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(Hadrat Melech)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

RABBANIM OF THE PERIOD OF THE RISHONIM AND ACHRONIM

with

INDEX OF NAMES OF RABBANIM

INDEX OF ACRONYMS OF RABBANIM AND OTHER APPELLATIONS

and

INDEX OF NAMES OF SEFORIM

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Important note on the status of this project:

These **Biographical Notes** are very much work in progress and, therefore, they are clearly and in many ways very incomplete. This is particularly true of the period of the Achronim. I would like to apologize to the reader for any omissions of any Rabbanim or any seforim or any other details about any specific Rabbanim, which might be perceived in some way as disrespectful. Such omissions are exclusively due to the currently incomplete status of this project. In particular, G-d forbid any error or omission should be perceived as a judgement value on my part on who should and should not be included. The objective is to be as comprehensive as possible in the spirit of “לא עליך המלאכה לגמור. ולא אתה בן חורין לבטל ממנה.” (It is not your duty to complete the task but you are not free from trying, Avot 2:16). Please note that the **Index of Rabbanim**, the **Index of Acronyms and other Appellations of Rabbanim**, and the **Index of Names of Seforim** are supposed to match exactly the basic information in the **Biographical Notes** and will be updated simultaneously with the Notes.

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FOREWORD

ברב עם הדרת מלך

*In the multitude of people is the King's Glory
Mishlei 14:28, Berachot 53a*

This compilation is a modest attempt to provide some simple Biographical Notes on Rabbanim of the period of the Rishonim and Achronim. The Rishonim are the Rabbanim from the early Middle Ages - 1000s of the CE to R' Yossef Karo (1488-1575 CE) while the Achronim are Rabbanim from the period after. These notes cover, therefore, about a thousand years. In this period the Jewish people went through the roller-coaster of history, from the Golden Age of Spain to the Expulsion from Spain, from the heights of Eastern European Jewry to the lows of the Holocaust, from being homeless in their own countries to having a state in Eretz Yisrael. In fact, browsing through the notes of Rabbanim throughout time gives a clear feel for the swinging patterns of Jewish history. How the incidences of Jewish life in the Diaspora shifted the center of the Torah world, from North Africa to Spain, France and Germany, then to Eastern Europe and more recently to the USA and Israel. In all of this, one of the things that remained constant was the permanent effort of generations of Rabbanim to understand what G-d wants from us and how to best serve G-d. It is the contributions of these generations of Rabbanim that has made Torah Judaism what it is today. They are truly the **multitude of people** that represent **Hadrat Melech, "the glory of the King"**.

Starting with such a statement requires a pause for breath. The enormity of the contribution brought forth by this collective of Rabbanim cannot be expressed in words. Yet, we cannot fail to do so. This is because they are part of a unique and sublime heritage, a heritage of the whole Jewish People. While we can be placidly proud of it, this heritage is only truly honored when we remember it and strive to apply it in our daily life. Therefore, their contribution has somehow to be expressed in words also because the example of dedication of these Rabbanim cannot fail to inspire us in our attempt to clumsily imitate them in their ways of Avodat Hashem.

Some words of clarification are needed on the scope of this compilation. First, **who is this compilation intended to cover?** It intends to cover Rabbanim of the period of the Rishonim and Achronim who have made Torah Judaism what it is today. Therefore, it covers Biblical Commentators, Talmudic and halachic authorities, Religious Philosopher, Religious Poets, Kabalistic, Mussar Rabbis, and Chassidic Rebbes. It does not cover Rabbis or other Jewish sages whose contribution was mainly outside Jewish tradition. For example, The Rambam is included, because of his contributions as a Biblical Commentator, Halachic Codifier, and Religious Philosopher not because of his contributions to medicine or astronomy, as important as they may have been.

A second necessary question is **what basic information is included?** It includes for each Rabbi, the Hebrew name, date and place of birth and death, as well as major works and any interesting references to their relation to other Rabbanim. Obviously one could write volumes about each Rabbi considered. We confine ourselves to a maximum of six lines of text. In confining the information to such a short text, however, we should be aware that sometimes what is not included is as important as what is included. All that is hoped for is that these **Biographical Notes** will induce the reader to pursue his own search for further information.

Finally, a practical question: **how should these Biographical Notes be used?** These notes have been organized in three different ways to facilitate search. The bulk of the work, the **Biographical Notes**, presents the information about the Rabbanim in chronological order of their date of birth. This is followed by an **Index of Rabbanim** where Rabbanim are listed alphabetically by first name, an **Index of Acronyms and other Appellations of Rabbanim** and by an **Index of Names of Seforim**. For example, the Rambam is included in the main text in 1135, the date of his birth. Then, he is listed alphabetically under Moshe, his first name, in the **Index of Rabbanim**, is listed under Rambam in the **Index of Acronyms and other Appellations of Rabbanim**, and is listed under Mishneh Torah etc, in the **Index of Names of Seforim**.

PART I

RABBANIM OF THE PERIOD OF THE RISHONIM

Preface

After the period of the Geonim and with the decline of the Jewish life in Babylon and the decline of the Yeshivas of Sura and Pumbedita, the center of Jewish life slowly shifted to North Africa following the routes of the Muslim empires. The first major halachic authorities of the post-geonic period lived in North Africa and were responsible for the first efforts to codify Jewish Law.

By the early 900s of the Common Era, however, Spain was ready to become the new center. Here, through the 1200s rabbinical erudition was combined with philosophy, poetry, and grammar, all often combined in the same person. This was a period of magnificent achievements for Spanish Jewry not just in Jewish scholarship but also in the economic, social, and political spheres. These are the lands of Maimonides but also Nachmanides. This period marked the beginning of Sephardic Judaism.

At the same time, in France, including Provence, and Germany, a different type of approach to Jewish learning was taking shape. Rabbinical efforts were mostly devoted to Talmudic and Halachic studies with often a great emphasis on pietism. These are the lands of Rashi and the Schools of the Tosefists. This period marked the beginning of Ashkenazic Judaism.

By the 1200s a new development had taken place with a wider diffusion of Jewish Mysticism, Kabbalah, emanating from Provence as well as from several centers in Northern Spain. The tension between mysticism and rationalism shaped much of the rabbinical debate over the next couple for centuries. Nevertheless, maybe because controversy sharpens the arguments many classical works of both Halachah and Kabbalah saw the light of the day during this period.

Unfortunately, the 1300s and the 1400s were mostly centuries of persecution. As such Jewish life, in particular in Spain, deteriorated and achievements in Jewish learning were greatly affected. It started in the late 1000s with the Crusades and was never far away with the Islamic fundamentalism of the times. This downward spiral of terror, made the Jewish population pass through public trials, forced conversions, the establishment of the Inquisition, and culminated with the Expulsion from Spain. The Expulsion definitely marked the end of Spain as the center of Jewish life. Indeed, it was the very Jewish presence in Spain that dated back to Biblical times that was all but wiped out. The exile from Spain, however, opened other areas to greater Jewish settlement, Italy, the Ottoman Empire and Eastern Europe. Again, the center of gravity of Jewish life was about to shift.

1. BORN IN THE 900S CE

R' CHASDAI BEN YITZCHAK IBN SHAPRUT - ר' חסדאי בן יצחק אבן שפרוט

Born: 915.

Died: 970.

Notes: Rabbi. He was the first great statesman and Jewish leader of the Spanish Golden Era. Supported scholars, rabbis and the work of the Yeshivas.

R' DUNASH IBN LABRAT - ר' דונש אבן לבראט

Born: North Africa, c. 920.

Died: Spain, c. 990.

Notes: Grammarian and poet. After moving from North Africa to Spain he lived in Cordoba with R' Chasday Ibn Shaprut.

RABBEINU GERSHON BEN YEHUDA - רבנו גרשון בן יהודה

MEOR HAGOLAH - מאור הגולה

Born: Metz, France, c. 960.

Died: Mainz, Germany, c. 1040.

Notes: Known as Meor HaGolah/The Light of the Diaspora. Talmudist, Rosh Yeshiva in Mainz, he laid the foundation of the Ashkenazic tradition by establishing correct readings and providing commentaries on the Talmud, many of which are included in Rashi's commentaries. Many decrees regulating the life of a Jew bear his name, e.g., prohibition of polygamy, of divorcing wife without her consent, of shaming apostates returning to Judaism, etc. His son and possibly his wife were forcibly converted to Christianity. Author of **Peirush Rabbeinu Gershon**, a commentary on the Talmud included in the traditional editions.

R' HAI GAON BEN SHERIRA - ר' הי גאון

Born: Babylon, 969.

Died: Babylon, 1038.

Notes: Regarded as the last of the Geonim in Babylon, but the first in eminence. Appointed Av Bet Din in 986, he succeeded his father in 998 as what turned out to be the last Rosh Yeshiva in Pumbedita. This Yeshiva reached its zenith under his leadership. He wrote extensively in both Hebrew and Arabic on philosophical, linguistic, and liturgical issues. Author of a commentary on the Talmud and thousands of responsa. His students included R' Chananel ben Chushiel and R' Nissim Gaon.

R' NISSIM BEN YAAKOV GAON - ר' נסים בן יעקב גאון

Born: c. 990.

Died: Kairouan, Egypt, 1060.

Notes: Talmudist. Student of R' Chai Gaon. Author of **Sefer HaMaftach**, a commentary of parts of the Talmud, which follows the tradition of the Geonim of Babylon and is included in the traditional edition of the Talmud.

RABBEINU CHANANEL BEN CHUSHIEL - רבנו חננאל בן חושאל

RACH - ר"ח

Born: Kairouan, Egypt, c. 990.

Died: Rome, Italy, c. 1055.

Notes: Biblical and Talmudic commentator, and Rosh Yeshiva in Kairouan. He is one of the scholars who mark the transition between the period of the Geonim and the period of the Rishonim. Student of R' Ah Gaon. His father, who was also his teacher, was a student of the Geonim of Babylon and one of the "four captives" a group of Roshei Yeshiva from Babylon and who were redeemed by different communities along the Mediterranean. He is the author of commentaries on the Bible of which citations are known as well as a concise commentary on the Talmud, one of the first commentaries to be written, which is included in the traditional edition and is particularly useful in explaining difficult aramaic terms. His students include the Rif.

R' SHMUEL NEGRELA BEN YOSSEF HALEVI HANAGID - ר' שמואל בן יוסף הלוי הנגיד

Born: Cordoba, Spain, 993.

Died: Malaga, Spain, c. 1056.

Notes: Scholar, Jewish leader, and poet. Served as Prime Minister to the King of Malaga and leader of his Islamic army. Engaged Islamic scholars in spirited theological debates. At the age of 35 he was given the title Nagid, the Prince, by his fellow Jews. Author of **Mevo HaTalmud**, a commentary included in many editions of the Talmud.

R' YITZCHAK BEN KHALFON - ר' יצחק בן קלפון

Born: North Africa, late 900s.

Died: early 1000s.

Notes: Considered the first professional Hebrew poet. Moved from North Africa to Spain where he lived in Cordoba and wandered between several other cities.

2. BORN IN THE 1000S CE

R' YITZCHAK BEN YAAKOV HAKOHEN ALFASI - ר' יצחק בן יעקב הכהן אלפסי

RIF - רי"ף

Born: Kila Chamad, Algeria, 1013.

Died: Lucena, Spain, 1103.

Notes: Talmudist and first halachic codifier. Student of R' Chananel and R' Nissim in Kairouan. Active in Fez, Morocco until age 75, when he fled to Spain. Settled in Lucena where he founded a yeshiva. He was instrumental in bringing Jewish knowledge into Spain as he was the first major Rabbi there. Author of hundreds of Responsa in Arabic, author of **Sefer HaHalachot**, a Talmudic code representing the early rulings on the discussions of the Talmud and which was a primary source for the Rambam and the focus of great rabbinical studies in the following centuries. Composed on Moed, Nashim, and Nezikin and tractates Berachot and Niddah. His students include R' Yehuda HaLevi and R' Yossef Ibn Migash. He was considered with Rashi as the two leading Torah giants of the period.

R' SHLOMO BEN YEHUDA IBN GABIROL - ר' שלמה בן יהודה אבן גבירול

Born: Malaga, Spain, 1021.

Died: Valencia, Spain, c. 1057.

Notes: Philosopher and Poet. Credited with writing twenty books and four hundred poems. His most famous philosophical work is **Mekor Chaim/Source of Life**, where he addresses the issue of how a physical world can emanate from a spiritual being. This work, whose authorship was only uncovered in 1845, was very influential in the Christian world as well as in Kabbalah. His most famous poetic work is **Keter Malchut/The Royal Crown** a master piece of piety and devotion which is included with several other of his poems in the Sefardic Nusach for the High Holidays.

R' NATAN BEN YECHIEL OF ROME - ר' נתן בן יחיאל מרומא

HAARUCH - הערוך

Born: Rome, Italy, 1035.

Died: Rome, Italy, 1106.

Notes: Talmudic lexicographer. Appointed Rosh Yeshiva in Rome in 1070. Author of **Aruch**, the only medieval dictionary on the Talmud and Midrash, explains words and difficult passages in alphabetical order and includes sources and variant readings.

R' SHLOMO BEN YITZCHAK YITZCHAKI OF TROYES - ר' שלמה בן יצחק יצחקי מטרויש

RASHI - רש"י

Born: Troyes, France, 1040.

Died: Troyes, France, 1105.

Notes: Traced his ancestry all the way to King David through Hillel the Elder and other Tanaim. Studied first under his father and then in Worms, Germany where he learned under R' Yaakov ben Yakar and settled in Troyes as a respected scholar at age 25. He set out to write a commentary on the Bible focusing on the plain and exact meaning of the text, which is included virtually in all editions of the Chumash, as well as on Nevim and Ketuvim. His lucid and terse commentaries on the Talmud end with Makkot 19b and is included in all editions of the Talmud. His works made France at the time the land of the Bible and Talmud while Spain was the land of Jewish poetry and Philosophy. He wrote his commentaries and taught while earning his livelihood as a wine merchant. He is, arguably, the greatest Biblical commentator of all times. Rabbeinu Tam, his grandson said, that Rashi's commentaries on Chumash were nothing short of ruach hakodesh.

R' BACHYA BEN YOSSEF IBN PAKUDA - ר' בחיי בן יוסף אבן פקודה

CHOVOT HALEVAVOT - חובות הלבבות

Born: Spain, 1050.

Died: Spain, 1120.

Notes: Ethicist and Philosopher. Dayan in Zaragoza. Author of **Chovot HaLevavot/Duties of the Heart**, in Arabic (translated by Yehudah Ibn Tibbun) on love and trust of G-d and humility making the point that the "duties

of the limbs” that is the performance of the mitzvot should be accompanied by the “duties of the heart” that is a spiritual component.

ר' שמחה בן שמואל מויטרי - R' SIMCHA BEN SHMUEL OF VITRI

Born: France, middle 1000s.

Died: Vitri, France, 1105.

Notes: Talmudist and editor of prayers, mostly on the daily and Shabbat prayers, including the well-known **Machzor Vitri**. A student of Rashi.

ר' מאיר בן שמואל - R' MEIR BEN SHMUEL OF RAMPERUPT

ר"ם - RAM

Born: Lorraine, France, c. 1060.

Died: Ramperupt, France, c. 1130.

Notes: A student and then son-in-law of Rashi and one of the early **Tosefists**. Founder of a Yeshiva in Ramperupt. Father and teacher of the Rashbam, the Rivam, and Rabbeinu Tam. Amended the text of Kol Nidre to the form currently in use.

ר' משה אבן עזרא - R' MOSHE IBN EZRA

Born: Granada, Spain, c. 1070.

Died: Spain c. 1138.

Notes: Philosopher and Poet. Author of **Arugat HaBosem/The Bed of Spices** on divine attributes, creation, etc, and two hundred and twenty religious poems, many of which have been incorporated in the Sefardic Nusach for the High Holidays.

ר' יהודה בן שמואל הלוי - R' YEHUDA BEN SHMUEL HALEVI

ריה"ל - RIHL

Born: Toledo, Spain, 1075.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, c. 1141.

Notes: Religious philosopher and poet, a physician by trade. A student of the Rif and Ibn Migash in Lucena. Author of **Kuzari**, a book on Jewish religion and philosophy using the conversion to Judaism of the Khasars as well as both secular and religious poetry. An ardent lover of Zion, “**Ode to Zion**” is one of his most famous poems, he set out for Israel around 1135 where, legend has it, he was killed near the Kotel by an Arab horseman. Some of his poetry has been incorporated in the liturgy. A friend of R' Avraham and R' Moshe Ibn Ezra.

ר' יוסף בן מאיר הלוי אבן מגאש - R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR HALEVI IBN MIGASH

Born: Spain, 1077.

Died: Spain, 1141.

Notes: Talmudist. Studied under the Rif for fourteen years and succeeded him as Rosh Yeshiva. He was a teacher of R' Maimon, Rambam's father and through him greatly influenced the work of the Rambam himself. His influence reached the whole Spain and France. Although most of his work has been lost he is known to have authored extensive commentaries on the Talmud, on Hilchot HaRif.

