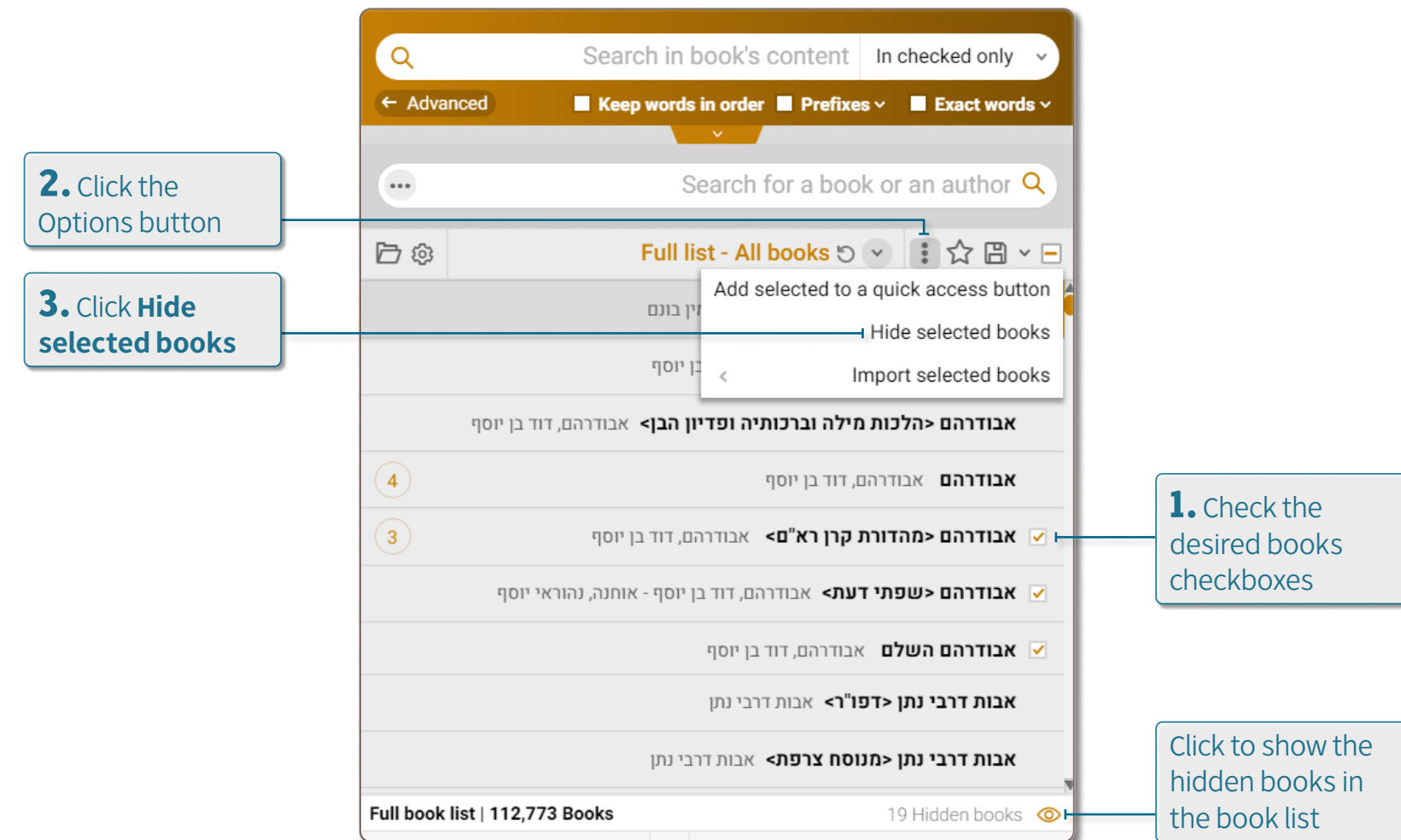
4. Click the Search button. The search results are displayed in the book list area.

6.3 HIDDEN BOOKS

Hiding books allows the user to select books he does not want to appear in the book list. This option is available when performing a Search by Book or Author and when performing a Search for Content. Perform the following steps to hide a book:



Perform the following steps to hide multiple books at once:



6.4 TALMUDIC ENCYCLOPEDIA

Performing a search in the Talmudic encyclopedia can be done by searching for entries or by searching for text.

Perform the following steps to open the Talmudic Encyclopedia tool:

1. Navigate to the Tools menu from the Main Menu

2. Click **Talmudic Encyclopedia**

3. The **Indexes for the Talmudic Encyclopedia** window opens

Tools

- Talmudic encyclopedia
- Indexes
- Create your own book
- History
- Personal add-ons
- Set active collection
- Hidden books
- Customized sorting
- Desktop
- Backup

Talmudic Encyclopedia

Search for content

חתיכה הראויה להתכבד

Sort by

All

א

ב

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ד

ה

ו

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ח

ט

י

Main entries

Sub entries

חתיכה הראויה להתכבד

TIP: The list of entries narrows with each letter you type.

Search for entries

חתיכה הראויה להתכבד

Sort by

All

א

ב

ג

ד

ה

ו

ז

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Main entries

Sub entries

א

אב (א)

אב (ב)

אב (ג)

אב

אב בית דין

אב הטמאה

Searching for an entry in the **Search for entries** searchbox displays the relevant entries in the list.

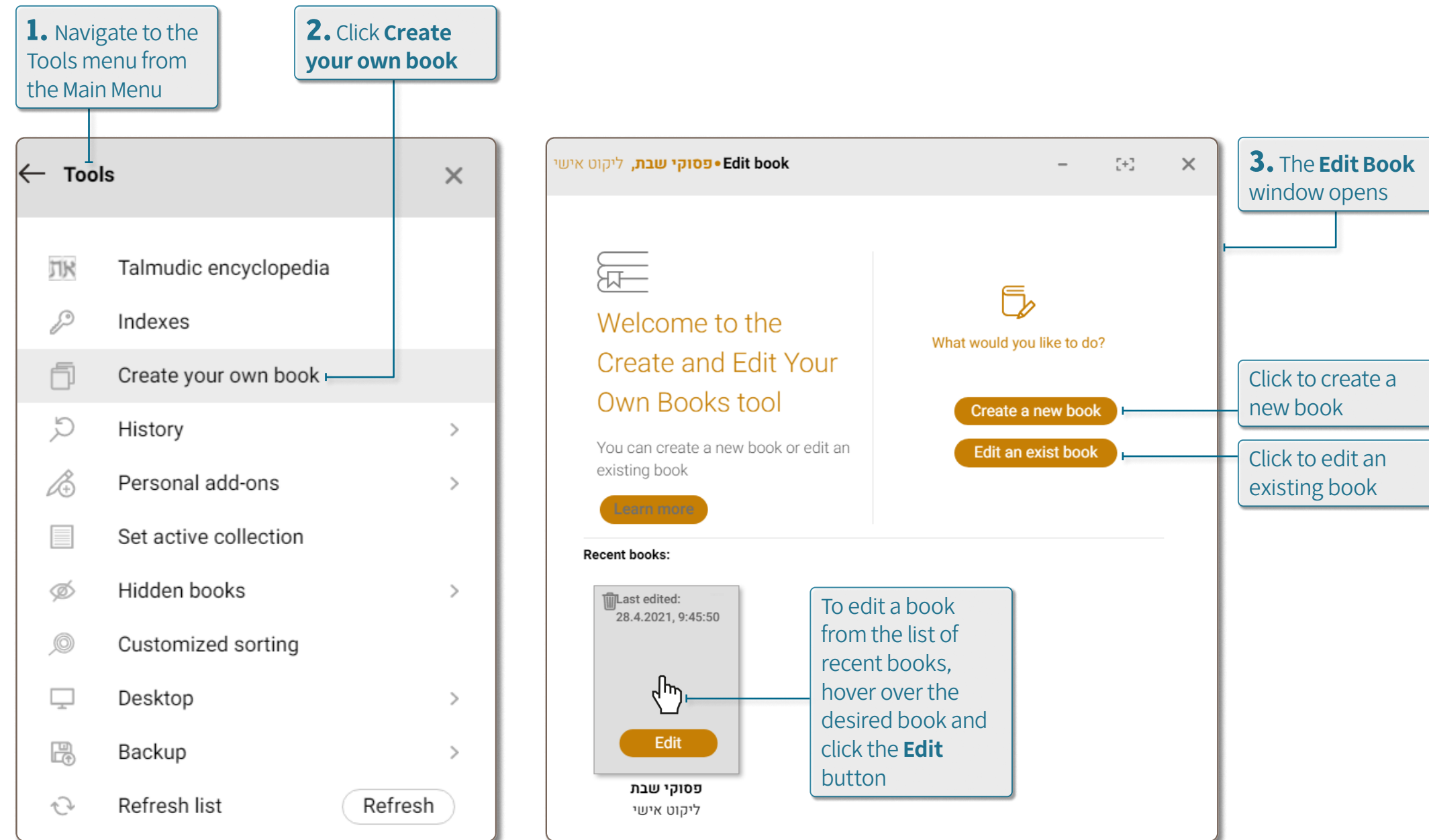
Searching for content displays results from various entries in the encyclopedia in the main search results area