ר' יהודה בן נתן - R' YEHUDA BEN NATAN

ריב"ן - RIVAN

Born: middle/late 1000s.

Died: early/middle 1100s.

Notes: Son-in-law of Rashi and one of his most eminent students. One of the early **Tosefists**. Completed Rashi's commentary on Makkot (after 19a) and on Sanhedrin (Ch 10).

ר' יצחק בן אשר הלוי - R' YITZCHAK BEN ASHER HALEVI

ריב"א - RIVA

Born: Germany, middle/late 1000s.

Died: Speyer, Germany, c. 1130.

Notes: A student of Rashi. The first of the German **Tosefists**. He is reported to have died on Yom Kippur.

R' YOSSEF IBN TZADDIC - ר' יוסף אבן צדיק

Born: Spain, c. 1075.

Died: Cordova, Spain, 1149.

Notes: Religious philosopher. Author of **Olam Katan**.

R' SHMUEL BEN MEIR - ר' שמואל בן מאיר

RASHBAM - רשב"ם

Born: Ramperupt, France, c. 1080.

Died: France, c. 1174

Notes: Torah and Talmudic commentator, one of the **Tosefists**. A grandson of Rashi and brother of Rabbeinu Tam, he learned with his grandfather and his brother was his student. He wrote a somewhat controversial commentary on the Torah. Completed Rashi's commentary on the Talmud, e.g., on Bava Basra and Pesachim.

R' AVRAHAM BEN MEIR IBN EZRA - ר' אברהם בן מאיר אבן עזרא

IBN EZRA - אבן עזרא

Born: Toledo, Spain, c. 1089.

Died: Kalahara, Spain c. 1164.

Notes: Bible commentator, grammarian, philosopher and poet. He received his Torah education in Cordova and later developed a close relationship with R' Yehuda HaLevi. In 1135 he was forced to flee to Rome and travelled to Provence, England, etc. He lived the last thirty years of his life in dire poverty. He is the author of a commentary on the Torah, which is included in the Mikra'ot Gedolot and in which he focuses on the literal meaning of the text and in which he does not refrain from using his knowledge of astronomy and mathematics. Author of **Yesod Mora/Foundations of Reverence**, an exposition on the reasons for the Biblical commandments.

R' ELIEZER BEN NATAN - ר' אליעזר בן נתן

RAVAN - ראב"ן

Born: Mainz, Germany, c. 1090.

Died: Mainz, Germany, c. 1170

Notes: One of the first German Tosefists, halachic codifier, and religious poet. Student of the Riva kept an active correspondence with the Rashbam and Rabbeinu Tam. Author of **Even HaEzer/The Stone of Help**, sometimes referred to as **Tzfanat Paneiach**, a collection of halachic materials. In these materials he tends to assume strict views and focuses on interpretations of earlier authorities rather than on presenting new views. It includes personal accounts and local customs. The work is divided in three parts – one with responsa, the second on topics in Berachot, Chulim, Avodah Zara and Niddah, and the third on other parts of the Talmud He wrote in particular on Moed, Nashim and Nezikim). Author also of commentaries on the prayers, religious poetry and a history of the persecution in his time. Among his student is his grandson, the Raavyah.

R' YITZCHAK BEN MEIR - ר' יצחק בן מאיר

RIVAM - ריב"ם

Born: Ramperupt, France, 1090.

Died: France, 1130.

Notes: A grandson of Rashi and brother of Rabbeinu Tam. Died young leaving seven orphans. One of the **Tosefists**. Author of commentaries in particular on Yevamot and Nedarim.

3. BORN IN THE 1100S CE

R' YAAKOV BEN MEIR - ר' יעקב בן מאיר

RABBEINU TAM - רבינו תם

Born: Ramperupt, France, c. 1100.

Died: Troyes, France, 1171

Notes: "Our Perfect Rabbi" from the verse "Yaakov ish tam". Halachist. A grandson and the most famous descendent of Rashi and one of the most quoted **Tosefists**. Leading halachic authority for Ashkenazic Jewry of his day he convened several Rabbinic Councils to enact rulings binding on French Jewry. His disagreement with Rashi over the correct order of the verses in Tefillin led to the custom of wearing two pairs. Author of **Sefer HaYashar/The Book of the Righteous**, which collects Responsa and new insights on 30 Talmudic tractates.

R' AVRAHAM BEN DAVID HALEVI IBN DAUD – ר' אברהם בן דוד הלוי אבן דאוד

RAAVAD I - ראב"ד הראשון

Born: Cordova, Spain, c. 1110.

Died: Toledo, Spain, c. 1180.

Notes: Philosopher and historian. In his main work, **Emunah Ramah/Exalted Faith** he attempted to show that traditional Judaism and Aristotelian philosophy were not in variance. Also wrote **Sefer HaKabbalah/The Book of Tradition**, detailing the chain of rabbinic tradition from Moshe Rabbeinu to his time, which is a major source of historical information about Spanish Jewry.

R' AVRAHAM BEN YITZCHAK OF NARBONNE - ר' אברהם בן יצחק מנרבונה

RAAVAD II - ראב"ד השני

Born: Montpellier, Provence, c. 1110.

Died: Narbonne, Provence, 1179.

Notes: Halachist and early kabbalist. Rosh Yeshiva, Rav and Av Bet Din in Narbonne, hence the name Raavad, i.e., Rav Avraham Av Bet Din. He studied in both Spain and Narbonne and is reputed as having been a student of R' Yehuda Ben Barzilai Al-Barzeloni. Author of **HaEshkol/The Cluster**, a compendium of halachot on daily observances, which is an abbreviated version of Sefer Halitim. Being the first major code to appear in France it remained authoritative until the Tur and had great influence in works such as Orchat Chaim and Kol Bo. Author also of a commentary on the Talmud of which only on Bava Batra is known and numerous responsa of which only a small part is extant. His students include the Raavad III, his son-in-law, and **R' Zerachyah Ben Yitzchak Halevi Of Lunel**.

R' ELIEZER BEN SHMUEL OF METZ - ר' אליעזר בן שמואל ממיץ

YEREIM - יראים

Born: Metz, France, 1115.

Died: Metz, France 1198.

Notes: A student of Rabbeinu Tam and one of the Tosefists. He wrote **Sefer Yereim**, where he categorizes the 613 commandments into 7 main groups, incorporating Talmudic and Halachic discussions. His students included the Raavyah and the Rokeach.

R' SHMUEL HACHASID - ר' שמואל החסיד

Born: Speyer, Germany, c. 1120.

Died: Speyer, Germany, c. 1175.

Notes: Kabbalist.

R' YEHUDA IBN TIBBUN - ר' יהודה אבן תיבון

Born: Granada, Spain, 1120.

Died: Provence, 1190.

Notes: Scion of a family of translators from Arabic to Hebrew he translated R' Yehuda HaLevi's Kuzari.

R' YEHUDA BEN BARZILAI AL-BARZELONI - יהודה בן ברזילאי אלברצלוני

Born: Barcelona, Spain, c. 1120.

Died: Barcelona, Spain, 1193.

Notes: Talmudist active in Barcelona, Spain. Author of **Sefer HaIttim**, a halachic codification on Shabbat, Festivals, and the calendar depending in large part on Rabbeinu Chananel.

R' YITZCHAK BEN SHMUEL OF DAMPIERES - ר' יצחק בן שמואל מדנפיר

RI - ר"י

Born: Ramperupt, France, c. 1120.

Died: Dampieres, France, c. 1200.

Notes: Also known as Ri HaZaken. A nephew and student of Rabbeinu Tam and the Rivam, married a descendent of Rabbi Yehuda ben Natan. One of the most important **Tosefists** together with Rabbeinu Tam.

R' AVRAHAM BEN DAVID OF POSQUIERES - ר' אברהם בן דוד מפוסקירש

RAAVAD III- ראב"ד השלישי

Born: Narbonne, Provence, c. 1120.

Died: Posquieres, Provence, 1198.

Notes: Talmudic and Halachic scholar, he was the foremost authority of his time in France. Being of great personal wealth he is known to have lived a very modest life and have personally supported many needy students in his Yeshiva in Posquies. Author of **Temim Deim/Perfect knowledge**, a compendium of responsa, of **HaSagot HaRaavad**, glosses to the Rambam where he lists sources for the laws, a book where he argues with the Baal HaMaor in defense of the Rif, of commentaries on Sifra and on Mishna Eduyot and Kinnin, of **Baalei HaNefesh/The Book of the Scrupulous**, on family purity. He was somewhat critical of codifications being afraid that they would detract from studying the Talmudic sources.

R' YITZCHAK BAR ABBA MARI OF MARSEILLES - ר' יצחק בר אבא מרי ממרשייליש

Born: Provence, c. 1122.

Died: Marseilles, Provence, c. 1193.

Notes: A French codifier. Author of **Hilchot Shechitah V'Treifot** on ritual slaughter and post-mortem examination and **Hilchot Tzitzit**. Author of **Ittur Soferim/Scribal Separation**, a code of civil and religious law, where the previous works were incorporated. The Ittur has three parts, the first on jurisprudence, marriage and divorce, the second on tzitzit, tefillin, circumcision, and forbidden foods, and the third on the festivals. This code was initially very successful but was ultimately overshadowed by the Arbah Turim, where it is frequently quoted.

R' ZERACHYAH BEN YITZCHAK HALEVI OF LUNEL - ר' זרחיהו בן יצחק הלוי מלוניל

BAAL HAMAOR - בעל המאור

Born: Gerona, France, c. 1125.

Died: Lunel, Provence, 1186.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Sefer HaMaor** (which he completed by the age of 19), in which some of the rulings of the Rif are disputed and which elicited opposition from among other R' Raavad and the Ramban in his **Milchamot Hashem**. Includes **Sefer Hamaor Hakatan** on seder Moed and **Sefer Hamaor HaGadol** on Nashim and Nezikim.

R' YONATAN BEN DAVID HAKOHEN OF LUNEL - ר' יהונתן בן דוד הכהן מלוניל

Born: Lunel, Provence, c. 1135.

Died: Lunel, Provence, c. 1210.

Notes: Talmudist. Leading Rabbi in Provence, student-friend of R' Zerachyah Gerondi and Raavad. In the forefront in the defense of the Rambam, with whom he corresponded extensively. Author of a commentary on the Rif.

R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON - ר' משה בן מיימון

RAMBAM - רמב"ם

Born: Cordova, Spain, 1135.

Died: Cairo, Egypt, 1204.

Notes: Also known as Maimonides. Great Talmudic commentator, Halachic codifier and philosopher. Born in Spain, he had to flee right after his Bar Mitzvah and lived most of life in Egypt. A physician to the Caliph. Author of

Peirush HaMishnayos, commentary on the Mishna, **Sefer HaMitzvot**, an enumeration of the 613 commandments and an introduction to **Mishneh Torah**, a monumental and original code of Jewish Law also known as **Yad Chazakah**, Yad having the numerical value of 14 the number of parts in this work, and **Moreh Nevuchim/Guide for the Perplexed**, a philosophical treaty. Possibly the most important halachic authority among Rishonim and the greatest Jewish scholar ever. His epithet reads "From Moses to Moses there is no one like Moses", the first Moses referring to Moses Rabbeinu.

R' ELIEZER BEN YOEL HALEVI - ר' אליעזר בן יואל הלוי

RAAVYAH - ראב"ה

Born: Mainz, Germany, c.1140.

Died: Wurzburg, Germany, c. 1225.

Notes: A **Tosefist**. Author of **Avi HaEzri**, a halachic tractate organized according to the order of the Talmud. Studied with his grandfather the Yereim. His students include the Or Zarua and the Rokeach.

R' SHIMSHON BEN AVRAHAM OF SENS - ר' שמשון בן אברהם משאנץ

RASH - ר"ש

Born: France, c. 1150.

Died: Israel, c. 1230.

Notes: Also known as HaSar MSens/The Prince of Sens. One of the most important **Tosefists**. A student of Rabbeinu Tam and the Ri HaZaken. Author of Tosefot on Shabbat and Menachot as well as commentaries on Mishna Zeraim and Toharot. Our editions of the Tosefot are based on his work. Went to Eretz Yisrael with a large group of rabbis in 1211, settling first in Jerusalem and then in Acre. His students include the Smak.

R' YITZCHAK BEN AVRAHAM - ר' יצחק בן אברהם

RITZBA - ריצבא

Born: Dampieres, France, middle 1100.

Died: c. 1210.

Notes: A **Tosefist**. Older brother and teacher of the Rash. A student of the Ri HaZaken, who he succeeded as Rosh Yeshiva in Dampieres, and for some time of Rabbeinu Tam. Author of a guide on the Passover Seder. Aside from the Rash, his students include R' Yechiel of Paris.

R' YEHUDA BEN YAKAR - ר' יהודה בן יקר

Born: Provence, France c. 1150.

Died: Spain, 1225.

Notes: Kabbalist.

R' YEHUDA BEN SHMUEL HACHASID - ר' יהודה בן שמואל החסיד

Born: Speyer, Germany, c. 1150.

Died: Regensburg, Germany 1217.

Notes: Talmudist, Ethicist, and Kabbalist. A **Tosefist**. Rosh Yeshiva in Regensburg. Son and student of R' Shmuel HaChassid. Author of **Sefer Chassidim/Book of the Pious**, on ethics and moral teachings and laws and customs as well as **Shir HaKavod**. He was the main teacher of the religious ethical movement Chasidei Ashkenaz/The Pietists of Germany. Among his students are the Smag and the Ohr Zarua.

R' AVRAHAM BEN NATAN HAYARCHI OF LUNEL - ר' אברהם בן נתן הירחי מלוניל

Born: France, c. 1155.

Died: Spain, c. 1215.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Manhig Olam/Universal Guide** on the customs on Spain, France, Germany, their origin and their development according to the different rabbinic sources.

R' AZRIEL OF GERONA - ר' עזריאל מגירונה

Born: Gerona, Spain, 1160.

Died: Gerona, Spain, 1238.

Notes: Kabbalist.

ר' אלעזר בן יהודה מוורמייזא - R' ELAZAR BEN YEHUDA OF WORMS

רוקח - ROKEACH

Born: Mainz, Germany, c. 1160.

Died: Worms, Germany, c. 1237.

Notes: Kabbalist, Talmudist and religious poet. A Tosefist. Student of R' Yehuda HaChasid and the Raavyah. Author of **Rokeach**, an ethical work on piety, ritual, liturgy etc. One of the Chassidei Ashkenaz, he was responsible for popularizing the customs of the German pietists. Among his students are the Ramban and R' Menachem Recanati.

ר' דוד בן יוסף קמחי - R' DAVID BEN YOSSEF KIMCHI

רד"ק - RADAK

Born: Narbonne, Provence, c. 1160.

Died: Narbonne, Provence, c. 1235.

Notes: Bible commentator and grammarian. Author of a commentary on the Bible, which covers Bereishit, Neviim, Tehilim, Mishlei, and Divrei Yamim, **Mikhlol/Compendium**, a Hebrew grammar, **Sefer HaShorashim**, an early Hebrew dictionary and **Vikuach**, a work of polemics against Christian theology, and translator of Chovot Levavot into Hebrew. In his late years he sided with the Rambam against his opponents, advocating the study of philosophy for those steadfast in their faith.

ר' יוסף בן אברהם גיקטליא - R' YOSSEF BEN AVRAHAM GIKATILLA

Born: Gerona, Spain, 1160.

Died: Gerona, Spain, 1238.

Notes: Kabbalist. Student of R' Avraham Abulafia. Lived in Segovia most of his life. Author of **Shaarei Orah** and **Ginat Egoz**, on the symbolism of the Hebrew alphabet.

ר' יהודה בן יצחק - R' YEHUDA BEN YITZCHAK

Born: France, 1166.

Died: Paris, France, 1224.

Notes: Also known as Sir Leon of Paris. **Tosefist**. Descendent of Rashi and student of R' Yitzchak ben Shmuel of Dampieres, the Ri. Re-established the Yeshiva of Paris in 1198. Among his students were R' Yechezkel of Paris, R' Moshe of Couchy and the Or Zarua.

ר' מאיר בן טודרוס הלוי אבולעפא - R' MEIR BEN TODROS HALEVI ABULAFIA

רמ"ה - RAMAH

Born: Spain, c. 1170.

Died: Spain, c. 1244.

Notes: Talmudist. Av Bet Din in Toledo, he was regarded as one of the foremost halachic authorities of his time being consulted by the Ramban among others. He was one of the first rabbis to attack the Rambam on his views on resurrection etc, and he was opposed to the study of philosophy. Author of **Peratei Peratim/Minute Details**, a compendium of chidushim on the whole Talmud written in Aramaic, of which only Bava Basra and Sanhedrin are extant and are known as **Yad Ramah**.

ר' ברוך בן יצחק מוורמייזא - R' BARUCH BEN YITZCHAK OF WORMS

Born: Worms, Germany, 1170.

Died: Israel, 1211.