Click to display search results

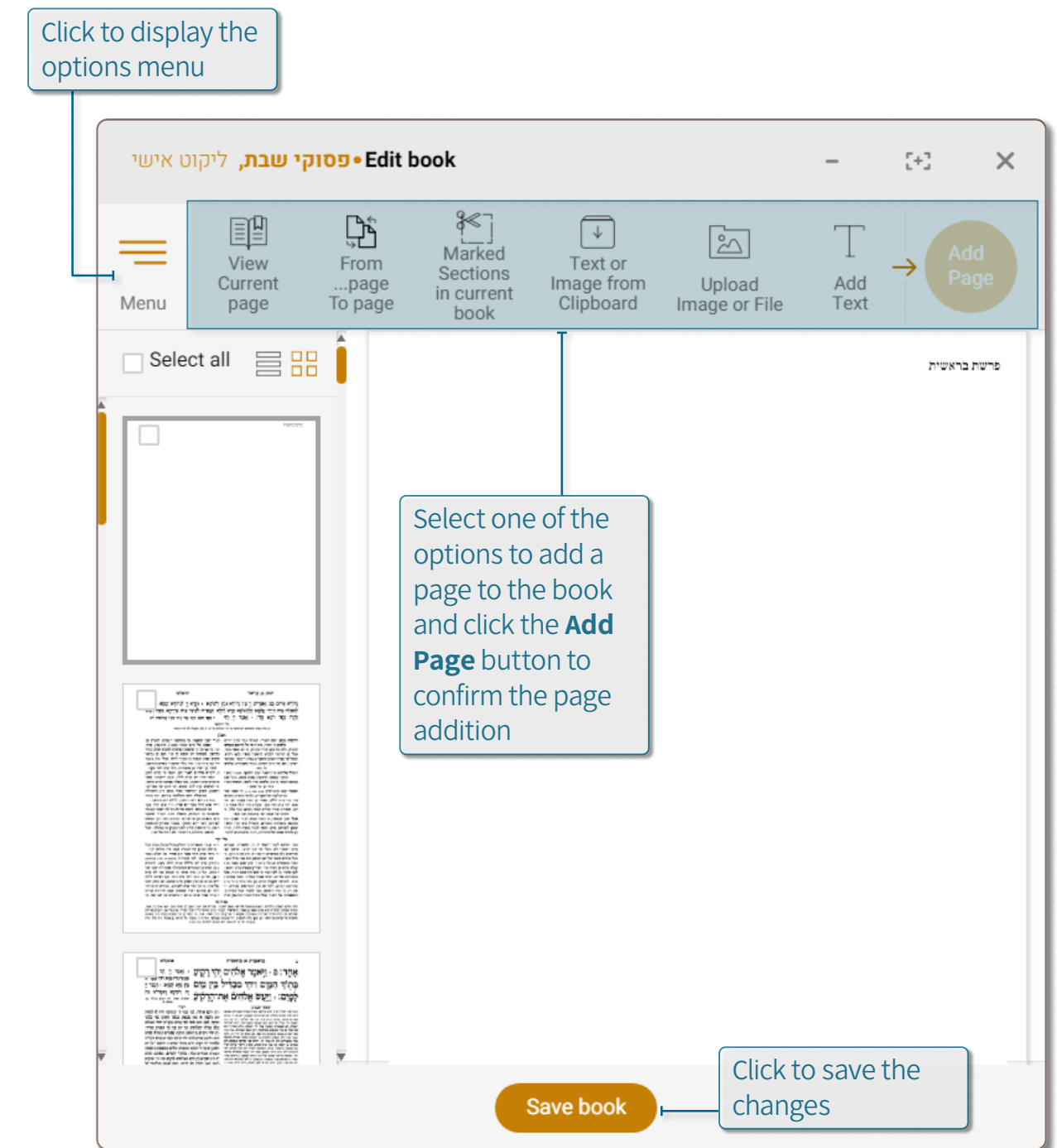
6.5 CREATING YOUR OWN BOOK

This tool allows the user to create a book by compiling pages from various books in the Otzar, or from image or PDF files that the user uploads.

Perform the following steps to open the Create your own book tool:



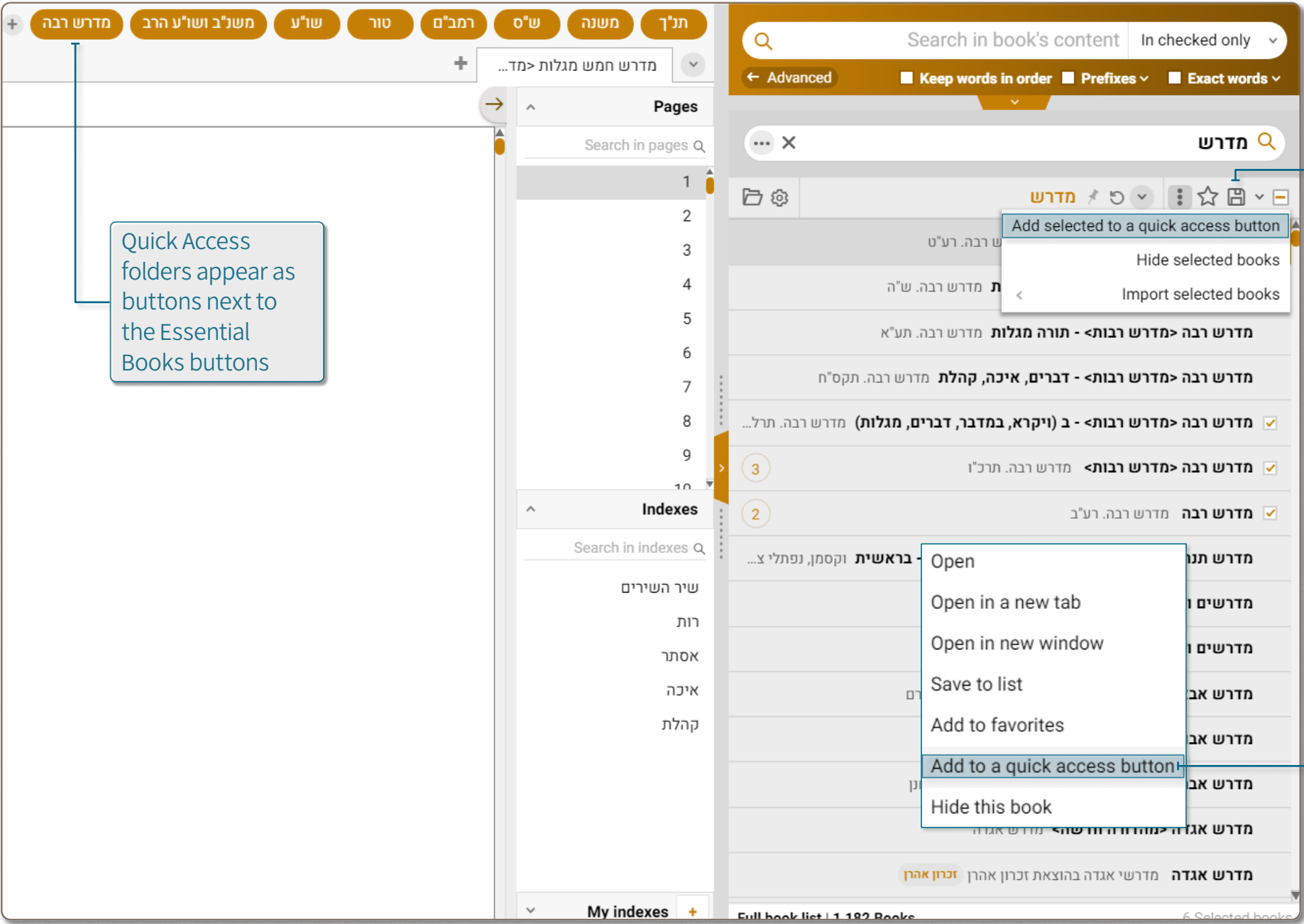
The book editing window includes the following options:



6.6 QUICK ACCESS BUTTONS

Quick access buttons allow saving books in folders according to user-defined topics. These folders appear as buttons next to the Essential Books buttons and can be accessed with a click of a button from any screen in the software.

Perform the following steps to create a new quick access button:



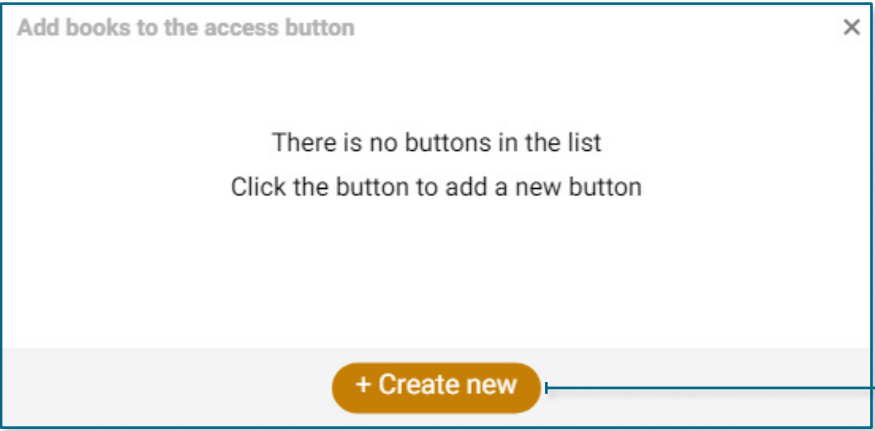
The screenshot shows the main interface with a top navigation bar containing buttons for 'תנ"ך', 'משנה', 'ש"ס', 'רמב"ם', 'טור', 'שו"ע', 'משנ"ב ושו"ע הרב', and 'מדרש רבה'. A callout box points to these buttons, stating: "Quick Access folders appear as buttons next to the Essential Books buttons".

The main content area displays a list of books. A right-click context menu is open over a book entry, with the option "Add to a quick access button" highlighted. Other menu options include "Open", "Open in a new tab", "Open in new window", "Save to list", "Add to favorites", and "Hide this book".

The left sidebar shows a list of "Pages" and "Indexes". The bottom status bar indicates "Full book list | 1,182 Books" and "6 Selected books".

1. To add multiple books to a quick access button: check the desired books checkboxes in the book list, click the Options button and select **Add selected to a quick access button**

1. To add one book to a quick access button: Right-click on the desired book and click **Add to a quick access button**



The dialog box titled "Add books to the access button" contains the text: "There is no buttons in the list. Click the button to add a new button". At the bottom, there is a "+ Create new" button.

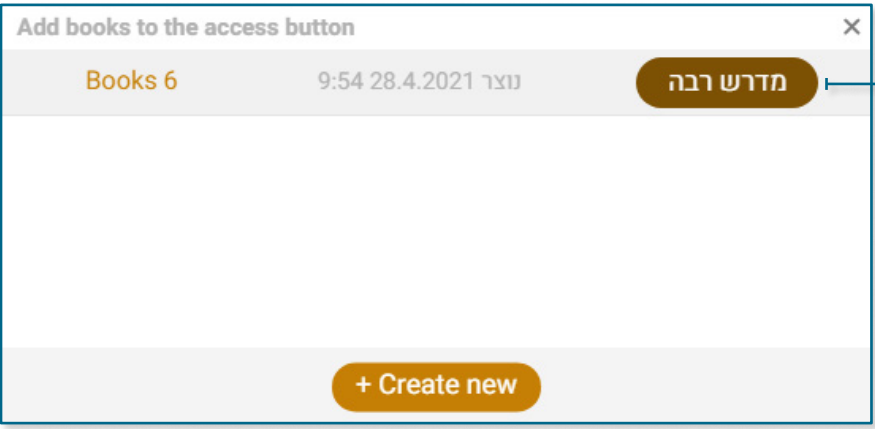
2. Click Create new



The dialog box now shows a text input field containing the name "מדרש רבה". At the bottom, there is a "Create" button.

3. Type a name for the new quick access button

4. Click Create



The dialog box now shows a list with one item: "Books 6" with a date "9:54 28.4.2021" and a button labeled "מדרש רבה". At the bottom, there is a "+ Create new" button.

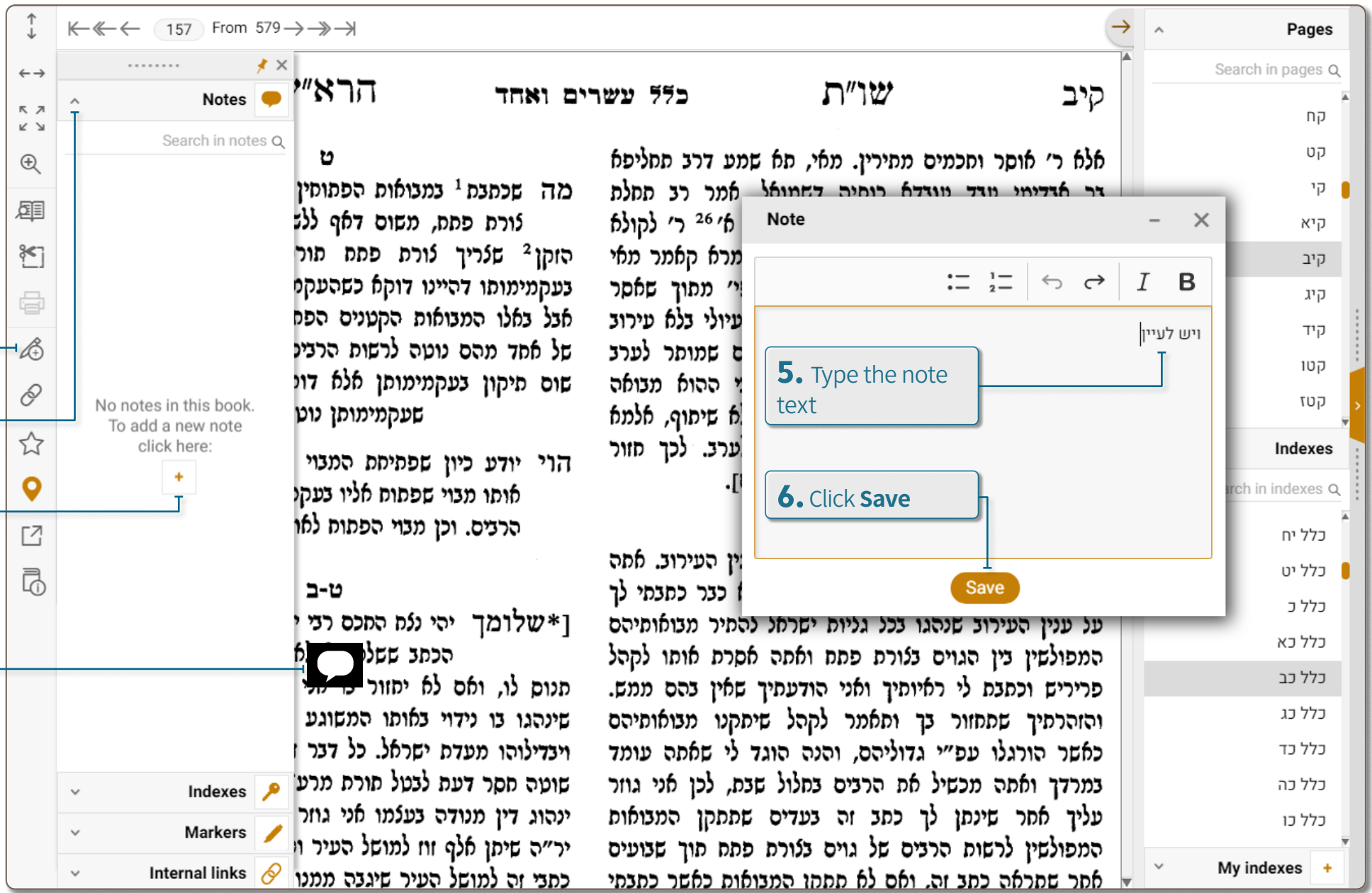
5. Click the quick access button to which the selected book will be added

6.7 PERSONAL ADD-ONS

6.7.1 NOTES

The personalized notes added by the user are saved in the system and are editable.