Notes: Tosefist. A student of R' Yitzchak ben Shmuel of Dampieres, the Ri. Upon the death of his teacher, he spend a considerable amount of time in France with R' Yehuda ben Yitzchak. Maybe because of this, and although he seems to have lived much of his life in Germany, he is sometimes referred to as Ha-Tzorefati. Author of **Sefer HaTerumah**, a summary of halachot organized according to the chapter of the relevant Talmud tractate, and which reflects the teachings of the school of the Ri. Written around 1200, this sefer gained widespread acceptance in France, Italy, Germany, and Spain and is often quoted by later authorities of the period. Parts of it were inserted into the Machzor Vitry. Author of tosefot on several Talmud tractates, of which only those on Zevachim are extant. He moved to Eretz Yisrael, in the early 1200s where he died.

R' MESHULAM BEN MOSHE - ר' משולם בן משה

Born: Lunel, Provence, c. 1175.

Died: Belziers, Provence, 1238.

Notes: Talmudist. He was one of the most prominent scholars of his time in Provence. He is known to have opposed the focus on Kabbalistic studies and to have corresponded with the Ramban on issues related to Tractate Eruvin. Author of **Sefer HaHashlamah**, which complements the Rif in the areas that were not discussed in it and quickly became part of the traditional version of the Rif.

R' YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE OF VIENNA - ר' יצחק בן משה מווינא

OHR ZARUA - אור זרוע

Born: Bohemia, Germany, c. 1180.

Died: Vienna, Austria, c. 1250.

Notes: Halachic codifier. Student of R' Yehuda HaChasid, Raavyah, and the Rokeach. Author of **Ohr Zarua/Light is Sown**, an Halachic guide on religious but not civil and criminal law, which extensive quotations of sources as well as information about Jewish life at the time. Among his students is the Maharam MRotenberg.

R' YONAH BEN AVRAHAM GERONDI - ר' יונה בן אברהם גירנדי

RABBEINU YONAH - רבינו יונה

Born: Gerona, Spain, c. 1180.

Died: Toledo, Spain, 1263.

Notes: Talmudic and halachic scholar as well as a great pietist. Cousin of the Ramban and student of R' Shlomo ben Avraham of Montpellier. He engaged in great polemics against Rambam, banning the Moreh Nevuchim. After the burning of 24 wagonloads of seforim in 1242 he regretted his earlier zeal and wrote **Shaarei Teshuva/Gates of Repentance**, a work on ethics and repentance. Author of a commentary on the Rif. His students put together a collection of commentaries on the Talmud under the name **Talmidei Rabbeinu Yonah**. Among his students is the Rashba.

R' YESHAYAH BEN MALI HAZAKEN OF TRANI - ר' ישעיה בן מאלו הזקן דטראני

TOSEFOT RID - תוספות רי"ד

Born: Trani, Italy, c.1180.

Died: Trani, Italy, c. 1260.

Notes: Talmudist. One of the **Tosefists**. Author of **Piskei HaRid/Decisions of the Rid**, an extensive halachic compendium on the Talmud along the lines of the Rif and **Tosefot Rid**, with chidushim on at least 19 Talmud tractates.

R' AVRAHAM BEN MOSHE MAIMON - ר' אברהם בן משה מיימון

Born: Egypt, 1186.

Died: Egypt, 1237.

Notes. Only son of the Rambam, he succeeded his father as leader of the Jewish community in Egypt and physician to the caliph. Author of Biblical commentaries, an encyclopedia of Jewish religion and ethics, and philosophical writings defending his father. Author of **Sefer HaMaspik LeOvdei Hashem**, a book on mussar. Author of responsa and many enactments, one of his most famous binding rules prohibits excommunication by only one rabbi.

R' YECHIEL BEN YOSSEF OF PARIS - ר' יחיאל בן יוסף מפאריש

Born: Meaux, France, 1190.

Died: Israel, 1268.

Notes: Also known as Sir Vives. Talmudist and **Tosefist**. Rosh Yeshiva of Paris he was the main Rav in the Paris Disputation on the Talmud of 1240. He moved in 1260 with many of his students to Acre, Israel.

R' SHMUEL BEN YITZCHAK SARDI - ר' שמואל בן יצחק סרדי

Born: Spain, c. 1190.

Died: Spain, c. 1256.

Notes: Author of **Sefer HaTerumot**, focuses exclusively on civil law. Work is divided into 70 gates each dealing with the specific subjects and chapters and paragraphs very much along the lines of the Mishneh Torah. Unlike the Mishneh Torah, however, it goes to the sources and different opinions.

R' MOSHE BEN NACHMAN - ר' משה בן נחמן

RAMBAN - רמב"ן

Born: Gerona, Spain, c. 1194.

Died: Israel, c. 1270.

Notes: Also known as Nachmanides. Great Biblical and Talmudic commentator, Kabbalist, and Jewish leader, and a physician and linguist by trade. Scion of a renowned rabbinical family, he was a relative of R' Yonah of Gerona, and was a student of R' Yehuda ben Yakar. R' Natan ben Meir and a disciple in Kabbalah of R' Meir Abulafia, R' Ezra of Gerona, and R' Ezriel of Gerona. He opposed the rationalism of the Rambam while not opposing his halachic rulings. Participated in the Disputation of Barcelona in 1263 in the presence of King James I of Aragon and wrote **Sefer HaVikuach**, with a detailed account of this disputation. Banned from Spain in the aftermath of the disputation, he settled in Eretz Yisrael in 1267. Having been the first major authority to pronounce the resettlement of the land of Israel as a Biblical commandment, he spent the last years of his life trying to rebuild Jewish life, which had been devastated by the Cruzades. He is the author of a major commentary on Chumash, printed in the Mikraot Gedolot, which integrates midrashic and kabbalistic elements, a commentary on the Talmud, **Milchamot Hashem**, a halachic work in defense of the views of the Rif, and **Toras HaAdam**, on the laws of the sick and dead. His students include the Raah and the Rashba.

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R' SHIMON HADARSHON OF FRANKFURT - ר' שמעון מפרנקפורט

Born: 1200s.

Died: 1200s.

Notes: Author of **Yalkut Shemoni**, a midrashic anthology on the Chumash.

R' MOSHE BEN YAAKOV OF COUCHY - ר' משה בן יעקב מקוצי

SMAG - סמ"ג

Born: France, early 1200s.

Died: Spain, middle/late 1200s.

Notes: Tosefist. Talmudist and Preacher. Student of R' Yehuda HaChassid. Author of **Tosefot Yeshanim** to Yoma. Participated in the Paris Disputation on the Talmud of 1240. He preached pietism in Southern France and Spain. Author of **Sefer Mitzvot Gadol/SMAG**, an enumeration of the 613 mitzvot based on Rambam's Mishneh Torah and which marks the penetration of the Rambam in France. The importance of the Smag was only surpassed by the publication of the Shulchan Aruch, and his author is regarded as one of the major poskim of all generations.

R' YAAKOV OF KINON - ר' יעקב מקינון

Born: Kinon, France, early 1200s.

Died: Kinon, France, late 1200s.

Notes:

R' ELIEZER BEN SHLOMO OF TOUQUES - ר' אליעזר בן שלמה מטוק

Born: France, early 1200.

Died: France, c 1290.

Notes: **Tosefist**. A student of the Or Zarua. His arrangement of the Tosefot form the basis of the standard version included in the Talmud and is based on abbreviations of the Tosefot by R' Shimshon of Sens. He was highly regarded in his lifetime, being considered at the level of the Maharam MRotenberg.

R' MEIR BEN BARUCH HAKOHEN - ר' מאיר בן ברוך הכהן

MAHARAM MROTENBERG - מהר"ם מרוטנבורג

Born: Worms, Germany, c. 1215

Died: Ansishein, Alsace, 1293

Notes: One of the last and most influential **Tosefists**. Student of Rabbi Yechiel of Paris. Rabbi in Wurzburg, Augsburg, Worms, Mayence, Nuremberg, and Rotenberg. The most important German rabbi of his day he was also the recognized Ashkenazic authority of his time. Spent the last 7 years of his life in prison where he died having refused to allow himself to be redeemed for extortionary amounts of money. His body was released for burial only 14 years after his death. Author of the Tosefot on Yoma and commentaries on Zeraim and Taharot. Author of **HaGahot Maimoni**, a commentary on the Rambam and **Teshuvot Maimoni**, responsa related to the rulings of the Rambam. He also wrote religious poetry some of which is included in the Tisha B'Av service. His students include the Rosh and the Mordechai.

R' YITZCHAK BEN YOSSEF OF COURBEIL - ר' יצחק בן יוסף מקורביל

SMAK - סמ"ק

Born: France, first quarter of 1200.

Born: France, first quarter of 1200.

Died: Courbeil, France, 1280.

Notes: Son-in-law and student of Rabbi Yechiel of Paris. A **Tosefist**. Author of **Sefer Mitzvot Katan-Smak/Small Book of Precepts**, a book of halachot applicable in the post-Temple period, interspersed with ethics and homiletics inspired by the Sefer Mitzvot Gadol. The Smak is divided in seven parts one to be reviewed each day of the week. Among his students is Rabbeinu Peretz.

ר' שם טוב בן יוסף אבן פלקירה - R' SHEM TOV BEN YOSSEF IBN PALQUERA

Born: Palquera, Spain, c. 1225.

Died: Spain, c. 1295.

Notes: Religious philosopher and poet. He worked on reconciling philosophy and Judaism. Author of **HaMevakesh, and Moreh HaMoreh/A Guide to the Guide**, a commentary on Rambam's Moreh Nevuchim.

ר' טודרוס בן יוסף הלוי אבולעפא - R' TODROS BEN YOSSEF HALEVI ABULAFIA

Born: Spain, 1225.

Died: Spain, c. 1285.

Notes: Kabbalist. A nephew of R Meir Abulafia, he acted as Chief Rabbi of Castille. He denounced the laxity of Jews in Castille and demanded high standards of morality and observance. Author of **Otzar HaKavod/Treasury of Glory**, a mystical commentary on Talmudic legends.

ר' צדקיה בן אברהם עניו הרופא - R' TZIDKAYAH BEN AVRAHAM ANAV HAROFEI

Born: Italy, 1230.

Died: Rome, Italy, 1300.

Notes: Author of **Shibolei HaLeket/Gleanings**, glosses on the first part of the Tur, describes rituals followed in Italy. Student of R' Yaakov of Wurzburg, R' Avigor Katz, and R' Daniel of Rome.

ר' אהרן בן יוסף הלוי - R' AHARON BEN YOSSEF HALEVI

רא"ה - RAAH

Born: Barcelona, Spain, c. 1235.

Died: Barcelona, Spain, c. 1300.

Notes: Talmudist and Halachic codifier. A student of the Ramban, he spent most his life in Barcelona where he interacted with the Rashba. Author of **Bedek HaBeit/Search of the House**, a critique of the Torat HaBeit, a halachic work of the Rashba, to which the Rashba countered with Mishmeret HaBeit. Presumed author of **Sefer HaChinuch/The Book of Education**, enumerating the 613 mitzvot in their order in the Torah, although many dispute his authorship. His students include the Ritva.

ר' שלמה בן אברהם אבן אדרת - R' SHLOMO BEN AVRAHAM IBN ADERET

רשב"א - RASHBA

Born: Barcelona, Spain, c. 1235.

Died: Barcelona, Spain, c. 1310.

Notes: Student of Rabbeinu Yonah Gerondi and the Ramban. Rabbi of Barcelona and leader of the Spanish Jewry. Author of **Chidushei HaRashba**, a commentary on the Talmud. Author of **Teshuvot HaRashba**, 8 volumes containing about 16,000 Responsa, the most extensive of any Rishon, which are of great important to psak halacha and lay the foundation of the later codes like the Tur and Shulchan Aruch. He also wrote a commentary on rabbinical legends, works on the laws of Shabbat and festivals. He defended the Rambam in renewed controversies over his philosophy but opposed excessive rationalism or mysticism. He allowed secular studies but issued a ban on such studies until age 30. His students include the Ritva and Rabbeinu Bachya.

ר' מרדכי בן הילל אשכנזי - R' MORDECHAI BEN HILLEL HAKOHEN ASHKENAZI

מרדכי - MORDECHAI

Born: Germany, c. 1240.

Died: Nuremberg, Germany, 1298.

Notes: A relative of the Rosh, son-in-law of R' Yechiel of Paris, brother-in-law and student of the Maharan MRotenberg and a student of Rabbeinu Peretz. Died with wife and five children in the Rindfleisch Massacres. Author of **Mordechai**, halachic digest of the Talmud and early authorities following the format of the Rif.

ר' מנחם בן שלמה המאירי - R' MENACHEM BEN SHLOMO HAMEIRI

מאירי - MEIRI

Born: Carcassone, France, c. 1249.

Died: Perpignan, France, c. 1315.

Notes: Biblical commentator and Talmudist. A student of the Rashba and R' Reuven ben Chaim of Narbonne. Opposed condemnation of study of philosophy in the context of the controversies over the works of the Rambam. Author of commentaries on Psalms and Proverbs. Author of **Beit HaBechira**, a digest of the discussion in the Talmud as well as **Chidushei HaMeiri**. Most of his work was virtually unknown until 1949 when the Vatican allowed it to be reprinted from microfiche.

ר' אשר בן יחיאל - R' ASHER BEN YECHIEL

רא"ש - ROSH

Born: Germany, c. 1250.

Died: Toledo, Spain, 1327.

Notes: Talmudist and Halachist, one of the most important in Jewish history. He was a descendent of the Meor HaGolah and a leading student of the Maharam Mrotenburg and his successor as the leader of Germany. Left Germany in 1303 in the aftermath of the Rindfleish massacres and was welcomed by the Rashba in Barcelona. Became Rav and Av Bet Din of Toledo in 1305 and became the leading authority in Spain after the death of the Rashba. In this capacity he introduced in Spain the methods of the Tosefists and Ashkenazic minhagim. Opposed any attempt to give precedence to secular learning having prohibited such studies under 25 year of age. Author of a commentary on the Mishneh, **Peirush HaRosh**, a commentary on the Talmud patterned after the Rif, **Hilchot HaRosh** (also known as **Piskei HaRosh**), a compilation of halachas which is the basis for subsequent compilation including the Tur, **Tosefot HaRosh**, where he clarifies the Tosefot, Teshuvot Ha Rosh, a compilation of his responsa, and **Orchot Chaim**, on Ethics. Among his students are his son, the Tur.

ר' משה שם טוב די ליאון - R' MOSHE SHEM TOV DE LEON

Born: Leon, Spain, 1250.

Died: Spain, 1305.

Notes: Rabbi and Kabbalist. Circulated the Zohar, the most sacred book of Kabbalah which is traditionally attributed to R' Shimon Bar Yochai, starting around 1280.

ר' יצחק בן שמואל דמן עכו - R' YITZCHAK BEN SHMUEL OF ACRE

Born: Israel, c. 1250.

Died: Toledo, Spain, 1340.

Notes: Kabbalist. Visited Spain to examine the authenticity of the Zohar.

ר' חזקיה חזקוני - R' CHIZKIYAH CHIZKUNI

Born: Province, c. 1250.

Died:

Notes: Torah Commentator.

ר' יום טוב בן אברהם אשבילי - R' YOM TOV BEN AVRAHAM ASHBILI

ריטב"א - RITVA

Born: Seville, Spain, 1250.

Died: Seville, Spain, 1330.

Notes: Talmudist. Student of the Raah and the Rashba. Author of a very concise commentary on the Talmud, **Chidushei HaRitva**. Author of **Sefer HaZikaron/The Book of Remembrance** in defense of the Rambam.

ר' פרץ בן אליהו מקורב"ל - R' PERETZ BEN ELIYAHU OF COURBEIL

רבינו פרץ - RABBEINU PERETZ

Born: Courbeil, middle 1200s.

Died: late 1200s.

Notes: One of the **Tosefists**. Related through his mother to the Kimchi family. A student of the Rav Yechiel of Paris, the Smak, and Maharam Mrotenburg. Head of Yeshiva of France. He was one of the first to edit Tosefot on the Talmud. Author of **HaGahot HaSmak**, glosses on the Smak.

ר' וידאל יום טוב די טלושא - R' VIDAL YOM TOV OF TOLOSA

הרב המגיד - HARAV HAMAGGID

Born: Tolosa, Spain, late 1200s/early 1300s.

Died: Spain, late 1300s.

Notes: Rabbi and commentator on the Rambam. A student of the Rashba. Author of **Maggid Mishneh**, a commentary on Rambam's Mishneh Torah including sources for laws, explaining why some laws preceded others and why some were omitted. Defended the Rambam in particular against R' Avraham ben David of Posquieres. He is credited with having died a martyr's death.

R' BACHYA BEN ASHER IBN HAWALA - ר' בחיי בן אשר אבן חאלאוה

RABBEINU BACHYA - רבינו בחיי

Born: Saragossa, Spain, 1263.

Died: Saragossa, Spain, 1340.