Perform the following steps to add a note:



1. Click the **User Add-Ons** button

2. Click the **Notes** tab

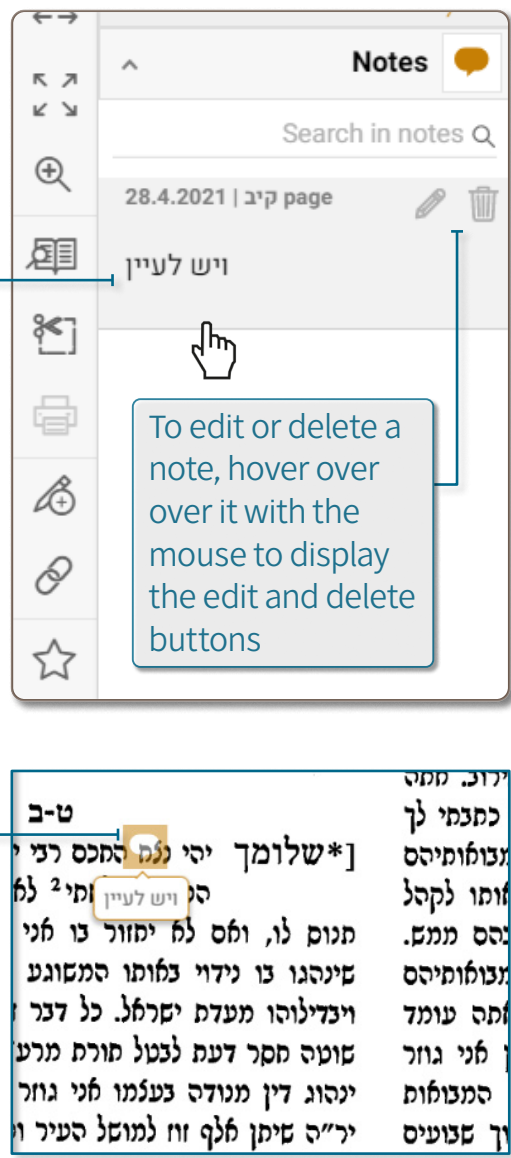
3. Click the **+** button

4. Click with the marker cursor in the relevant place on the page

5. Type the note text

6. Click **Save**

TIP: You can access the Personal Add-Ons tool by clicking the Personal Add-Ons button in the **Toolbar** (see page 24). And also by opening Main Menu > Tools > Personal Add-Ons. This options displays the personal add-ons that the user has added to all the books in the Otzar.



7. The note is added to the Notes list

To edit or delete a note, hover over it with the mouse to display the edit and delete buttons

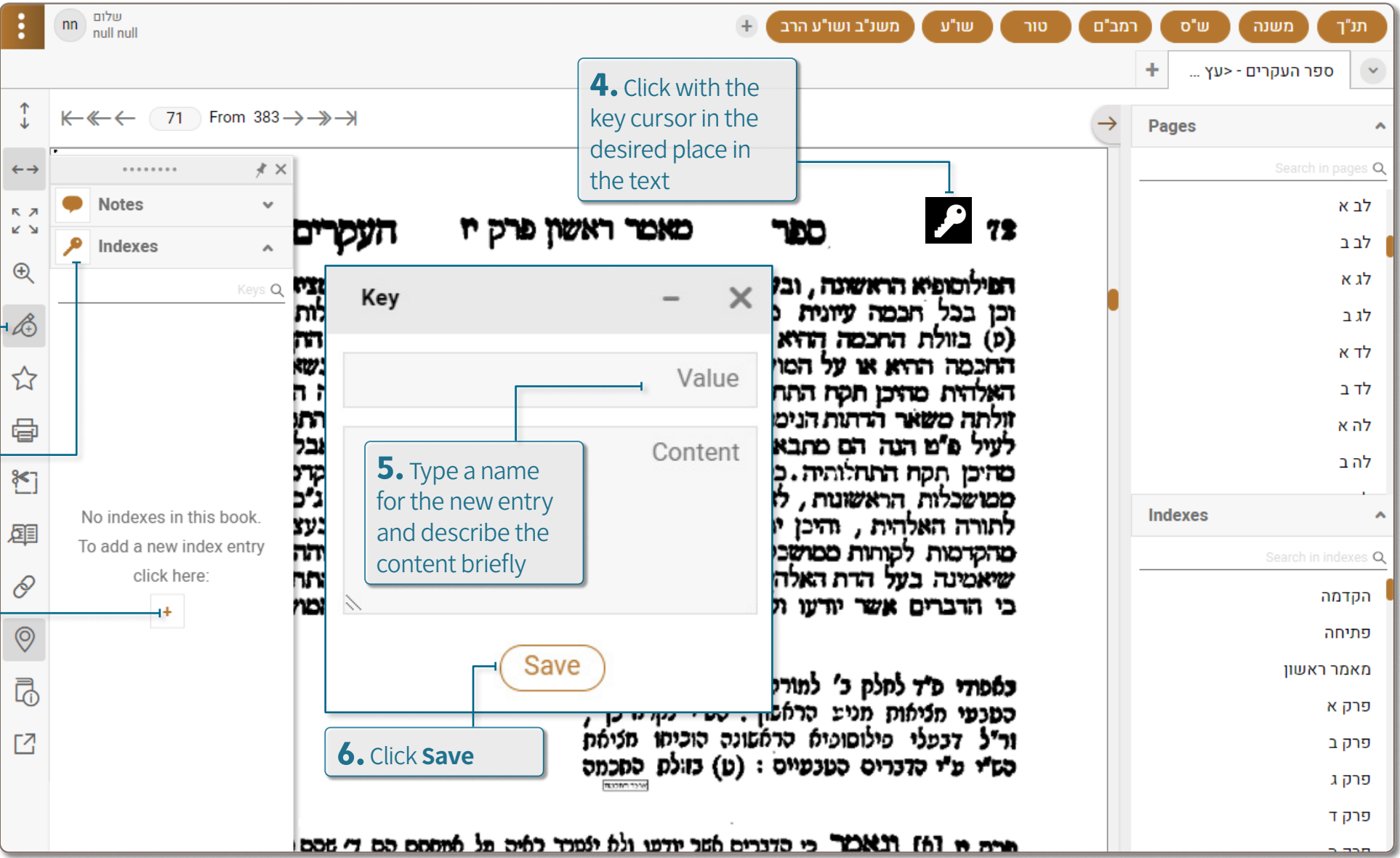
A saved note appears as an icon on the text itself. Hover with the mouse to see the content of the note.

6.7.2 INDEXES

The software includes two indexes:

- A system predefined index that can be found in the Main Menu > Tools > Indexes. This index contains various topics that are mentioned in the Otzar.
- A personalized index created by the user that can be found in the Main Menu > Tools > User add-ons > Indexes.

Perform the following steps to add an index key:



1. Click the **User Add-Ons** button

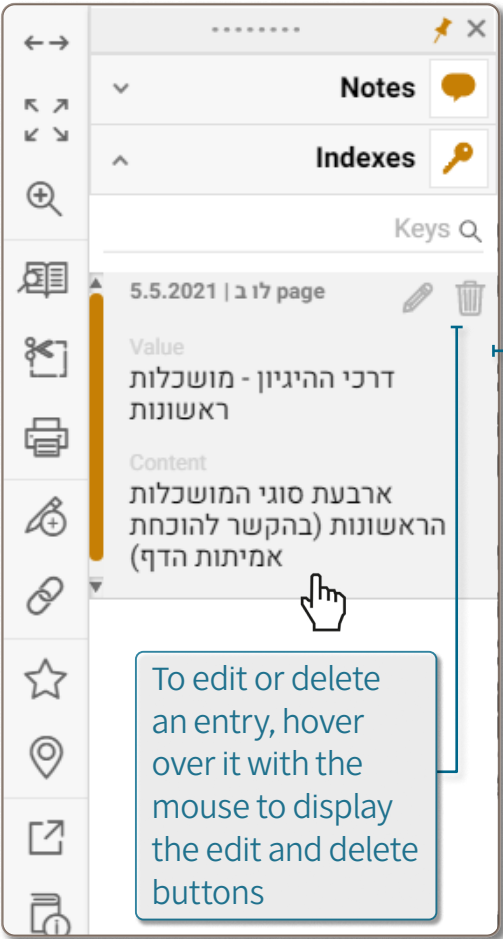
2. Click the **Indexes** tab

3. Click the **+** button

4. Click with the key cursor in the desired place in the text

5. Type a name for the new entry and describe the content briefly

6. Click **Save**



7. The index entry is added to the list

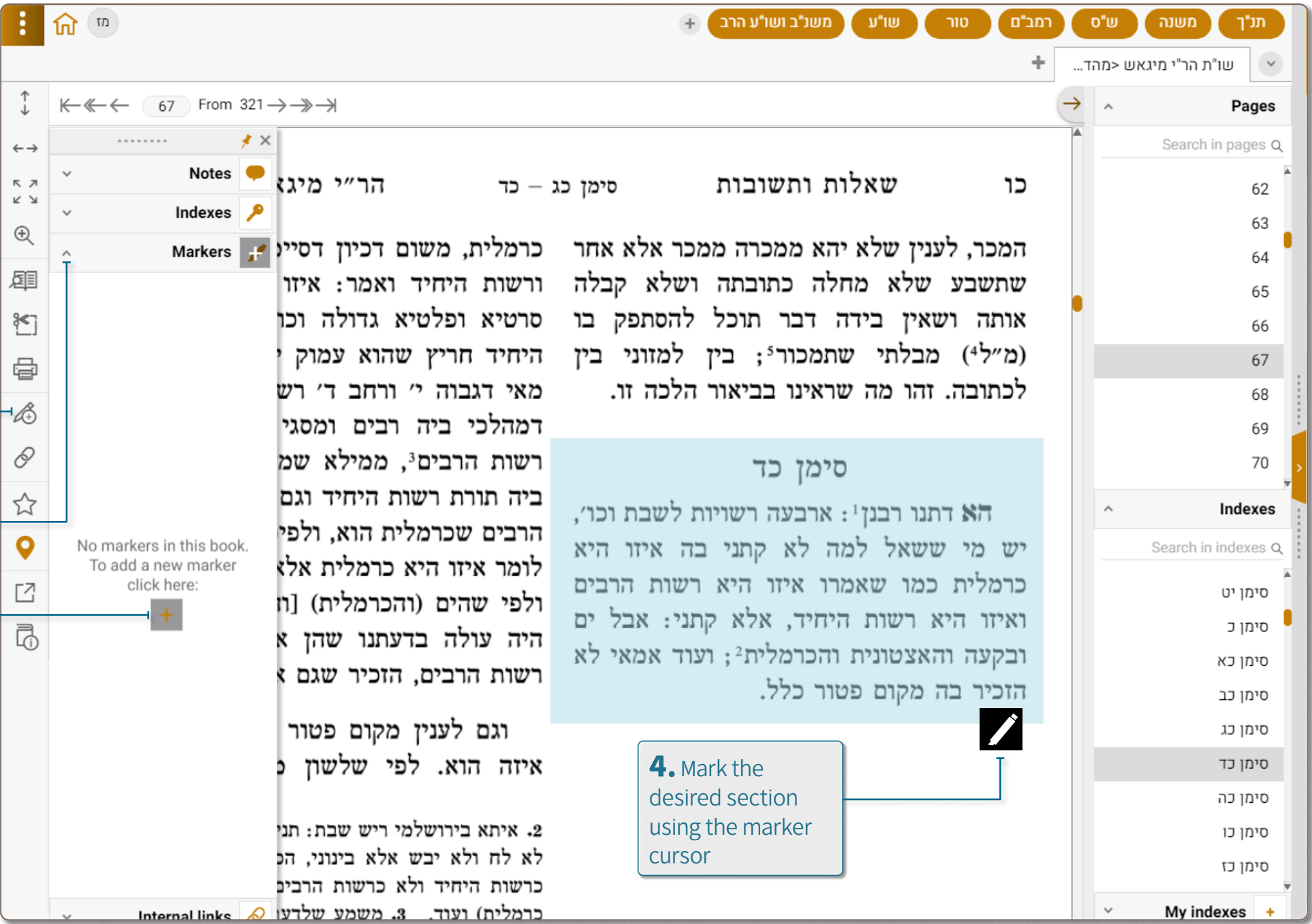
To edit or delete an entry, hover over it with the mouse to display the edit and delete buttons

The index entry appears as a key icon on the text itself. Hover with the mouse to see the content of the index entry.

6.7.3 MARKERS

The sections marked by the user are saved in the system, and are displayed even after closing and reopening the book.

Perform the following steps to mark a section in a book:



1. Click the **User Add-Ons** button

2. Click the **Markers** tab

3. Click the **+** button

4. Mark the desired section using the marker cursor

5. The marked section is added to the Markers list

To delete a marked section, hover over it with the mouse to display the delete button

The marked section appears on the text in the book display area



5. The marked section is added to the Markers list

To delete a marked section, hover over it with the mouse to display the delete button

The marked section appears on the text in the book display area

6.7.4 INTERNAL LINKS

This option allows the user to create links between different books in the Otzar.

Perform the following steps to create an internal link:

1. Click the **User Add-Ons** button

2. Click the **Internal Links** tab

3. Click the **+** button

4. Click with the link cursor in the desired place on the page

5. Type a description for the link

6. Find the book you want to link to

7. Click with the link cursor on the desired page

8. Type a description for the link

9. Click **Save**

10. The link is added to the external links list

Double-click to open the linked book in a new window

To edit or delete a link, hover over it with the mouse to display the edit and delete buttons

The link created appears on the two linked pages

6.8 CUSTOMIZED SORTING

This option allows the user to determine the order in which the books are displayed after a particular search, or to set a specific order as default.

Perform the following steps to open the Customized Sorting tool and create a new sorting category:

1. Navigate to the Tools menu from the Main Menu

Tools

Talmudic encyclopedia

Indexes

Create your own book

History

Personal add-ons

Set active collection

Hidden books

Customized sorting

Desktop

Backup

2. Click Customized sorting

3. The Personal customized Indexes window is displayed

Personal customized Indexes

Sort list

סדר הדורות

Set default

Insert new category

Add

4. To set a new sorting category, type the desired category name and click Add

5. Drag items from the system or personal files to the new list in the desired order

Sort name: סדר הדורות

Read only!

מקרא וחז"ל

From: system files

ראשונים וקדמונים

From: system files

אחרונים ש-ת"ר

From: system files

אחרונים ת"ר-ת"ש

From: system files

אחרוני זמנינו

From: system files

System folders and files

ספרי יסוד

נושאים

מאגרים

ספרי טקסט

Personal folders and files

Favorites

Recent books

Hidden books

Personal books

Pdf Books

6. Click Save

Save

Set default

Reset default

Sort now

The sorting option set as default appears first in the list of sorting options (see section 4.2.2: Sort and Filter on page 16)

Click to sort the current book list by the defined sorting order

Advanced Options | Customized Sorting

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6.9 DESKTOPS

The Desktops tool allows the user to close the software and open it again to the same state as it was at the time the desktop was saved. All books, both books that were open in tabs and books that were open in separate windows, remain open as they were at the time of saving.

Perform the following steps to open the Desktops tool:

1. Navigate to the Tools menu from the Main Menu

Tools

Talmudic encyclopedia

Indexes

Create your own book

History

Personal add-ons

Set active collection

Hidden books

Customized sorting

Desktop

Backup

Refresh list

Refresh

2. Click Desktop

Click to create a new desktop that includes the currently open books (both in separate tabs or windows)

Click to regularly save the existing desktop while closing the software. This means the software will always open in the state it was in before its last closing.

Tools > Desktop

Open desktop

Save desktop

Set default desktop

Save desktop when exiting the software

Click to open a desktop from the saved desktops

Click to select a desktop as default for opening the software

Advanced Options | Desktops

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6.10 BACKUP OPTIONS

Backing up the software allows you to save all the personal content created by the user (such as repositories, renaming a book, keys, scores, etc.). Automatic daily backup is the option to save the most up-to-date content every day automatically.