Notes: Torah commentator, Talmudist, and Kabbalist. Student of the Rashba, he was for most of his life a Dayan and preacher in Saragossa. Author of **Midrash Rabbeinu Bachya**, a very popular commentary on the Torah using the fourfold method of interpretation (Pardes: literal, philosophical, homiletical, and mystical), of **Kad HaKemach**, a book on ethics, as well as several books on kabbalah.

R' YAAKOV BEN ASHER - ר' יעקב בן אשר

TUR - טור

Born: Cologne, Germany, c. 1275.

Died: Toledo, Spain c. 1349.

Notes: Torah commentator, Talmudist and Halachic codifier. The third son of the Rosh and a student of his father, his older brother Yechiel, and the Rashba. A pietist who refused to take a position as Rabbi and only became member of the Toledo Bet Din after his father's death. Author of **Arba Turim/The Four Rows**, Code of Jewish Law that bridged the gap between the French and Spanish schools and formed the basis for the Shulchan Aruch. Unlike the Rambam in Mishneh Torah he includes all sources. Also, he only deals with the laws that are still applicable in the post-Temple period. Introduces the division in four parts - **Orach Chayim**, on the laws of daily practise throughout the year, including Shabbat and Holidays, **Yoreh Deah**, on the laws of kashrut and purity, morning and niddah, **Chosen Mishpat**, on civil and monetary issues, and **Even HaEzer**, on marriage and divorce. Author of two commentaries on the Torah, the **Baal HaTurim**, a short commentary based on gematria as well as a longer commentary, of a commentary on Rambam's Mishne Torah, and of **Kitzur Piskei HaRosh**, compiling halachic conclusions of the Rosh. His students include R' Abudarham.

R' AHARON BEN YAAKOV HAKOHEN OF LUNEL - ר' אהרן בן יעקב הכהן מלוניל

KOL BO -

Born: Narbonne, France, 1280.

Died: Majorca, Spain, 1330.

Notes: Halachic codifier. Exiled from France to Spain in 1307. Author of **Orchot Chaim/Paths of Life**, a compilation of the opinions of earlier authorities on the laws of prayer, Shabbat, marriage, divorce, and kashrut etc., following and order similar to the Tur. Author of **Kol Bo** "Everything in it", an abridged version of the Orchard Chaim (some say it was written before and dispute his authorship).

R' YERUCHAM BEN MESHULAM - ר' ירוחם בן משולם

RABBEINU YERUCHAM - רבינו ירוחם

Born: Provence, c. 1280.

Died: Toledo, Spain, c. 1350.

Notes: Halachist. He was exiled from Provence in 1306 and settled in Toledo where he studied under the Rosh. He is the author **Meisharim**, a halachich works dealing with financial matters as well as **Toldot Adam V'Chava**, on Jewish Law as it pertains to the lifecycle, Adam deals with laws from birth to marriage and Chava from marriage until death. Both works are cited frequently in the Beit Yossef.

R' SHEMTOV BEN ABRAHAM IBN GAON - ר' שם טוב בן אברהם אבן גאון

Born: Spain, 1282.

Died: Spain, 1340.

Notes: **Migdal Oz** (A Strong Tower, see Mishpatim 9:51), was the first work to systematically identify the sources for Maimonides' rulings. It defends the Mishneh Torah from attacks by critics, especially the Raavad, cites from Rambam's responsa, and corrects textual errors that crept into the manuscripts, including changes introduced by the Rambam.

R' LEVI BEN GERSHON - ר' לוי בן גרשון

RALBAG - רלב"ג

Born: Bagnols, Provence, 1288.

Died: France, 1344.

Notes: Also known as Gersonides. Torah commentator, philosopher, mathematician, and astronomer. Author of a commentary on almost the entire Bible. His philosophical views were expressed in **Sefer Milchamot Ad-nai**, a supplement to Rambam's philosophy, which was the subject of harsh criticism by R' Chasdai Crescas, R' Yitzchak ben Sheshet and R' Yitzchak Abrabanel among others.

R' NISSIM BEN REUVEN OF GERONA - ר' ניסים בן ראובן גירנדי

RAN - ר"ן

Born: Gerona, Spain, c. 1290.

Died: Barcelona, Spain, c. 1380.

Notes: Talmudic commentator and Halachist. Royal physician, lived most of his life in Barcelona where he was Rav, Dayan, and Rosh Yeshiva. He was recognized as the foremost halachic authority of his time. He wrote in the traditions of the school of the Ramban and the Rashba. Author of **HaRan** a commentary on the Rif which is printed in the back on many Talmudic tractates, **Chidushei Ha-Ran**, a commentary to the Talmud (many question his authorship on Shabbat, which is the Ritva). Also wrote **Drashot HaRan** on the basis of faith and philosophy and his responsa of which only 77 are known are collected in **Teshuvot HaRan**. Among his students were R' Barfat, R' Chasdai Crescas, and Yossef Chaviva.

R' MENACHEM BEN BINYAMIN RECANATI - ר' מנחם בן בנימין ריקנטי

Born: Italy, late 1200s.

Died: Italy, 1290.

Notes: Kabbalist, Torah commentator. Author of commentaries on the Torah, the siddur, and kabbalistic works explaining the deeper meanings of the commandments. Considered the first scholar to have quoted from the Zohar.

R' ALEXANDER SUSLIN HAKOHEN - ר' אלכסנדר זוסלין הכהן

Born: middle/late 1200s

Died: Frankfurt, Germany, 1348.

Notes: Author of **Aggudah** (Collection) a code on all areas of the Talmud arranged in the order of the Talmud. It is one of the very few known codes of the period to include topics in the area of Choshen Mishpat. This code includes earlier decisions as well as the decisions of the author. It served as an important source for the Rama's work in his Mapah.

5. BORN IN THE 1300S CE

R' AVRAHAM BEN YITZCHAK

Born: 1300s

Died: 1300s.

Notes: Kabbalist. Lived most of his life in Grenada. Author of **Brit Menucha**, a kabbalistic work greatly admired by the Ari Zal and R' Moshe Cordovero.

R' YITZCHAK BEN MEIR OF DUREN - ר' יצחק בן מאיר מדורא

Born: 1300s.

Died: 1300s.

Notes: Halachic codifier. A student of the Maharam M'Rotemberg. Lived in Duren, Germany. Author of **Shaarei Dura/Gates of Duren** or **Issur VeHeter/Prohibition and Permission**, dealing with dietary laws and which was authoritative until the Shulchan Aruch.

R' DAVID BEN YOSSEF ABUDARHAM OF SEVILLE - ר' דוד בן יוסף אבודרהם די שיבול

Born: Spain, early 1300s.

Died: Spain, late 1300s.

Notes: Talmudic and halachic scholar and liturgist. Student of the Tur. Author of **Sefer Abudarham**, a guide and commentary on the siddur and regulations of prayer and blessings, motivated by the lack of understanding among Jews of the synagogue services and based on the Talmud and later commentators.

R' MENACHEM BEN ZERACH - ר' מנחם בן זרח

Born: France, c. 1310.

Died: Spain, 1385.

Notes: Born in France he settled in Spain after the expulsion, only to have his parents and four siblings die in a massacre there in 1328. He moved to Toledo where he studied with R' Yehudah ben Asher, a son of the Rosh and brother of the Tur. He eventually became the Rabbi of Halcala de Henares and Toledo. Author of **Tzeidah LaDerech**, a halachic compendium where ethics and philosophy are also included.

R' YITZCHAK BEN SHESHET PERFET - ר' יצחק בן ששת פרפט

RIVASH - ריב"ש

Born: Barcelona, Spain, 1326.

Died: Algiers, c. 1408.

Notes: Talmudic and halachic scholar. A student of the Ran. Lived in Spain most of his life presumably until around the time of the Spanish Massacres of 1391. Settled in Algiers where he became the Chief Rabbi. Author of commentaries on the Talmud preserved as part of the Shitta Mekubetzet, as well as responsa. He warned against the study of philosophy and Kabbalah. His students included the Rashbatz.

R' CHASDAI BEN AVRAHAM CRESCAS - ר' חיסדאי בן אברהם קרשקש

Born: Spain, 1340.

Died: Spain, 1410.

Notes: Religious philosopher. Chief Rabbi of Aragon. A student of the Ran. Author of **Or Adonai/The Light of G-d** in which he refutes Rambam's Guide to the Perplexed. Offered in Eight Principles of Faith in opposition to the Rambam's Thirteen. Author of works critical of Christian theology to win back forced Jewish converts to Christianity. Lost a son in the Spanish Massacres of 1391.

R' MEIR ALDABI - ר' מאיר אלדבי

Born: Toledo, Spain, middle 1300.

Died: Spain.

Notes: Religious philosopher. Author of **Shevilei Emunah**.

ר' YISRAEL OF KREMS - ישראל מקרימו -

Born: Austria, middle 1300s.

Died: Austria, 1420.

Notes: Author of **HaGahot Ashri**, notes on the Talmudic and halachic commentaries of the Rosh.

ר' YITZCHAK BEN YAAKOV KANPANTON - יצחק בן יעקב קנפנטון -

Born: Spain, 1360.

Died: Penafiel. Spain, 1463

Notes: Teacher and Halachist. Also known as the Gaon of Castille. He was the Rosh Yeshiva in Zamora. His only known sefer is **Darchei HaGemarah/The Ways of the Gemarah**, which deals with how to study Talmud and whose influence spread also to the Ashkenazi communities. His known students include R' Yitzchak de Leon, R' Yitzchak Aboab, and R' Shmuel di Valencia. His work and his students are mentioned by R' Yossef Karo in the Shulchan Aruch and by R' Yeshayah Horowitz in his Shnei Luchot HaBrit.

ר' SHIMON BEN TZEMACH DURAN - שמעון בן צמח דוראן -

RASHBATZ - רשב"ץ

Born: Majorca, Spain, c. 1361.

Died: North Africa, 1444.

Notes: Also known as the Tashbatz. Philosopher and halachic codifier. Left Spain in the aftermath of the 1391 massacres and moved to Algiers, where he eventually succeeded the Rivash as the Chief Rabbi. Author of many Responsa, about 800 of which are known, and some of which have been compiled under **Teshuvot Shimon ben Tzemach/Tashbatz**. Author of **Magen Avot/Shield of the Patriarchs**, a commentary on Avot. His students include his son the Rashbash.

ר' YAAKOV BEN MOSHE HALEVI MOLLN - יעקב בן משה הלוי מולין -

MAHARIL - מהרי"ל

Born: Mainz, Germany, c. 1365

Died: Worms, Germany, 1427

Notes: Leading Ashkenazic halachic authority of his time. Active in Austria and Germany. Author of **Minhagim**, where he reports on the customs of the German Jews, in particular in rituals, which are often incorporated by the Rama in his glosses to the Shulchan Aruch. Among his students is the Terumas HaDeshem and the Mahariv.

ר' YOSSEF ALBO - יוסף אלבו -

BAAL HAIKKARIM - בעל העקרים

Born: Spain, c. 1380.

Died: Spain, 1435.

Notes: Philosopher and itinerant preacher. Student of R' Chasdai Crescas. Participated in the Disputation of Tortosa 1413-4. Author of **Sefer HaIkkarim/Book of Basic Principles** where the basis of Jewish faith is reduced to three principles: existence of G-d, Divine Revelation of the Torah, and reward and punishment all the other being derivative.

ר' YISRAEL BEN PETACHIAH ISSERLEIN - ישראל בן פתחיה איסרלין -

TERUMAS HADESHEM - תרומת הדשן

Born: Regensburg, Germany, 1390.

Died: Weiner-Neustadt, Austria, 1460.

Notes: Also known as the MaHarai. Student of the Maharil. Forced to flee to Italy and then Austria, he became Rav and Av Bet Din of Neustadt after 1445. Author of **Terumas HaDeshem/The Fat Offering**, halachic responsa and rulings based on the works of French and German scholars as well as some Spanish scholars (Rif and Rambam mostly). This sefer includes 354 responsa which is the gematria of deshe. His rulings tended to be stringent.

ר' PROFIAT YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE HALEVI DURAN - פרופייט יצחק בן משה הלוי דוראן -

Born: Spain, late 1300s.

Died: Spain.

Notes: Religious philosopher. Author of **Al Tehi KaAvotecha**.

R' SHLOMO BEN SHIMON DURAN - ר' שלמה בן שמעון דוראן

RASHBASH - רשב"ש

Born: Algiers, late 1300s.

Died: Algiers, 1467.

Notes: Son and student of the Rashbatz and his successor as Chief Rabbi of Algiers. Author of a defense on the Talmud against attacks by apostates and many responsa, compiled by his son under the name **Yachin U'Boaz**.

R' YAAKOV BEN YEHUDA WEIL - ר' יעקב בן יהודה ווייל

MAHARIV - מהרי"ו

Born: late 1300s.

Died: Germany, middle 1400s.

Notes: One of the main students of the Maharil. Rav of Augsburg and Erfurt. His responsa is known as **Shaalot U'Teshuvot Mahariv**. His students included the Mahari Bruna and the Maharan Mintz.

R' YOSSEF CHAVIVA - ר' יוסף חביב

Born: Spain, late 1300s.

Died: Spain, 1400s.

Notes: **Nimukei Yossef** is a commentary on Hilchot HaRif, which is included in the traditional edition of the Talmudic volumes for which no Ran exists, including Moed Katan, Yevamot, Bava Kamma, Bava Metzia, Bava Basra, Sanhedrin and Makkot.

6. BORN IN THE 1400S CE

R' YISRAEL BEN CHAIM BRUNA – מהר"י ברונא - ר' ישראל בן חיים ברונא

MAHARI BRUNA - מהר"י ברונא

Born: Germany, 1400.

Died: Germany, 1480.

Notes: Halachist. Student of the Mahariv and R' Ysrael Isserlin. His responsa are known mostly through the writings of the Rama.

R' YOSSEF IBN SHEM TOV - ר' יוסף אבן שם טוב

Born: Castille, Spain, c. 1400.

Died: Spain, c. 1460.

Notes: Religious philosopher. Author of **Kevod Elokim**.

R' YAAKOV BARUCH BEN YEHUDA LANDAU - ר' יעקב ברוך בן יהודה לנדא

AGUR

Born: Germany, early 1400s.

Died: Italy, 1493.

Notes: Halachist. Author of **Agur**, a compendium of halachot and minhagim as well as a collection of responsa on Orach Chaim and Yoreh Deah based on the Tur and anthologizing German halachic scholarship. A new feature of this work is the inclusion of kabbalistic theory in halachic matters as a way to help reaching a decision. In addition the Agur is considered the first Hebrew book to contain *haskamot*/approbations from other Rabbis.

R' YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE ARAMA - ר' יצחק בן משה ארמא

Born: Zamora, Spain, 1420.

Died: Naples, Italy, 1494.

Died: Rabbi and preacher. Lived most of his life in Spain and moved to Italy after the Expulsion in 1492. Author of **Sefer HaAkedah**, a homiletical commentary on Chumash and a theological essay defending Judaism against Christianity.

R' AVRAHAM BEN YAAKOV SABA –

Born: Zamora, Spain, early 1400s.

Died: c. 1508.

Notes: Kabbalist and Torah Commentator. After the Expulsion from Spain settled in Portugal from where he left after the Expulsion of 1497. Author of **Tzror Hamor**, a commentary on the Torah with a mystical bent and **Eshkol Hakofer** a coomentary on Ruth.

R' YITZCHAK ABUHAV - ר' יצחק אבוהב

MAHARI ABUHAV - מהר"י אבוהב

Born: Spain, 1433.

Died: Tzefat, Israel, 1493.

Notes: Student of R' Yitzchak Kanapton. Author of an ethical work **Menorat HaMaor** and two halachic works that have been lost. Among his students are R' Yossef Azriel and R' Yom Tov Azriel.

R' YITZCHAK BEN YEHUDA ABRABANEL - ר' יצחק בן יהודה אברבנאל

Born: Lisbon, Portugal 1437.

Died: Venice, Italy, 1508.

Notes: Religious philosopher and Biblical commentator. Statesman and treasurer to Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. A rationalist he maintained that philosophy should be second to religion. Although very influent in the court he could not avoid the Spanish Expulsion of 1492 and was exiled to Italy. Author of a Bible commentary, a commentary on Rambam's Guide to the Perplexed, a commentary on the Haggadah and on Avot. **Maayeny Hayeshuah**.

R' OVADIAH BEN AVRAHAM YAREI OF BARTENURA - ר' עובדיה בן אברהם וירא מברטנורא -

RAV - רע"ב -

Born: Bartenura, Italy, c. 1445.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, c. 1524.

Notes: Commentator on the Mishna and Talmudist. Set out for Israel in 1485, where he arrived after stays in Naples, Palermo, and Egypt. Settled in Jerusalem where he established an important Torah center where he was recognized as the major authority for Israel and Egypt. Author of a commentary on the Mishna and a series of travel letters of his journey to Eretz Yisrael (1488-90).

R' YAAKOV BEN SHLOMO IBN CHAVIV - ר' יעקב בן שלמה אבן חביב -

EYN YAAKOV - עין יעקב -

Born: Zamora, Spain, c. 1445.