Perform the following steps to set up automatic daily backup:

1. Navigate to the Settings menu from the Main Menu

Settings

Language settings

View settings

Automatic daily backup

Always present Hyperlinks

Data reset

2. Click Automatic daily backup

Tools > Backup

Backup saving path

Backup in the Otzar drive

Backup in a different location

Automatic daily backup

Start

Off

Start backup now

On

Restore backup

Restore

Last backup: Not found

3. Click to turn on automatic daily backup

Details of the last backup performed

The default is that the backup is saved on the Otzar drive

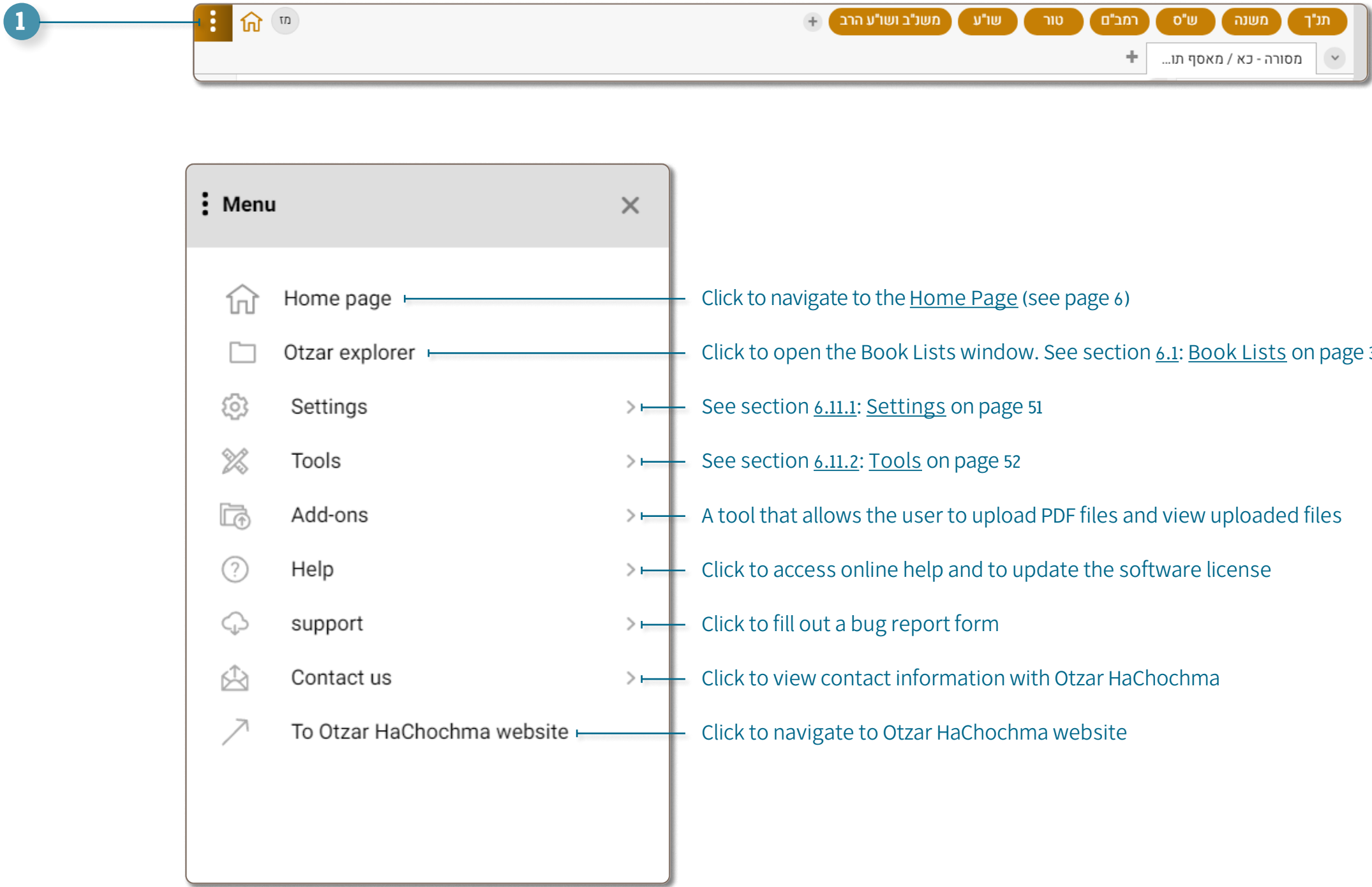
Click to select an alternative location on the computer to save the backup

Click to manually back up now

Click to restore content from the last backup

6.11 MAIN MENU

The main menu appears when clicking the menu button (1) at the top of the screen, and includes various options and settings.



6.11.1 SETTINGS

The Settings menu includes the following options:

← Settings ×

Language settings >

View settings >

Automatic daily backup >

Always present Hyperlinks ☒

Data reset

Click to change the display language to Hebrew

Click to set the display colors, text size, and settings for opening a new book

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Click to turn off automatic activation of the [Hyperlinks](#) tool (see page 31)


Click to delete all user data (personal add-ons, quick start buttons, personal folders and files, etc.)


6.11.2 TOOLS


The Tools menu includes the following options:


← Tools ×


 Talmudic encyclopedia


 Indexes


 Create your own book


 History


 Personal add-ons


 Set active collection


 Hidden books


 Customized sorting


 Desktop

 Backup

 Refresh list

 Virtual keyboard

 Change book's details

 Import Data from Previous Versions

See section 6.4: [Talmudic Encyclopedia](#) on page 39

A searching tool for index entries (as defined by Otzar HaChochma system) from all the books in the Otzar (for personal indexes defined by the user, see section 6.7.2: [Indexes](#) on page 44)

See section 6.5: [Creating Your Own Book](#) on page 40

Displays the user's search history in descending chronological order. Items are categorized into 3 categories: Green - Search for Content, Blue - Search by Book or Author, Yellow - filtered searches (archives, subjects, etc.)

See section 6.7: [Personal Add-Ons](#) on page 42

A tool that allows you to reduce the search in the treasury to a temporary database (which is canceled when the software is closed) or to an active database (which becomes the default until it is canceled)

A tool that allows the user to determine whether to display books that the user has chosen to hide

See section 6.8: [Customized Sorting](#) on page 47

See section 6.9: [Desktops](#) on page 48

See section 6.10: [Backup Options](#) on page 49

Refresh

A button that allows you to refresh the book list (especially after adding packages or updating a license)

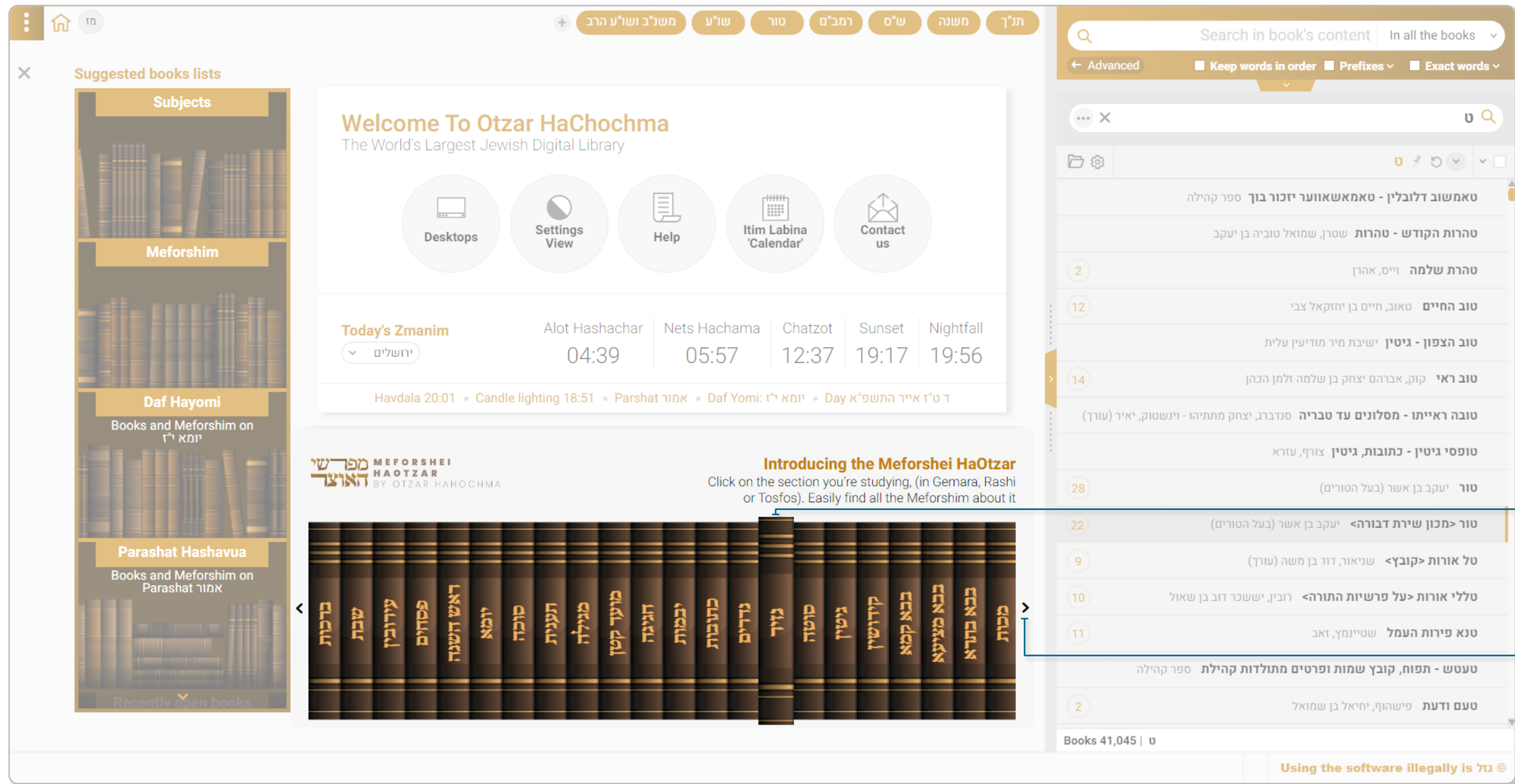
A tool that displays an on-screen keyboard in which the desired text can be typed

A tool that allows the user to change book details when the user thinks there is a mistake in the book information or when it is more convenient for the user to name a book a different name.

A tool for importing personal data from an earlier version which was in the users possession (follow the instructions).

7.1 OPENING MEFORSHEI HAOTZAR

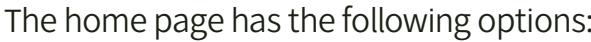
Meforshei HaOtzar allows access to all the Shas volumes. Opening Meforshi HaOtzar is done through Otzar HaChochma home page (see page 4).



Click on the
desired volume to
open the first page
of the volume in
Meforshei HaOtzar
in a new window

Click to scroll and
view more
volumes

You can navigate to Meforshei HaOtzar home page by clicking the Home button (1):



The screenshot displays the 'Mafresh HaOzer' website interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes a globe icon, a shopping cart icon, and a search bar. The main header features the site's logo and the title 'מפרשי האוצר' (Mafresh HaOzer). Below the header, a search bar allows users to filter by 'מסכת' (Mishnah), 'דף' (Page), and 'ע"א' (Side). A callout box explains that the desired page can be opened by selecting a volume, a page, and a side, and clicking the 'פתח' (Open) button.

The main content area displays a grid of book covers, each representing a volume. The covers are arranged in rows and columns. A callout box on the left indicates that users can click to scroll and view more volumes. A callout box on the right explains that users should click the desired volume and then click the desired page from the list that appears.

At the bottom of the page, there is a list of links or a table of contents, organized into columns. Each column contains a list of links, likely corresponding to the volumes displayed above. The links are organized into columns, with each column containing a list of links. The links are organized into columns, with each column containing a list of links. The links are organized into columns, with each column containing a list of links.

7.3 WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment is displayed after selecting a Gemara page to view. The work environment includes the following elements:



The screenshot displays the Otzar HaChochma work environment interface. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Navigation bar to other vols and pages:** Located at the top, it includes a search bar, a dropdown menu for volumes (ג' ע"ב), and a dropdown menu for pages (ג' שבת).
- Click to open another Gemara page in a separate tab:** A button labeled "שבת ג" is located in the top right corner.
- Home Page button:** A button labeled "Home Page button" is located in the top left corner.
- Gemara page display area:** The main area displays the Gemara text, including the title "שבת פרק ראשון יציאות השבת ג" and the text "היה טעון אוכלין ומשקין מבעוד יום ב'...".
- Sort and Filter options (see page 58):** A sidebar on the right contains a search bar and a list of filters, including "כל התוצאות" (313), "ראשונים וקדמונים" (35), "אחרונים" (3), "אחרונים" (57), and "אחרונים זמנינו" (213).
- The Meforshim List related to the selected section (see page 57):** A sidebar on the right contains a list of Meforshim, including "הערות על הש"ס >מהדורת מייזליש< נתן בן יחיאל מרומא - מייזליש, מאיר" and "תוספות ר"ד >מוה"ק< טראני, ישעיה בן מאלי (רי"ד)".
- 'מסורת הש"ס' and 'עין משפט' contain active links. When hovering over a link with the mouse, the link is highlighted. Clicking on a link opens the linked page in a separate window.** The interface includes a sidebar on the left with a list of links, including "מסורת הש"ס" and "עין משפט".
- The selected section is highlighted and the Meforshim related to the section appear in the Meforshim list area.** The selected section is highlighted in the main text area, and the Meforshim list is updated accordingly.

7.4 MEFORSHIM LIST

The default view of the Meforshim list is the itemized view. This view allows the user to review multiple results at once, with each item showing the specific section in which the Meforshim discusses the selected section on the Gemara page. Perform the following steps to display a section in a separate window:

Click to minimize the window view

Click to view the book cover page

Click to remove the emphasis from the selected section

Click to view the selected section only

Click to browse through the pages

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תוספות הרא"ש

*** מהו שתעשה כרמלית. כשהוציא מליאה ידו לחוץ קא מבעיא ליה אבל בעניין אחר לא דהא תנן בפרק בתרא דערובין ¹⁰¹ עומד אדם ברה"י ומטלטל ברה"ה ומטלטל ברה"י וכשהוא עומד ברה"י והוציא ידו לרה"ה ונטל חפץ לתוך ידו מותר להחזירו לרה"ה ולא חשיבא ידו ככרמלית (P*).**

מי קנסו ¹⁰² רבנן לאהדורי. נר' ¹⁰³ דל"ג קנסו דהא לקמן כי מוקמינן דלאו ככרמלית דמיא אמרינן דמשום קנס אסור להחזירה אבל השתא דמבעיא לן אם עשאוה ככרמלית לא שייך להזכיר קנס וגרסי' מי אסרו רבנן, ונפקא מינה דאסור אף בשוגג מבעוד יום. מיהו יש לקיים גרסת הספרים וה"פ מי קנסו רבנן כולי האי * לעשות ידו ככרמלית (L*) אף לעניין לאסור אף מבעוד יום ובשוגג דאף כשהוציאה בשוגג קנסוהו רבנן לפי שלא החזירה קודם חשיכה וכן בשוגג קנסו אטו מזיד אבל אי לאו ככרמלית דמיא לא קנסוהו אלא משחשיכה ובמזיד.

כאן למעלה מי'. והא דקאמר מותר להחזירה לאו דוקא דה"ה אף להוציאה מותר לבתתלה דאין כרמלית למעלה מי'.

לא דכ"ע ככרמלית דמיא. סוגייתא זו תמוהה ¹⁰⁴ דמעיקרא קאמ' ת"ש ובעי למפשט דהך בעיא דאביי פלוגתא דתנאי היא * ודחי לה דתפשוט לכ"ע דמיא ככרמלית, ונר' דהך אמורא דאמ' ככרמלית דמיא דר"ע (L*) אינהו נמי אמר עי רעיתא עומד

עמוד גמרא

ספרות מפרשים

מפרישי הדף

ברירת מחדל

סינון לפי קטגוריה

חפש ספר או מפרש

אפשרויות סינון רשימה:

כל התוצאות	ראשונים וקדמונים	אחרונים ש-ת	אחרונים תר-תש	אחרונים זמניים
316	35	3	57	216

להחזיר מדרבנן או לא. ולהקצות גרסה נוחה להוראה הבעית מעין הפשוטה/ דפוסית ליה שאינה כרושה שהיא * פשוטה (*L) שם לא כרה"י ולא כרה"ב ומכביא ליה אם במקום שהיא פשוטה תהא ככרמלית.