Died: Salonika, Greece, c. 1516.

Notes: Talmudist. Settled in Salonika after the Spanish Expulsion. Author of **Eyn Yaakov**, a commentary on the aggadic parts of the both Talmuds on Zeraim and Moed (the rest was composed by his son Levi)

R' AVRAHAM BEN SHMUEL ZACUTO - ר' אברהם בן שמואל -

Born: Spain, c. 1450.

Died: 1510.

Notes: Rabbi and Astronomer. Studied and taught in the University of Salamanca, Spain. Exiled to Portugal after 1492, was appointed Chief Astronomer and then Chief Rabbi of Portugal. After the 1497 Expulsion from Portugal went to North Africa where he wrote **Sefer HaYuchassin/The Book of Genealogies** and then Jerusalem.

R' YAAKOV BEN YOSSEF POLLACK - ר' יעקב בן יוסף -

Born: Bavaria, Germany, c. 1460.

Died: Poland, c. 1530.

Notes: Rabbi of Prague and Cracow and then Poland and first Polish Halachic authority. Disputed the takkanah on the right of a wife to be freed from husband in case of a marriage while a child. Seems to have settled in Eretz Yisrael toward the end of his life.

R' OBADIAH SFORNO - ר' עובדיה ספורנו -

SFORNO - ספורנו -

Born: Cesena, Italy, c. 1470.

Died: Bologna, Italy, 1550.

Notes: Biblical commentator and religious philosopher. Studied Torah in Cessena and afterwards secular studies in Rome. Author of a commentary on the Torah, which is included in the Mikra'ot Gedolot, as well as on other books of Tanach, which tend to rely on the pshat, the literal interpretation of the text. Also, author, among others, of **Ohr Ammim/Light of Nations**, an anti-Aristotelian philosophical tractate, and of a philosophical commentary on Avot.

R' MEIR BAR YECHEZKEL GABBAI

Born: Spain, 1480.

Died:

Notes: Kabbalist. Considered a forerunner of R' Moshe Cordovero. Author of **Avodat HaKodesh**, a kabbalistic commentary on the liturgy.

R' DAVID BEN SHLOMO IBN AVI ZIMRA - ר' דוד בן שלמה אבן זמרא -

RADBAZ - רדב"ז -

Born: Spain, 1480.

Died: Safed, Israel, 1574.

Notes: Halachist. Chief Rabbi of Egypt for 40 years. He wrote extensive responsa, about 2400, which is compiled under the name Radbaz. He tended to favor leniencies in halachic interpretation. Author of a commentary on the Rambam's Mishneh Torah.

R' YEHOASHUA BOAZ BEN SHIMON BARUCH - ר' יהושע בועז בן שמעון ברוך -
SHILTEI GIBORIM

Born: Catalonia, Spain, late 1400s.

Died: Italy, after 1550s.

Notes. Talmudist. Exiled from Spain. Author of **Torah Ohr**, Biblical references, **Ein Mishpat**, references to major halachic authorities (Rambam, Smag, and Arba Turim/Shulchan Aruch). Author also of **Ner Mitzvah**, reference to and discussion of halachic issues as they relate to the Talmudic passages and **Masoret HaShas**, cross references on the Talmud, both complemented by later authorities. All of the above are include in the traditional editions of the Talmud. Author of **Shiltei HaGiborim**, which supplements the Rif.

PART II

RABBANIM OF THE PERIOD OF THE ACHRONIM

Preface

Nobody embodies more clearly the transition from the period of the Rishonim, the early sages, to the period of the Achronim, the later sages, than Rabbi Yossef Karo. He was born in Spain, had to flee as a child at the time of the Expulsion, and spent most of his life in the Ottoman Empire. He marks not only a qualitative jump in halachic scholarship but also a transition in the center of gravity of Jewish life from Spain and Western Europe, to Eastern Europe and to a lesser extent to Muslim lands.

Jews had been in Eastern Europe for quite some time but the inflow of German and Spanish Jewish refugees brought a new critical mass. By the late 1500s, important Yeshivas were already operating with a strength that had not been previously witnessed in Spain or Germany. At the same time a new wave of mysticism was being developed in Eretz Yisrael that would soon reach Eastern Europe.

Ultimately, these developments would coalesce into the Yeshiva world and the Chassidic movement, which as they are understood today implanted themselves strongly in Eastern Europe after the 1700s. But before and after segregations, persecutions, and massacres were never too far away. False hopes and despair were never too far away either. The yeshiva world including later a mussar component and the chassidic world managed each in their own way to keep Judaism alive and well. They managed to keep the requirements of the Law clear when it was easy to lose focus, to keep the spirit of righteousness when Jews were surrounded by wickedness, and to keep the joy of avodat Hashem in the middle of despair.

The 1800s are marked by the arrival in the Jewish scene of modern Zionism with both its secular and religious components. Not that the Jewish masses and their Rabbanim ever stopped looking at Eretz Yisrael as their natural land but a new impulse was given by persecution and by ideology to the longing for Zion. The beginning of the modern state of Israel can be traced to this movement.

In the meanwhile scholarship continued in the Sephardic world as well. Now confined mostly to Muslim lands in Turkey, North Africa, and the Middle East, these communities continued to strive for Torah. In particular the mysticism that had developed mostly in Eretz Yisrael made great inroads in the Sephardic world and marked most of its scholarship and religious practices. These communities would eventually disappear, having been for most part uprooted by Islamic bigotry after the 1950s and transplanted into Eretz Yisrael. They form now a significant part of the Torah world in Israel.

A final major turning point in the period under consideration was the Holocaust. Communities that took centuries to build were completely destroyed in a matter of weeks or even days. The glorious centers of Jewish life in Poland, Russia, Lithuania, etc were not just uprooted but completely decimated. The Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel mark the final shift in the center of gravity for Jewish life. Eastern Europe is no more, Sephardic Judaism in the Islamic world is no more and in their stead arose the United States and Israel as the current centers of Torah scholarship.

THE MECHABER

R' YOSSEF KARO - ר' יוסף קארו

BEIT YOSSEF - בית יוסף

Born: Toledo, Spain, 1488.

Died: Safed, Israel, 1575.

Notes: Also known as the Mechaber (the Author). He is one of the most authoritative Talmudists and codifier of Halacha whose decisions have been accepted as binding in Jewish Law. Born in Spain just before the Expulsion, he was exiled with his family in 1492. He moved to Lisbon, Portugal, and then to Turkey, where he served as the Rav of Adrianopolis and Nicopolis for many years. He moved to Eretz Yisrael in 1536 where he settled in Safed. Here he got involved with the efforts to revive semicha. Author of **Kesef Mishneh**, a commentary on the Rambam's Mishneh Torah, **Beit Yossef**, a commentary on the Tur, **Bedek HaBeit**, Rabbi Karo's own proofreading of Beit Yossef, **Shulchan Aruch/Prepared Table**, first published in 1569, contains the halachic decisions derived from longer discussions in the Beit Yossef. His students include among others R' Moshe Cordovero and R' Moshe Alshich.

7. BORN IN THE 1500S CE

R' YEHUDAH LEIB BEN MEIR CHANNELES - ר' יהודה ליב בן מאיר חנליש

MAHARLACH - מהרל"ח

Born: early 1500s.

Died: Posen, 1596.

Notes: A leading scholar in Posen. **Vayigash Yehudah** is a commentary on the Tur which is designed to complement the Beit Yossef and seems to be based on a slightly different version of some parts of the Tur. In turn, **Chidushei HaGaon Maharlich** on Orach Chaim includes include many portions of his work but were compiled by printers from other sources as well after his death.

R' SHLOMO BEN MOSHE HALEVI ALKABETZ - ר' שלמה בן משה הלוי אלקבץ

Born: Salonika, Turkey, 1505.

Died: Safed, Israel 1576.

Notes: Kabbalist and mystical poet. Author of **Lecha Dodi**. Wrote several Biblical commentaries and kabbalistic works, including, **Manot HaLevy** and **Shoresch Yishai**.

R' MOSHE BEN YOSSEF OF TRANI - ר' משה בן יוסף דטראני

MABIT - מבי"ט

Born: Salonika, Turkey, 1505.

Died: Tzfat, Israel, 1580.

Notes: **Rabbi in** Author of **Kiryat Sefer**, an extensive commentary on Rambam's Mishneh Torah as well as commentaries on the Bible and Talmud. His students include the Maharitatz.

R' SHMUEL BEN MOSHE DI MODENA - ר' שמואל בן משה

MAHARSHDAM - מהרשד"ם

Born: Salonika, Greece, 1506.

Died: 1590.

Notes: Author of responsa. Among his students is the Lechem Mishneh.

R' MOSHE BEN CHAIM ALSHICH - ר' משה בן חיים אלשיך

Born: Adrianople, Turkey, 1508.

Died: Damascus, Syria, 1593.

Notes: Biblical commentator, Kabbalist, and Halachic codifier. A student of the Beit Yossef, he settled in Safed, Eretz Yisrael, as a young man. In 1587, in the aftermath of a major epidemic in Safed, he moved to Damascus. Author of **Alshich HaKodosh**, a Biblical commentary, which follows a homiletical approach and was originally known as **Torat Moshe**. Author of many responsa of which about 140 are extant. His students included R' Chaim Vital.

R' SHLOMO BEN YECHIEL LURIA - ר' שלמה בן יחיאל לוריא

MAHARSHAL - מהרש"ל

Born: Brisk, c. 1510

Died: Lublin, 1573

Notes: Talmudic and halachic scholar. Rabbi of Lublin. A relative and close friend of the Rama. Author of **Yam Shel Shlomo** and **Chachmat Shlomo**, commentaries on the Talmud. **Chidushei Maharshal** contains emendations of the Talmud, Rashi, and Tosefot, included in traditional editions of the Talmud.

R' AZARIAH BEN MOSHE DEI ROSSI - ר' עזריה בן משה

Born: Italy, 1511.

Died: Italy, 1578.

Notes: Religious poet and historian. Author of **Meor Enayim**, a book on Jewish history and literature of the classical period.

R' MOSHE BEN BARUCH ALMOSNINO -

Born: Salonika, Turkey, 1516.

Died: Constantinople, Turkey, 1580.

Notes: Philosopher and astronomer. Rabbi of Salonika, he moved to Constantinople in 1546. Author of **Maamatz Koach**.

R' BETZALEL BEN AVRAHAM ASHKENAZI - ר' בצלאל בן אברהם אשכנזי

SHITTAH MEKUBETZET - שיטה מקובצת

Born: Egypt, c. 1520.

Died: Israel, c. 1594.

Notes: Author of **Shittah Mekubetzet**, a compilation of emendations and chidushim from the Rishonim, which is included in the traditional editions of the Talmud. Teacher of the Ari Z"l. Chief Rabbi of Egypt and then a leading Rav in Jerusalem.

R' MOSHE BEN YAAKOV CORDOVERO - ר' משה בן יעקב קורדובירו

RAMAK - רמ"ק

Born: Cordoba, Spain, c. 1522.

Died: Safed, Israel, 1570.

Notes: Kabbalist. Studied with his brother-in-law R' Shlomo Alkabetz. One of the fathers of the Kabbalistic movement, he is the author of the classical **Pardes Rimonim**, **Tamar Devorah**, and **Pelach HaRimon**.

R' YEHUDA LOEW BEN BETZALEL OF PRAGUE – ר' יהודה ליווא בן בצלאל מפראג

MAHARAL M'PRAGUE - מהר"ל מפראג

Born: Posen, Poland, c. 1525.

Died: Prague, Bohemia, 1609.

Notes: Talmudist and halachic scholar, Kabbalist and religious philosopher. Rabbi of Moravia, Prague and Posen. He is known to have greatly opposed the efforts of Halachic codification. Author of **Gur Aryeh**, a commentary on Rashi on the Torah, **Netivot Olam**, on the basic values of Judaism, **Derech HaChayim**, on Avot, **Netzach Yisrael**, a commentary on the aggadic parts on the Talmud as well as **Chidushei Aggadot**. Associated with the legend of the creation of the Golem. Among his students is R' Yom Tov Heller.

ר' MOSHE BEN YISRAEL ISSERLES - משה בן ישראל איסרלש

RAMA - רמ"א

Born: Cracow, Poland, 1525.

Died: Cracow, Poland, 1572.

Notes: Talmudic commentator and Halachist. Descendent of a wealthy and illustrious family from Cracow, he served as Rabbi of Cracow where in 1552 he founded a prestigious Yeshiva that he led until his death. Leader of Polish Jewry he is a major halachic authority for the Ashkenazic world. Author among others of **Darchei Moshe**, glosses on the Beit Yossef, **Shaalot u'Teshuvot HaRama**, a compendium of Responsa, **Torat Chattos**, a compendium on the dietary laws, **Torat Ha-Olah**, a work on the symbolic meaning of the sacrifices, as well as several works on Kabbalah, including a commentary on the Zohar. Arguably his most famous work is **Mapah**, Glosses on the Shulchan Aruch, where he brings the Ashkenazic views into what is otherwise mostly a Sephardic work thereby making it into an universal Code of Jewish Law. His tombstone bears the inscription "From Moses to Moses there was no one like Moses", the first Moses referring to the Rambam and indeed sometimes he is referred to as the Rambam of the Polish Jewry.

ר' MORDECHAI BEN AVRAHAM YAFFE - מרדכי בן אברהם

LEVUSH - לבוש

Born: Prague, 1530.

Died: Posen, 1612.

Notes: Successor of the Maharal of Prague. Author of **Levush**, a Code of Jewish Law that follows the framework of the Shulchan Aruch. Known as the Levush after his many parts whose names begin with this word. This work starts from the premise that the Beit Yossef is too technical and the Shulchan Aruch too succinct. It is divided in 10 parts, the first five on legal issues and the last five on biblical commentaries, philosophy etc.

ר' YITZCHAK BEN SHLOMO LURIA ASHKENAZI - יצחק בן שלמה לוריא אשכנזי

ARI Z"l - אריז"ל

Born: Jerusalem, Israel, 1534.

Died: Safed, Israel, 1572.

Notes: Also known as Ari HaKodesh/Holy Lion. Great Talmudist and Kabbalist. Disciple of R' Betzael Ashkenazi. One of the fathers of the Kabbalistic movement. Reknown for his saintly character and ascetic way of life.

ר' CHAIM BEN YOSSEF VITAL - חיים בן יוסף ויטאל

Born: Safed, Israel, c. 1542.

Died: Damascus, Syria, 1620.

Notes: Kabbalist. Foremost disciple of R. Yitzchak Luria and also of R. Moshe Cordovero. Author of **Etz Chaim**, a kabbalistic book and **Shaarei Kedusha**, a book on mussar.

ר' AVRAHAM BEN MOSHE DI BOTON - אברהם בן משה די בטון

LECHEM MISHNEH - לחם משנה

Born: Salonika, c. 1545.

Died: Salonika, 1588.

Notes: Author of **Lechem Mishneh**, a commentary on Rambam and its early commentaries. **Lechem Mishneh** (Twice as Much Bread, see Shemot 16:22) traces the sources of Maimonides' rulings, and attempts to resolve apparent contradictions between the Mishneh Torah and the Talmud. After starting his work the author came in contact with the Kessef Mishneh and after that he avoided duplicating the material already included in the Kessef Mishneh.

ר' MOSHE BEN MACHIR - משה

Born: Israel, middle 1500s.

Died: Israel, early 1600s.

Notes: Rosh Yeshiva in Safed. Author of **Seder HaYom**, a kabbalistic treatise along the lines of the Lurianic Kabbalah.

R' SHLOMO EPHRAIM OF LUNTCHITZ - ר' שלמה אפרים מלונטשיץ - KLI YAKAR - כלי יקר

Born: Luntchitz, Poland, c. 1550.

Died: Prague, Bohemia, 1619.

Notes: Torah Commentator and great public speaker. He was a student of R' Shlomo Luria. He was a Rosh Yeshiva in Lvov and later Rav of Prague. Author of **Kli Yakar**, a biblical commentary and **Ollot Ephraim**, on Responsa.

R' YEHOASHUA BEN ALEXANDER HAKOHEN FALK - ר' יהושע בן מאלקסנדר הכהן פאלק - SMA - סמ"ע

Born: Lublin, Poland, c. 1550.

Died: Lemberg, Germany, 1614.

Notes: Talmudic scholar and Rosh Yeshiva in Lemberg. Author of **D'risha uPrisha**, twin commentaries on the Tur, **Sefer Me'iras Einayim/SMA/The Book that Enlightens the Eyes**, a commentary on Shulchan Aruch Chosen Mishpat, included in the standard editions of the Shulchan Aruch.

R' SHMUEL ELIEZER BEN YEHUDA HALEVI EIDELS - ר' שמואל אליעזר בן יהודה הלוי אידלס - MAHARSHA - מהרש"א

Born: Cracow, Poland, 1555.

Died: Ostrow, Poland, 1631.

Notes: Biblical commentator and Talmudic scholar. Av Bet Din and Rosh Yeshiva in Ostrow. Author of **Chidushei Halachot**, a compendium of Responsa and commentaries on Rashi and Tosefot, and **Chidushei Aggadot**, a commentary on Aggadic material, both included in most editions of the Talmud.

R' YOM TOV BEN MOSHE TZAHALON - ר' יום טוב בן משה צהלון - MAHARITATZ - מהריט"ץ

Born: Tzfat, Israel, 1558.

Died: 1611.

Notes: Student of Mabit and Alshich. Author of a collection of responsa.

R' MEIR OF LUBLIN - ר' מאיר מלובלין - MAHARAM OF LUBLIN - מהר"ם מלובלין

Born: 1558

Died: 1618.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of a commentary on the entire Talmud, which is included in most editions.

R' YOEL BEN SHMUEL SIRKES - ר' יואל בן שמואל סירקש - BACH - ב"ח

Born: Lublin, Poland, 1561

Died: Cracow, Poland, 1640

Notes: Served as Rav of Beltz, Brest-Litovsk, and Cracow where he became Av Bet Din and Rosh Yeshiva in 1619.. Author of **Beit Chadash/The Bach**, a major commentary on the Tur, where he establishes the source of the laws in the Talmud and traces their developments through the interpretations of the different generations, **HaGahot HaBach**, emendations on the Talmud included in the traditional versions of the Talmud. Two major volumes of his responsa were published after his death, **Shealot v'Teshuvot Beit Chadash** and **Shealot v'Teshuvot Beit Chadash HaChadashot**. He is known to have had controversial views in some areas, namely on the payments to rabbis, sale of chametz to non-Jews, and the reading of non-Jewish materials. He was however, very stringent in the area of Issur v'heter. Also he seems to have preferred the earlier codes like the Rif, the Mishneh Torah and the Rosh. Furthermore, he strongly opposed the study of philosophy and a supporter of kabbalah within the confines of halachah. Among his student sid the Taz who later became his son-in-law.

R' YESHAYAH HOROWITZ - ר' ישעיה הורוויץ - SHELOH - של"ה

Born: Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1565.

Died: Tiberias, Israel, 1630.

Notes: Talmudist and Kabbalist. He studied in Prague and served as Rav in Poland, Lithuania, and Germany. He returned to Prague as Rosh Yeshiva in 1615 and was appointed Rav of Jerusalem in 1622. Author of **Shnei Luchot HaBrit/Sheloh**, a classical work on Halacha, customs, and Kabbalah, written around the 613 Commandments as they appear in each parsha. The author gives kabbalistic interpretations of the laws as well as its ethical implications.

R' SHLOMO BEN YEHOSHUA ADENI - ר' שלמה בן יהושע

Born: 1567.

Died: Israel, 1625.

Notes: Author of **Melechet Shlomo**, a commentary on the Mishneh.

R' AVRAHAM BEN MORDECHAI AZULAI - ר' אברהם בן מרדכי

Born: Fez, North Africa 1570.

Died: Hebron, Israel 1643.

Notes: Kabbalist. Wrote a commentary on the Zohar and a kabbalistic work entitled **Chesed L'Avraham**.

R' YOM TOV LIPMAN HALEVI HELLER - ר' יום טוב ליפמן הלוי העליר

TOSEFOT YOM TOV - תוספות יום טוב

Born: Wallerstein, Germany, 1579.

Died: Cracow, Poland, 1654.

Notes: Talmudist and Halachist. Rabbi of Vienna, Prague, and Cracow. Author of **Tosefot Yom Tov**, a commentary on the Mishneh and **Maadanei Melech/Royal Morsels**, a commentary on the Piskei HaRosh which he considered the binding legal code. Dedicated great efforts to alleviate the plight of agunot after the Chmielnicki massacres (1648-9). A student of the Maharal of Prague.

R' CHAIM BEN AVRAHAM HAKOHEN

Born: Aleppo, 1585.

Died: 1655.

Notes: Kabbalist. Student of R' Chaim Vital. Author of **Mekor Chaim**, a kabbalistic commentary on the Shulchan Aruch.

R' DAVID BEN SHMUEL HALEVI - ר' דוד הלוי בן שמואל הלוי

TAZ - ט"ז

Born: Ludmir, Volhynia, 1586

Died: Lemberg, Poland, 1667

Notes: Halachist. Son-in-law of the Bach, he was the Rav of Posen, Ostrow, where he founded a major Yeshiva. After a few years on the run from persecutions he became the Rav of Lemberg. Author of **Turei Zahav/Taz/Golden Rows**, a major commentary on all sections of the Shulchan Aruch, of which the ones on Orach Chaim and Yoreh Deah gained greatest acclaim. He attempts to re-establish the original decisions of the Beit Yossef, refuting subsequent criticisms and bringing order to the commentaries on the Shulchan Aruch. He often disagreed with the Shach.

8. BORN IN THE 1600S CE

R' MENACHEM MENDEL OF KROCHMAL - ר' מנחם מענדל

Born: c. 1600.

Died: 1661.

Notes: Author of **Tzemach Tzeded**, a compilation of responsa.

R' MEIR BEN YAAKOV HAKOHEN

MAHARAM SHIF

Born: Frankfurt, Germany, 1605

Died: 1641.

Notes: Talmudist. Became Rav of Fulda in 1622 (at the age of 17) and later Rosh Yeshiva. Appointed Rav of Prague just before his death at age 36. He wrote down extensively lectures, comments etc on the whole Talmud but much was destroyed by fire in 1711. Author of **Marharam Shif**, chidushim on the Talmud where he follows an approach opposed to pilpul.

R' MOSHE LIMA - ר' משה לימא

CHELKAT MECHOKEK - חלקת מחוקק

Born: c. 1605.

Died: 1685.

Notes: Author of **Chelkat Mechokek**. **Chelkat Mechokek** (A Portion of a Ruler, see Devarim 33:21) was the first commentary to be written on **Even HaEzer**. It provides explanations and resolves seeming contradictions in the Shulchan Aruch, and between it and other works. It concludes at Paragraph #126 due to the author's death.

R' AHARON SHMUEL KAIDONOVER - ר' אהרן שמואל קאידנוור

Born: 1614.

Died: 1676.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Birchat HaZevach** and **Tzon Kodashim**, commentaries on Seder Kodashim and **HaGahot Tzon Kodashim**, emendations to Kodashim. **Chidushei Al Tur** and **Tiferet Shmuel** on the Rosh.

R' MENACHEM MENDEL AUERBACH - ר' מנחם מענדל אויערבאך

ATERET ZEKEINIM - עטרת זקנים

Born: Vienna, Austria, 1620.

Died: 1689.

Notes: Halachist. A student of the Bach. Author of **Ateret Zekeinim**, glosses which appears in the margins on some printings of the Shulchan Aruch.

R' SHABBETAI BEN MEIR HAKOHEN - ר' שבתי בן מאיר הכהן

SHACH - ש"ך

Born: Amstibov, Lithuania, 1621.

Died: Hollischau, Bohemia, c. 1663.

Notes: Halachist. Lived in Vilna until he had to flee due to persecution. He then settled in Dresnitz and Hooischau, Bohemia. Author of **Siftei HaKohen/Shach/Lips of a Kohen**, a major commentary on the Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deah and Choshen Mishpat, which includes attempts to rule on issues where the Mechaber and the Rama differed. Author of **Nekudot HaKessef**, a response to the Taz, with whom he conducted a sharp controversy.

R' SHMUEL BEN OR SHAGRA FAIVISH - ר' שמואל בן אור שאגרא פיביש

BEIT SHMUEL - בית שמואל

Born: c. 1630.

Died: Lemberg, c. 1700.

Notes: Author of **Beit Shmuel**, a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch. Beit Shmuel (The House of Samuel) is a commentary on Even HaEzer (can be found in the inner part around the text). This commentary is characterized by

its clear style and by its independence of opinion. It is frequently in disagreement with the decisions of the Shulchan Aruch, the Mapah, as well as Chelkat Mechokek.

R' MOSHE RIVKES - ר' משה רבקהש

BEER HAGOLA - באר הגולה

Born: 1600s.

Died: Volva, 1672.

Notes: Ancestor of the Vilna Gaon. Wrote **Beer HaGola**, sources in the Talmud for all decisions in Shulchan Aruch, which is included with the Shulchan Aruch.

R' AVRAHAM ABELI GOMBINER HALEVI - ר' אברהם אבלי הלוי

MAGEN AVRAHAM - מגן אברהם

Born: Gumblin, Poland, 1637.

Died: Kalish, Poland, 1683.

Notes: Talmudic scholar. A very humble scholar, he was brought to prominence by the Shach. Author of **Magen Avraham/The Shield of Avraham**, a commentary to the Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim, which attempts to reconcile the views of the BeiT Yossef and the Rama. Author of a commentary on the Tosefot on Nezikin and **Zayis Raanan**, a commentary on the Yalkut Shemoni.

R' RAFAEL MEIZLISCH - ר' רפאל

Born:

Died:

Notes: Achron of the time of the Magen Avraham. Author of **Tosefot Shabbat**, commentary on the Shulchan Aruch, Laws of Shabbat.

R' YAIR CHAIM BEN MOSHE SHIMSHON BACHARACH - ר' יאיר חיים בן משה שמשון בחרך

CHAVA'AT YAIR -

Born: Germany, 1638.

Died: Germany, 1702.

Notes: Talmudic scholar and mystical writer. A descendent of the Maharal, he was the Rav of Vermiza and Frankfurt and one of the greatest halachic authorities of his time. Author of **Chavaat Yair/The Villages of Yair**, a compendium of Responsa. Author of numerous religious poems and mystical works.

R' SHABBETAI BASS - ר' שבתי

SIFTEI CHACHAMIM - שפתי חכמים

Born: 1641.

Died: 1718.

Notes: Author of **Siftei Chachamim**.

R' ZECHARIAH MENDEL BEN ARIEH LEIB - ר' זכריה מנדל בן אריה ליב

Born: Cracow, Poland, middle 1600s.

Died: Poland, after 1707.

Notes: Rabbi and author Rav of Cracow, Tvrobin and from 1691-1770 of betz. Author of **Beer Heitiv** (Explain Well) which provides summaries of varied halachic rulings and responsa related to the decisions of the Shulchan Aruch. Focuses on **Choshen Mishpat** and **Yoreh Deah** follows a format similar to the Beer Heitev on Orach Chaim and Even HaEzer.

R' YEHUDA ROSANNES - ר' יהודה רוזאניס

MISHNEH LEMELECH - משנה למלך

Born: c. 1657.

Died: 1727.

Notes: Author of **Mishneh LeMelech**. **Mishneh LeMelech** (Second to the King, see Esther 10:3), is a collection of original interpretations on a variety of Talmudic issues that were attached to the Mishneh Torah.

R' CHIZKIYAH BEN DAVID DA SILVA - ר' חזקיה בן דוד די סילוא

PRI CHADASH - פרי חדש

Born: Livorno, Italy, 1659.

Died: Israel. 1698.

Notes: Halachist. Author of **Pri Chadash**, a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch.. **Pri Chadash** (New Fruit) is a commentary on **Orach Chaim**, **Yoreh Deah**, and **Even HaEzer**. It contains sharp criticisms of the Shulchan Aruch as well as earlier codes, with the seeming exception of the Mishneh Torah. This commentary seems at times to attempt to undermine the Shulchan Aruch as the source of halachich decisions and the current version is said to be a somewhat toned down version of the strongly worded original. It seems often to favor more lenient positions.

R' ELIYAHU SHAPIRA - ר' אליהו שפירא

ELYA RABBA

Born: Prague, 1660

Died: 1712

Notes: Disciple of the Magen Avraham. Rosh Yeshiva in Prague. Author of **Elya Zuta** (small) on the Levush and **Elya Rabba** (large), on the Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim.

R' TZVI HIRSH BEN YAAKOV ASHKENAZI - ר' צבי הירש בן יעקב אשכנזי

CHACHAM TZVI - חכם צבי

Born: Amsterdam, Holland, 1660.

Died: Amsterdam, Holland, 1718.

Notes: Rav of Amsterdam and Lemberg. Author of **Chacham Tzvi**, a compendium of Responsa. His most famous responsa is perhaps the ruling that foreigners in Israel need keep only one day of a holiday. Father of R' Yaakov Emden.

R' YAAKOV BEN YOSSEF REISCHER BECHOFEN - ר' יעקב בן יוסף

Born: Prague, 1670.

Died: Metz, 1733

Notes: Halachist. Rav of Worms and of Metz. Author of **Chok Yaakov**, a commentary to the Laws of Pessach on the Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim, **Shvut Yaakov**, a collection of responsa, and **Iyun Yaakov**, a commentary on Aggada.

R' YAAKOV YEHOSHUA FALK - ר' יעקב יהושע פאלק

PNEI YEHOSHUA - פני יהושע

Born: Cracow, Poland, 1680.

Died: Offenbach, Germany, 1756.

Notes: Talmudist. Rav of Lemberg and Frankfurt. Author of **Pnei Yehoshua**, a classical commentary on the Talmud.

R' NETANEL BEN NAFTALI TZVI WEIL - ר' נתנאל נפתלי צבי בן ווייל

KORBAN NETANEL - קרבן נתנאל

Born: Germany, 1687.

Died: Prague, 1769.

Notes: Talmudic and halachic scholar. Rosh Yeshiva in Prague and then Rabbi of Schwarzwald and Karlsruhe. Author of **Korban Netanel**, a commentary on the Rosh on Seder Moed and Nashim and Netiv Chaim on Orach Chaim and **Torat Netanel** a compilation of responsa and sermons.

R' YAAKOV CULI - ר' יעקב

MEAM LOEZ - מעם לועז

Born: c. 1689.

Died: 1732.

Notes:

R' YONATAN EIBESHUTZ - ר' יהונתן אייבשיץ - יערות דבש - YAAROT DEVASH

Born: Cracow, Poland, c. 1690.

Died: Hamburg, Germany, 1764.

Notes: Talmudist, Kabbalist and Rav of Altona/Hamburg/Wandsbeck. Founder of a Yeshiva. Author of **Ahavat Yonatan**, homiletical interpretations of Haftorot. Author of **Creiti U'Pleiti** on Yoreh Deah, **Urim V'tumim** on Choshen Mishpat. Accused by many, including R' Yaakov Emden of being a secret follower of Shebatai Zvi, he gathered strong support from Polish and other Eastern European Rabbis.

R' ARYEH LEIB GINZBURG - ר' אריה ליב גינסבורג - שאגת אריה - SHAAGAT ARYEH

Born: Weisum, Russia, c. 1695.

Died: Metz, France, 1785.

Notes: Talmudist. Teacher of R' Chaim Volozhin. Author of **Turei Even** and **Gevuros Ari**, and **Shaagas Aryeh**, chidushim on halachic subjects.

R' CHAIM IBN ATTAR - ר' חיים אבן עטר - אור החיים - OHR HACHAIM

Born: Sale, Morocco, 1696.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1743

Notes: Torah commentator, Kabbalist, Talmudist, he is known as having lived a particularly saintly life. He was the Rav of Sale until he moved to Jerusalem in 1740, where he established an important yeshiva. Author of the **Ohr HaChaim**, a commentary on the Torah where he uses the four methods of *pardes*, and of **Pri To'ar** on Yoreh Deah

R' YAAKOV BEN TZVI EMDEN - ר' יעקב בן צבי עמדין - יעב"ץ - YAVETZ

Born: Altona, Italy, c. 1697.

Died: Emden, Germany, 1776.

Notes: Talmudist. Rabbi in Emden, Germany. Son of Chacham Tzvi. Major opponent of Shabbetai Zvi who he considered a mortal ganger for the Jewish community. Involved in this context in a controversy with R' Yonatan Eibeshutz. Author of **Sheeilat Yaavetz**, a collection of responsa and **Beit Yaakov**, a commentary on Ketubot and about 40 other books. His works on Kabbalah attacked the practical aspects and suggested a late authorship to parts of the Zohar. Later in life moved back to Altona where he operated a Hebrew press.

R' DOV BEAR OF MEZRITCH - ר' דוב בר ממזריץ - המגיד ממזריץ - THE MAGGID OF MEZTRICH

Born: 1698.

Died: 1772.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

9. BORN IN THE 1700S CE

R' DAVID ALTSCHULER - דוד - ר'

Born: 1700s.

Died: 1700s.

Notes: Author of **Metzudas David**.

R' YISRAEL BEN ELIEZER - בן אליעזר - ר'

BAAL SHEM TOV/BESHT - בעל שם טוב/בעש"ט - ר'

Born: Okop, Poland, 1700.

Died: Medzibosh, Poland, 1760.

Notes: Founder of Chassidism.

R' YITZCHAK NIETO - יצחק ניטו - ר'

Born: UK, 1702.

Died: UK, 1774.

Notes: Sefardic Rabbi. Rav of the Sefardic Congregation of London. Author of translations of the Spanish-Portuguese prayer book in two volumes, **Orden de Las Oraciones de Rosh HaShanah y Yom Kippur** and **Orden de las Oraciones Citidianas, Rosh Chodesh, Chanukah and Purim**.