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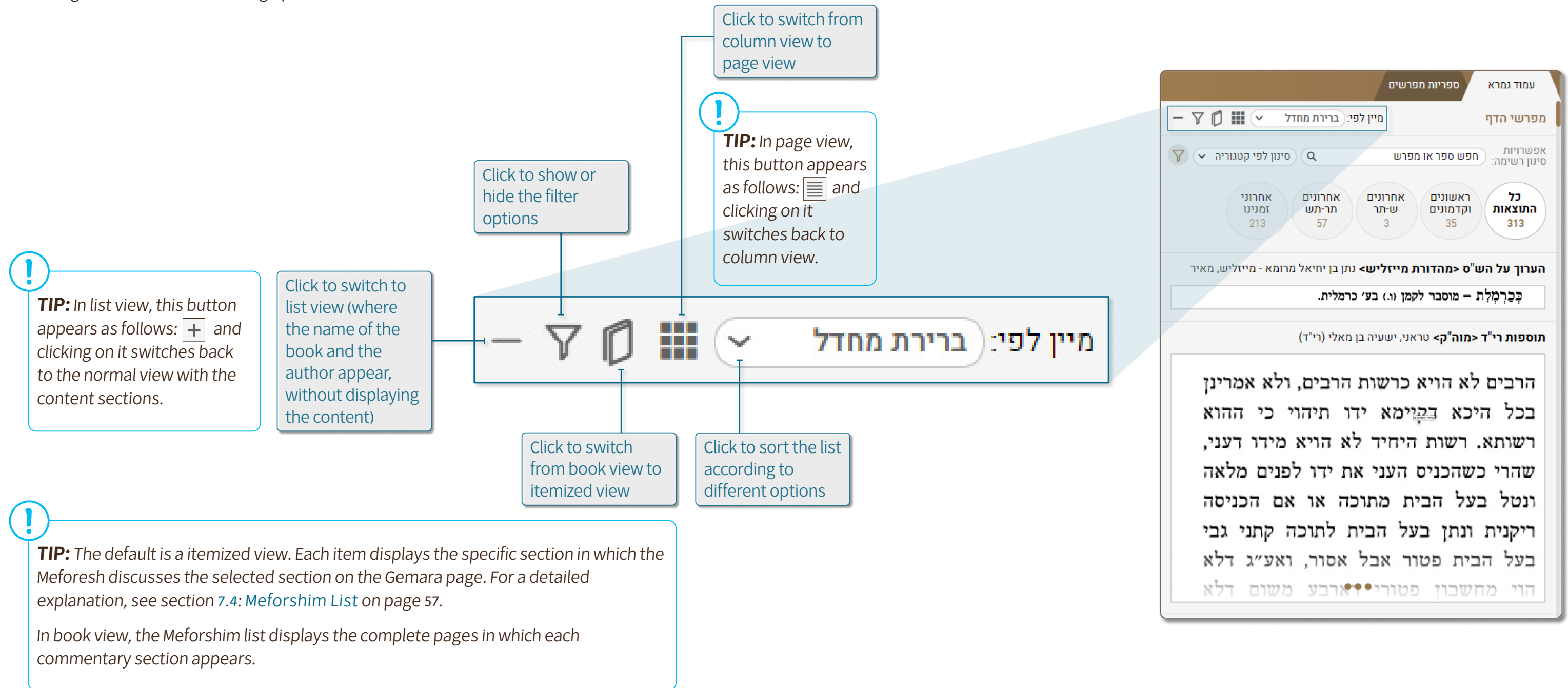
חידושי הר"ן <מוה"ק> נסים בן ראובן גירונדי (ר"ן)

[ג, ב] כרשות הרבים לא דמיא מידו דעני, כרה"י לא דמיא מידו דבע"ה. זו היא גירסת רש"י ז"ל, ופי' דכשגופו ברשות הרבים וידו ברשות היחיד איז לידו תורת רשות הרבים מידו דעני. ולא נהיר

7.5 SORT AND FILTER

7.5.1 SORTING THE MEFORSHIM LIST

The buttons in the Meforshim list sorting area include the following options:



7.5.2 FILTERING THE MEFORSHIM LIST

The Meforshim list can be filtered to see more relevant results. The list filtering area includes the following options:

Click to filter the Meforshim list by different categories

Type a book name or a Meforshim name in the search box to see relevant results

Filter by order of generations - click on a generation to view the Meforshim relevant to it

TIP: Below the name of each period is the number of books in the list that relate to it.



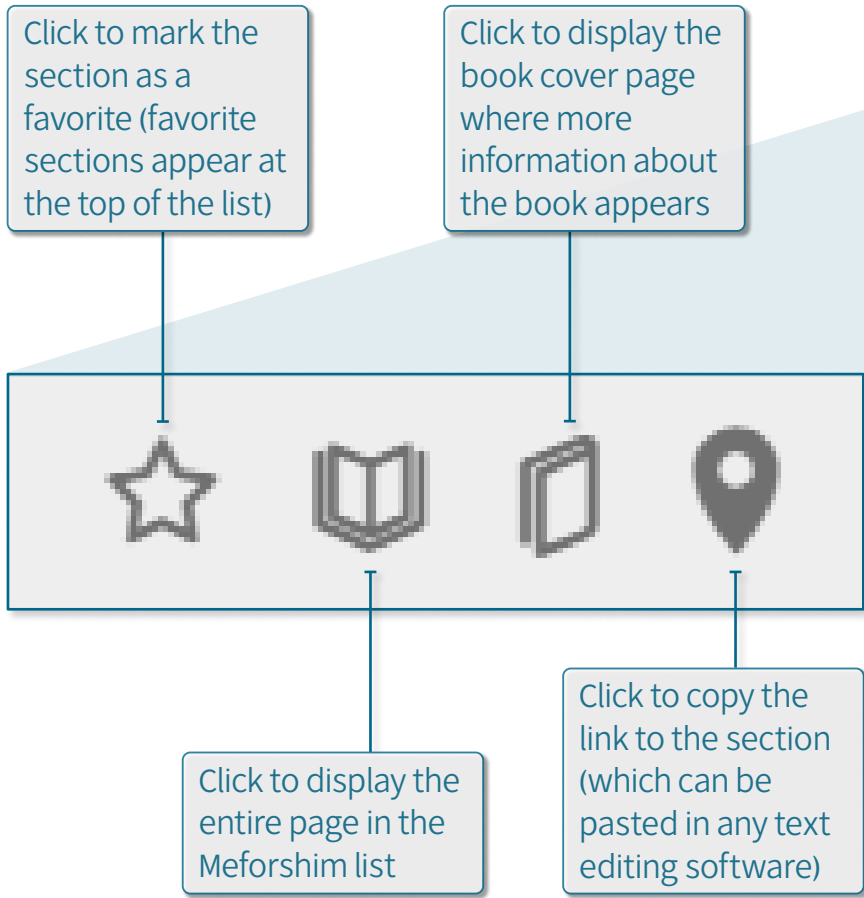
The default is to view Meforshim from all categories. When the user is only interested in one of the categories or in a number of specific categories, the desired categories can be defined and the others will not appear in the Meforshim list. This filtering is especially effective in sections where there are many Meforshim, and the user is interested in focusing only on some of them.

The categories are:

- שיעור** - a Meforshim that is not a Peirush "by definition" but deals with the סוגיא, or from a general halakhic aspect, similar to the style of שיעורים accepted in the yeshiva world.
- דרוש** - a Meforshim that brought on this passage דרש או סוד that is not in the simple way of explaining the Gemara (except for Meforshim that deal with the אגדה)
- פירוש** - a Meforshim that deals directly with the commentary of the Gemara and its מפרשים, a תירוץ for Kasha, etc.
- ציון** - a Meforshim that does not interpret the words of the Gemara and its Meforshim and does not bring מקורות from other sources, but merely shows a place for reference elsewhere.
- הגהה** - a commentary that does not deal with the interpretation of the Gemara and its commentaries, but with the הגהות of the wording.

7.6 MEFORSHIM LIST BUTTONS

The buttons in the Meforshim list include the following options:



Hover over the desired section to display the buttons