R' MOSHE CHAIM LUZATTO - משה חיים לוצטו - ר'

RAMCHAL - רמח"ל - ר'

Born: Padua, Italy, 1707.

Died: Acco, Israel, 1746.

Notes: Ethicist, kabbalist, and poet. Author of **Mesillat Yesharim** among many other books of early mussar.

R' YAAKOV YOSSEF OF POLNOYA - יעקב יוסף מפלהנא - ר'

TOLEDOT YAAKOV YOSSEF - תולדות יעקב יוסף - ר'

Born: 1710.

Died: 1784.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' YECHEZKEL BEN YEHUDAH HALEVI LANDAU - יחזקאל בן יהודה הלוי לאנדו - ר'

NODA BIYEHUDA - נודע ביהודה - ר'

Born: Opataw, Poland, 1713.

Died: Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1793.

Notes: A scion of distinguished scholars he was a descendent of Rashi. He studied in the Broder Kloiz, which attracted the elite of the Torah scholars and became a member of the Brod Bet Din at age twenty. At thirty he became Rav of Yampola where he opened a Yeshiva and concentrate on pilpul. During that he tried to mediate in the controversy between R' Emden and R' Eibenschutz. Finally, he became the Rav of Prague in 1755, where again he found a Yeshiva but concentrated mostly on mussar. He is the author, among others, of **Noda BiYehuda**, a two-volume classical responsa named in honor of his father, **Tzelach/Tziyun LeNefesh Chayah**, a commentary on several Talmudic treatises named in honor of his mother. In addition, he wrote **Doresh LeZion**, on ethics, **HaGahot HaRi Landau**, emendations included in the traditional edition of the Talmud, and **Dagul Mervavah**, annotations and commentaries on Shulchan Aruch. A saintly man, he spurned the comforts of life and is said never to have slept in a bed until growing quite old. Ultimately he became a highly respected halachic authority for generations to come, accepted and respected by Mitnagdim and Chassidim alike. His students include the R' Avraham Danzig.

R' ELIMELECH OF LIZHENSCK - אלימלך מליזנסק - ר'

NO'AM ELIMELECH - נועם אלימלך - ר'

Born: 1717.

Died: 1786

Notes: Chassidic sage. A disciple of the Maggid of Mezeritch, he spread Chassidism in Poland and Galicia. His works include, **Tzetal Katan**, a seventeen-point program to be a good Jew and **No'am Elimelech** a classic Chassidic work on Chumash.

R' MESHULAM OF HANIPOL - ר' משולם זישא מהניפולי

REB ZISHE - רב זשא

Born: c. 1718.

Died: 1788.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' ELIJAHU BEN SHLOMO ZALMAN OF VILNA - ר' אליהו בן שלמה זלמן מוילנא

THE VILNA GAON, GAON RABBEINU ELIJAHU/GRA - גר"א

Born: Vilna, Lithuania, 1720.

Died: Vilna, Lithuania, 1797.

Notes: Arguably the greatest Torah scholar of the past two centuries and one of the most marking figures in halachic Judaism since the Beit Yossef he is revered throughout the Jewish world for his vast knowledge and saintly character. He devoted every minute of his life to Torah study never having slept more than two hour a day. He never took any position as a Rav or Rosh Yeshiva. He is the author of countless seforim, many recorded and published by his students. He was the author, among others, of **Aderet Eliyahu**, a commentary on the Torah, a commentary on Ecclesiastes, **Divrei Eliyahu**, a commentary on Neviim, **Shenos Eliyahu**, a commentary on the Mishneh, a commentary on the Mishneh Torah, **Beyur HaGra**, glosses on the Shulchan Aruch, **Hagahot HaGra**, emendations on the Talmud included in all the traditional editions. He is also the author of a commentary on **Sefer Yetzirah**, one of the main seforim in kabbalah. In turn, the **Siddur HaGra** is based on his rulings. His students include R' Chaim of Volozhin, the founder of the Yeshiva of the same name which greatly contributed to the spread of the methods of Torah learning of the Gra.

R' YECHIEL MICHEL OF ZLOTCHOV - ר' יחאל מיכל מזלוצ'וב

MAGGID OF ZLOTCHOV - המגיד מזלוצ'וב

Born: 1721.

Died: 1786.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' CHAIM YOSSEF DAVID AZULAI - ר' חיים יעסף דוד אזולאי

CHIDA - חיד"א

Born: Jerusalem, Israel, 1724.

Died: Livorno, Italy, 1806.

Notes: Torah commentator, Kabbalist, emissary for religious institutions in Israel. Some refer to him as the Sefardic equivalent to the Vilna Gaon. Direct descendent of R' Avraham ben Mordechai Azulai. Author of **Birchat Yossef**, glosses on the Shulchan Aruch. Author of **Devash L'Fee**, **Zavrei Shalal**, **Nahal Kedumim** and other homiletical interpretations of Tanach. Author of **Yossef Ometz**, a collection of responsa. Author of **Shem HaGedolim**, a biography of over a thousand scholars and two thousand books. He is considered the father of modern Hebrew bibliography.

R' SHMUEL BEN NATAN HALEVI KELIN - ר' שמואל בן נתן הלוי קעלין

MECHATZIT HASHEKEL - מחציץ השקל

Born: Cologne, Germany 1724

Died: Germany 1806

Notes: Author of **Mechatzit HaShekel**, a comprehensive commentary on the Magen Avraham.

R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR TEOMIM - ר' יוסף בן מאיר תאומים

PRI MEGADIM - פרי מגדים

Born: Lemberg, Poland, c. 1727

Died: Frankfurt, Germany, 1792

Notes: Author of **Pri Megadim** a two-part commentary including **Mishbetzos Zahav**, commentary to the Taz and **Eshel Avraham**, commentary to the Magen Avraham. Author of **Rosh Yossef**, chidushim on several Talmud treatises.

R' YEHUDA BEN SHIMON ASHKENAZI - ר' יהודה בן שמעון אשכנזי

BEER HEITIV - באר היטב

Born: Frankfurt, Germany, 1730.

Died: Frankfurt, Germany, 1770.

Notes: Maggid of Lvov and Rav of Frankfurt. Author of **Beer Heitev**, a commentary on Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim and Even HaEzer.

R' MENACHEM MENDEL OF VITEBSK - ר' מנחם מנדל מויטבסק

Born: c. 1730.

Died: 1788.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' AHARON OF KARLIN - ר' אהרן מקרלין

Born: 1736.

Died: 1772.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' LEVI YITZCHAK OF BERDITCHEV - ר' לוי יצחק מברדיצ'ב

Born: Hopshakov, Poland, 1740.

Died: Berditchev, Poland, 1810.

Notes: Foremost early Chassidic leader. A disciple of the Maggid of Mezerich he became Rav of Berditchev and from there spread Chassidut to Ukraine.

R' NATAN BEN SHIMON HAKOHEN ADLER - ר' נתן בן שמעון הכהן

Born: 1741.

Died: 1800

Notes: Talmudist and Kabbalist in Germany. Founded Yeshiva in Frankfurt where the Chatam Sofer was later a student. The Chatam Sofer revered him.

R' YAAKOV KRANZ - ר' יעקב קרנץ

DUBNA MAGGID - המגיד מדובנה

Born: Vilna, Lithuania, 1741.

Died: Dubna, 1804.

Notes: Torah commentator. Author of **Ohel Yaakov**, parables on the Torah.

R' YITZCHAK CHAI TAYEB - ר' יצחק חי

Born: Tunisia, 1847.

Died: Tunisia, 1837.

Notes: Chief Rabbi and Av Bet Din in Tunisia. Author of a six-volume commentary on the Shulchan Aruch, called **Aruch Ha-Shulchan**.

R' ARYEH LEIB BEN YOSSEF HAKOHEN HELLER - ר' אריה לייב בן יוסף הכהן הלר

KETZOT HACHOSHEN - קצות החושן

Born: Kalish, Poland, 1745.

Died: Ostrow, Poland, 1813.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Ketzot HaChoshen**, a commentary on Shulchan Aruch Choshen Mishpat which is one of the basic seforim learned in yeshivas and **Avnei Meluim** on Shulchan Aruch Even HaEzer, and **Shev Shmatsa**, chidushim on the Talmud.

R' SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADI - שניאור זלמן מלאדי - גר"ז
GAON RABBEINU ZALMAN/GRAZ - גר"ז

Born: Liazna, Russia, 1745.

Died: Kursk, Russia, 1813.

Notes: Founder of Chabad, also known as the Alter Rebbe of Lubavitch and as the Ba'al HaTanya. Author among other works of **Shulchan Aruch Ha'Rav**, a major code of law following the framework of the Shulchan Aruch and incorporating later authorities, of **Tanya**, a major treatise of kabbalah and chassidic philosophy, and of **Torah Or**, a collection of chassidic discourses on the weekly parshas and Festivals, published by his grandson, the Tzemach Tzedek.

R' YAAKOV YITZCHAK HOROWITZ - ר' יעקב יצחק הורוויץ - החוזה מלובלין
THE CHOZEH OF LUBLIN - החוזה מלובלין

Born: Poland, 1745.

Died: Poland, 1815.

Notes: Chassidic sage. Known as the Seer of Lublin, because he was credited with the ability of seeing anything he wished anywhere in Poland as well as into the depth of the human soul. He was a disciple of the Maggid of Mezeritch and R' Elimelech of Lizhensk. He taught that the Rebbe should be concerned with both the spiritual as well as the material needs of his Chassidim. He promoted an approach to Chassidim that focused on constant Torah study and shunning material well being. These views constituted a revolution within the Chassidic world and were followed by many, for example R' Yaakov Yitzchak Rabinovitz, R' Simcha Bunin of Peshischa.

R' AVRAHAM BEN YECHIEL MICHAEL DANZIG OF VILNA - ר' אברהם מוילנא - חיי אדם
CHAYEI ADAM - חיי אדם

Born: Danzig, 1748.

Died: Vilna, 1820.

Notes: Halachist. Student of the Noda BiYehuda. Author of **Chayei Adam/Life of Man**, a halachic work on the laws of Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim, **Chachmat Adam/Wisdom of Man** on Yoreh Deah, **Nishmat Adam/The Soul of Man**, detailing his justifications for the halachic decisions, **Zichru Toras Moshe**, a brief on the laws of Shabbat. and glosses on Zeraim.

R' CHAIM ITZKOVITZ OF VOLOZHIN - ר' חיים מוולאז'ין - מורדכי

Born: Volozhin, Lithuania, 1749.

Died: Volozhin, Lithuania, 1821.

Notes: Ethicist and Talmudist. One of the most prominent disciples of the Vilna Gaon, he founded a Yeshiva in Volozhin in 1802 and was its first Rosh Yeshiva. This Yeshiva which spread the methods of learning of the Vilna Gaon, became one of the most prominent Yeshivas ever. It is regarded as having changed forever the Jewish educational system in that it was based on lectures from leading rabbanim and a set schedule of study, a pattern followed by Yeshivas to this day. Author of **Nefesh HaChaim**, a mussar compendium occasionally based on Kaballah, which is regarded by many as meant to present the view of the Mitnagdim on the issues they found troubling in Chassidism.

R' MORDECHAI KARMI - ר' מרדכי - מרדכי

Born: 1749

Died: 1825

Notes: Author of **Maamar Mordechai**, a commentary to the Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim

R' YAAKOV YITZCHAK OF PSHIS'CHA - ר' יעקב יצחק מפשיסחא - היהודי הקדוש
HAYEHUDI HAKADOSH - היהודי הקדוש

Born: middle 1700s.

Died: 1814.

Notes: Chassidic sage. Also known as the "Yid".

R' CHAIM MORDECHAI MARGOLIOT - ר' חיים מרדכי מרגליות - מרדכי

Born: 1700s.

Died: Poland, 1818.

Notes: Author of **Shaarei Teshuva** a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch. **Shaarei Teshuvah** (Gates of Repentance/ Responsa), provides a digest of responsa as a supplement to the Shulchan Aruch **Orach Chaim**, including the responsa composed after the publication of the Shulchan Aruch.

R' DAVID SHLOMO EIBESCHUTZ - ר' דוד שלמה אייבשיץ

Born: middle 1700s?.

Died: Israel, 1816.

Notes: **Levushei Serad** (Robes of Office) are glosses to **Yoreh Deah**.

R' MORDECHAI BANET - ר' מרדכי

Born: Hungary, 1753.

Died: Karlsbad, 1829.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Biur Mordechai**, a commentary on the Mordechai and on Magen Avraham on the laws of Shabbat.

R' AVRAHAM YEHOSHUA HESHEL OF APTA - ר' אברהם יהושע השל מאפטא

Born: 1755.

Died: 1825.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' MOSHE TEITELBAUM OF SATMAR - ר' משה טיטלבוים מסטמר

YISMACH MOSHE

Born: 1759.

Died: 1841.

Notes: Founder of the Satmar Chassidic dynasty.

R' YAAKOV BEN YAAKOV MOSHE OF LISSA - ר' יעקב בן יעקב משה מליסא

CHAVAT DEAT - חוות דעת

Born: Loberbaum, Poland, c. 1759.

Died: Loberbaum, Poland, 1832.

Notes: Author of **Derech HaChayim**, a prayer book with a compilation of laws about daily life, a commentary on the Codes as well as at least 15 other books. **Netivot HaMishpat** (The Paths of Justice, see Mishlei 8:20) is a commentary to **Choshen Mishpat** that is organized in a manner similar to **Urim veTumim**, with one section called **Beurim** devoted to a straightforward explanation of the Shulchan Aruch, and another section called **Chidushim**, including extensive discussions of various topics. It includes discussion and disagreements with **Ketzot HaChoshen**. In turn, **Chavat Deat** focuses on **Yoreh Deah**.

R' EPHRAYIM ZALMAN BEN MENACHEM MARGOLIOT - ר' אפרים זלמן בן מנחם מרגליות

Born: Galicia, 1760.

Died: Brody, Russia, 1828.

Notes: Author of **Yad Ephrayim**, a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch, **Beit Ephrayim**, a collection of responsa.

R' BETZALEL RONSBERG - ר' בצלאל רנשבורג

Born: 1760.

Died: 1820.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **HaGahot R'B Ronsburg**, emendations included in the traditional edition of the Talmud, **Horah Gaver**.

R' NAFTALI OF ROPSHITZ - ר' נפתלי מרופשיץ

Born: 1760.

Died: 1827.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' AKIVA BEN MOSHE EIGER - ר' עקיבא בן משה איגור

Born: Eisenstadt, Austria, 1761

Died: Posen, Poland, 1837

Notes: Great halachic authority, Torah leader of his generation, and fierce opponent of secular education and reform ideas. Rabbi of Markish Friedland and Rav of Posen after 1814 and founder of the Posen Yeshiva. Author of **Tosefot R. Akiva**, a commentary on the Mishneh, **Gilyon HaShas**, comments on the Talmud, Rashi, and Tosefot, which is included in the traditional editions of the Talmud, **Chidushei Rabbi Akiva Eiger**, a commentary on the Talmud and **Teshuvot R' Akiva**, a three-volume compendium of Responsa.

R' MOSHE SOFER SCHREIBER - ר' משה סופר

CHATAM SOFER - חתם סופר

Born: Frankfurt, Germany, 1762.

Died: Pressburg, Hungary, 1839.

Notes: Commentator and Halachist. A son-in-law of R' Akiva Eiger, his family traced its roots to Rashi. He was appointed Rav of Mattersdorf, Hungary, in 1798 and Rav and Rosh Yeshiva in Pressburg in 1807, he ultimately became one of the most influential poskim of his time. He became an outstanding leader of Hungarian Jewry and led the struggle against Reform under the banner of "Chadash assur min HaTorah"/Torah Law forbids innovations. Author of **Torat Moshe**, a commentary on the Chumash, **Chatam Sofer**, a commentary on the Talmud, a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch, and **Teshuvot Chatam Sofer**, a large collection of Responsa. Among his students is his son the Ktav Sofer.

R' SIMCHA BUNAM OF PSHIS'CHA - ר' סמחה בונם מפשיסחא

Born: Wodzislav, Poland, 1765.

Died: Pshis'cha, Poland, 1827.

Notes: Prominent Talmudist and Chassidic leader. A disciple of the Chozeh of Lublin, he refocused Polish Chassidut into Torah and Talmudic scholarship. Before settling in Peshischa he lived in Danzig where he worked extensively in kiruv. The Kotzker Rebbe and the Chidushei HaRim/the Alter of Ger were among his most famous disciples.

R' ABRAHAM DAVID WAHRMAN - ר' אברהם דוד

Born: Galicia, 1771.

Died: Galicia, 1841.

Notes: **Eshel Avraham** are glosses to Orach Chaim, **Ezer Mikodesh** are glosses to Even HaEzer, and **Kesef HaKodashim** are glosses to Choshen Mishpat.

R' NACHMAN OF BRESLAV - ר' נחמן מברסלב

Born: Mizhbozh, Podolia, 1772.

Died: Uman, Podolia, 1811.

Notes: Great Chassidic leader. Great-grandson of the Baal Shem Tov, he was the founder of the Breslav Chassidim. His disciple Rav Natan recorded many of his teachings, which are presented in **Likutei Moharan**. Upon his passing his followers decided that no one would replace R' Nachman, who is to this day the only Rebbe Breslav Chassidim have known.

R' YITZCHAK KALISH OF VORKI - ר' יצחק מוורקי

Born: Poland, 1779.

Died: Poland, 1848.

Notes: Prominent Chassidic leader, known as the Vorker Rebbe. One of the great disciples of the Kotzker Rebbe.

R' SHALOM ROKEACH OF BELZ - ר' שלום רקח מבלז

Born: 1779.

Died: 1855.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' YISRAEL LIPSCHUTZ - ר' ישראל ליפשיץ

TIFERES YISRAEL - תפארת ישראל

Born: 1782

Died: Danzig, Germany, 1860

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Tiferes Yisrael**, a commentary on the Mishneh.

R' YAAKOV TZVI MECKLENBURG - ר' יעקב צבי ממקלנבורג

Born: 1785.

Died: 1865.

Notes: Rabbi of Koenisburg. Torah Commentator. Author of **HaKetav VeHaKaballah**.

R' MENACHEM MENDEL MORGENSTERN OF KOTZK - ר' מנחם מענדל מקאצק

KOTZKER REBBE

Born: Goray, Poland, 1787.

Died: Kotzk, Poland, 1859.

Notes: Famous Chassidic Leader known as the Kotzker Rebbe. A student, chassid, and successor of R' Simcha Bunam of Pshis'cha, he despised wealth and relentlessly searched for absolute truth and honesty. The Alter of Ger was a close disciple and colleague and, ultimately, his successor in leading Polich Chassidim. After ten years as the Rebbe he decided to shun the public eye and remained shut in his room until his death for twenty years, rarely leaving or meeting anyone.

R' YITZCHAK MINKOWSKI - ר' יצחק מינקובסקי

Born: Minsk, Russia, 1788.

Died: Karlin, Russia, 1852.

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Keren Ora**.

R' YAAKOV ETINGER - ר' יעקב

Born: Manheim, Germany, 1788.

Died: Altuna, Germany, 1862.

Notes: Author of **Binyan Tzion**, a compendium of Responsa.

R' MENACHEM MENDEL OF LUBAVITCH - ר' מנחם מענדל מליובאוויטש

TZEMACH TZEDEK - צמח צדק

Born: Russia, 1789.

Died: Russia, 1866.

Notes: Halachic authority. Grandson of the Baal HaTanya and third Rebbe of Chabad Chassidim.

R' SHLOMO KLUGER - ר' שלמה קלוגר

Born: 1789.

Died: 1869.

Notes: **Chachmat Shlomo** (The Wisdom of Salomon, see 1 Malachim 5:10, 14, etc) are glosses on Orach Chaim comparing the views of different authorities and seeks to resolve apparent contradictions between them. Included in the outer margin of the Shulchan Aruch.

R' CHAIM YOSSEF GOTTLIEB - ר' חיים יוסף גאטליעב

STROPKOVER RAV

Born: Tertzal, Hungary, c. 1790.

Died: Stropkov, Hungary, 1867.

Notes: Talmudist

R' CHAIM MICHEL - ר' חיים

Born: 1792.

Died: 1846.

Notes: Author of **Ohr HaChaim**, a Bible commentary.

R' CHAIM HALBERSTAM OF SANZ - ר' חיים הלברשטם מצאנו

DIVREI CHAIM - דברי חיים

Born: Tarnograd, Poland, 1793.

Died: Sanz, Poland, 1876.

Notes: Talmudist, Halachist, Chassidic Leader. The first Sanzer Rebbe

R' DAVID AARON DE SOLA - ר' דוד אהרן די סולה

Born: Amsterdam, Holland, 1796.

Died: London, UK, 1860.

Notes: Sefardic rabbi and liturgist. Became senior Rav of Sefardic Congregations in London after 1818. Author of **Forms of Prayer according to the Customs of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews**, a six-volume on sefardic liturgy.

R' YISRAEL FRIEDMAN OF RIZHIN - ר' ישראל מרוזין

Born: Pogrobisht, Ukraine, 1797.

Died: Sadagora, Galicia, 1850.

Notes: Great Chassidic Leader. He was a greandson of the Maggid of Mezeritch. Considered as one of the great Rebbes of his time he lived a frugal life while outwardly displaying opulence for the Glory of Yidishkeit. He was victim of much persecution having been several times imprisoned by the Czar. In his exile he spread Chassidut to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Part of his duynasty survived the Holocaust through the lineage of Sadigora, Boyan, and Kopichnitz.

R' YITZCHAK MEIR ALTER OF GER - ר' יצחק מאיר אלטר מגור

CHIDUSHEI HARIM - חידושי הרי"ם

Born: Mognuszev, Poland, 1799.

Died: Ger, Poland, 1866.

Notes: Talmudist, Halachist, and Chassidic leader. A descendent of the Maharam of Rotemberg, he was widely known for his genius as a posek gadol. At the same time he was from very young deeply influenced by Chassidus having throughout his life maintained a close relation with to the center of Pshis'cha. He was at an early age very impressed with R' Yaakov Yitzchak of Pshis'cha and became later a chassid of his successor, R' Simcha Bunim, and then of R' Mendele of Tomashov, the Kotzker rebbe. Having his official residence in Warsaw he spent most of his time in Pshis'cha and was very close to the Kotzker rebbe, who was also his brother in law. He succeeded the Kotzker as rebbe in 1859, and instilled in his chassidim the fervor of Torah learning in addition to the measure of justice and compassion brought by the previous rebbes. In the last couple of years of his life he moved to Gur and is therefore known as the founder of the Ger Chassidic dynasty. Author, among other works of **Chidushei HaRim**, a compendium of commentaries on Shas, Shulchan Aruch and of Responsa. A great and modest spiritual leader he knew much personal suffering as all his thirteen children died in his lifetime.

R' CHANUCH ZUNDEL BEN YOSSEF - ר' חנוך בן יוסף

Born: late 1700s.

Died: 1867.

Notes: Author of **Etz Yossef**, a commentary on Midrash Rabbah.

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R' SHMUEL STRASHUN OF VILNA - מוילנא שטראשון

RASHASH - רש"ש

Born: 1800s

Died:

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **HaGahot VeChiduchei HaRashash**, emendations and commentaries on the Talmud.

R' YISRAEL OF SHKLOV - ר' ישראל

Born: 1800s.

Died: 1800s.

Notes: Author of **Peas HaShulchan**, a halachic code.

R' TZVI HIRSH CHAYOT - ר' צבי הירש חיות

MAHARATZ - מהר"ץ

Born: 1800s

Died:

Notes: Talmudist. Rabbi of Zholkov, Galicia. Author of **Chidushei Maharatz** on the Talmud.

R' ELAZAR MOSHE HALEVI HOROWITZ - ר' אלעזר משה הלוי הורוביץ

Born: 1800s.

Died:

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **HaGahot R' Moshe Elazar** on the Talmud.

R' CHANOCH OF ALEXANDER - ר' חנוך מאלקסנדר

Born: early 1800s.

Died: 1870.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' ARYEH LEIB YELLIN - ר' אריה ליב יעלין

Born: 1800s.

Died:

Notes: Talmudist. Author of **Yefei Einaim**, which complements the Masoret HaShas including the Yerushalmi.

R' YOSSEF BEN MOSHE BABAD - ר' יוסף בן משה

MINCHAS CHINUCH

Born: Tarnopol, c. 1800.

Died: Tzfas, 1874.

Notes: Author of **Minchas Chinuch**, on the 613 mitzvos through the perspective of the Talmud and Rishonim, structured as a commentary on the Sefer HaChinuch.

R' SHLOMO RABINOVITZ OF RADOMSK - ר' שלמה הכהן רבינוץ מרדמסק

TIFERES SHLOMO - תפרת שלמה

Born: Wlosziva, Poland, 1803.

Died: Radomsk, Poland, 1866.

Notes: Great Chassidic Leader. Author of **Tiferes Shlomo**, a commentary on Chumash.

R' SHLOMO GANZFRIED - ר' שלמה גאנצפריד

KITZUR SHULCHAN ARUCH - קיצור שולחן ערוך

Born: Ungvar, Hungary, 1804.

Died: Ungvar, Hungary, 1886.

Notes: Talmudist and Halachist. Rav and Av Bet Din of Ungvar. Author of **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch/Abridged Shulchan Aruch**, mostly on Orach Chaim which soon achieved unprecedented popularity, and **Lechem V'simla** on hilchot Niddah.

R' YAAKOV BEN SHMUEL ABUCHATZERA - ר' יעקב בן שמואל

Born: Tefelalecht, Maroccan Sahara, 1807.

Died: Alexandria, Egypt, 1880.

Notes: Also known as the Tzadik of the Sahara. Born to a long dynasty of Kabbalists, Poskin and community leaders. Author of commentaries on the Chumash, on Kabbala, Gematria as well as everyday halachic matters. Died in Egypt in his way to Eretz Yisrael, in his third attempt to make aliya.

R' SHIMSHON RAPHAEL HIRSCH - ר' שמשון רפאל הירש

Born: Hamburg, Germany, 1808.

Died: Frankfurt, 1888.

Notes: Biblical commentator, leader of world Jewry. Student of R' Yitzchak Barnays of Hamburg and R' Yaakov Ettlinger. He became Rav of Oldenburg in 1830, of Hannover in 1841 and Rav of Moravia and part of Austria after 1846. Finally, he settled in Frankfurt in 1851, a city dominated by Reform, where he became the leader of what was initially a small group of traditional Jews. Here from the pulpit and in his writings he waged a valiant battle against reform ideas. His followers accepted Western dress, secular education and participated in the secular world, however, they were given also a Torah education and had a non-compromising approach to Halachah. Author, among other works, of **Nineteen Letters of Ben Uziel**, where he addresses the issue of emancipation, **Torah im Derech Eretz**, where he promotes the compatibility of traditional Judaism and secular education, of commentaries on the Siddur, Psalms, Avot, etc, and of **Horeb**, a book that elucidates the mitzvot and their philosophical aspects. His best know work is likely his **Translation of the Pentateuch and Commentary**, where in German among many other points he argues for the Divine origin of the Written and the Oral Law and rejects the documentary hypothesis.

R' MEIR LEIB BEN YECHIEL MICHAEL - ר' מאיר ליב בן יחיאל מיכל

MALBIM - מלבי"ם

Born: Voloshisk, Poland, c. 1809.

Died: Kiev, Russia, 1879.

Notes: Commentator and gifted public speaker. He was appointed Rav of Wrteschen in 1839 and Rav of Bucharest and Chief Rabbi of Romania after 1858. A leading opponent of reform, he was imprisoned due to false accusations by the reformers. He was sentenced to death and only through the efforts of Sir Moses Montefiori did the Romanian government change his sentence to exile. Author of **Malbim on Chumash**, where he focuses on the connection between the Oral Law and the Written Law, and a commentary on the whole Tanach, which gained widespread acceptance. Author of **Artzot HaChaim**, a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch.

R' YITZCHAK BEN CHAIM HALBERSTAM - ר' יצחק בן חיים

Born: Poland, 1810.

Died: Poland, 1889.

Notes: Talmudic scholar. Author of **Siach Yitzchak**, a book on chidushim on Chumash, published by his son, R' Shlomo Zalman Halberstam.

R' YISRAEL BEN ZEEV WOLF LIPKIN SALANTER - ר' ישראל בן זאב מסאלאנט

Born: Zager, Lithuania, 1810.

Died: Koenigsburg, Prussia, 1883.

Notes: Talmudist, Rosh Yeshiva and founder of the Mussar movement. Descendent of the Vilna Gaon and disciple fo R' Zundel of Salant, who he learned the concept of Mussar from. Author of **Even Yisrael** and **Ohr Yisrael**.

R' YOSSEF SHAUL BEN ARYEH LEIBUSH HALEVI NATHANSON - ר' יוסף בן אריה הלוי

SHOEL UMEISHIV

Born: Lvov, 1810.

Died: 1875.

Notes: Rav in Lvov. Author of **Shoel UMeishiv**, a collection of 6 volumes of responsa as well as a commentary of the Yerushalmi. Author of **Magen Gibborim**, on the Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim.

ר' יחזקאל הלברסטם משינובה - R' YECHEZKEL HALBERSTAM OF SINIAWA

Born: 1811.

Died: 1899.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

ר' אברהם צבי הירש בן יעקב אייזנשטאט - R' AVRAHAM TZVI HIRSCH BEN YAAKOV EISENSTADT- PITCHEI TESHUVA - פיתחי תשובה

Born: Grodno, Russia, 1813.

Died: Kovno, Russia, 1868.

Notes: **Rav of Utian. Author of Pirchei Teshuva, a running commentary on the Shulchan Aruch. Pitchei Teshuvah** (Opportunities for Repentance/Responsa) follows the same approach and format of Shaarei Teshuva as it provides a digest of responsa as a supplement to the Shulchan Aruch, including the responsa composed after the publication of the Shulchan Aruch. It covers the three volumes not covered by Shaarei Teshuva, i.e., **Even HaEzer** (including also **Kunteirim HaShamot Al Mekomo**), **Choshen Mishpat** (including also **Nachalat Tzvi**), and **Yoreh Deah** (including also **Nachalat Tzvi**).

ר' יעקב דוד מאמשינוב - R' YAAKOV DAVID OF AMSHINOV

Born: 1814.

Died: 1878.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

ר' אברהם שמואל בנימין סופר - R' AVRAHAM SHMUEL BINYAMIN SOFER SCHREIBER - כתב סופר - KTAV SOFER

Born: Pressburg, Hungary, 1815.

Died: Pressburg, Hungary, 1871.

Notes: Commentator and Halachist. Son and disciple of the Chatam Sofer and he was his successor as Rav and Rosh Yeshiva in Pressburg and as a leading opponent of reform ideas. Author of **Ktav Sofer**, a homiletic commentary on the Chumash, and **Teshuvot Ktav Sofer**, a compendium of responsa.

ר' יצחק הירש - R' YITZCHAK HIRSCH WEISS

Born: Moravia, 1815.

Died: Vienna, Austria, 1905.

Notes: Talmudist and Historian. Author of glosses on the Sifra and Mechilta and **Dor Dor VeDorshav** a five-volume history of oral traditions to the times of the Spanish Expulsion.

ר' יצחק אלחנן - R' YITZCHAK ELCHONAN SPEKTOR

Born: Grodno, Russia, 1816.

Died: Kovno, 1895.

Notes: Halachist and Jewish leader. Appointed Rav of Kovno in 1863, where he established a Yeshiva, he held this position for thirty-two years until his death. He was highly regarded by all in terms of his halachic opinions being considered as the most respected authority of his time. He together with R' Yisrael Salanter fought bravely the harsh decrees of the Russian government. Author among other works of **Beer Yitzchak** and **Ein Yitzchak**, both compendiums of Responsa, and **Nachal Yitzchak** on Choshen Mishpat.

ר' נפתלי צבי יהודה ברלין - R' NAFTALI TZVI YEHUDA BERLIN - נצי"ב - NETZIV

Born: Mir, Poland, 1817.

Died: Warsaw, Poland, 1893.

Notes: Biblical commentator and Talmudist. Son-in law of R' Chaim of Volozhin. He was accepted in the Yeshiva of Volozhin at age 11. He was Rosh Yeshiva in Volozhin, from 1854 until 1892 when the school was closed by the Russian government. There he taught in the tradition of the Vilna Gaon and refused the introduction of secular studies, a stance that eventually led to the closing of the Yeshiva. One of the first rabbis to support Zionism he was a leader of the Chovevei Zion movement. His son R' Meir Berlin/Bar Ilan, led the Mizrachi Party, after 1914. Author

of **HaAmek Davar** and **Harchev Davar**, a two-part commentary and a super-commentary on Chumash, **Meromei Sadeh**, a commentary on the Talmud, **HaEmek Sheelah**, a commentary of the Sheilot of R' Chai Gaon, **Meishiv Davar**, a collection of Responsa, as well as commentary on the Yerushalmi. His students include R' Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook and R' Isser Zalman Meltzer as well as his sons R' Chaim Berlin and R' Meir Berlin.

ר' יהושע ליב דיסקין - R' MOSHE YEHOSHUA LEIB DISKIN

MAHARIL DISKIN - מהרי"ל דיסקין

Born: Grodno, Poland, 1818.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1898.

Notes: Biblical commentator, Talmudist, Rabbi of Brisk.

ר' יוסף דוב סולוביץ' - R' YOSSEF DOV SOLOVEITCHIK

BEIT HALEVI

Born: Nisviz, Poland, 1820.

Died: Brisk, Poland, 1892.

Notes: Talmudist. He was for some time associate Rosh Yeshiva in Volozhin under the Netziv. He then became Rav of Slutsk and ultimately Brisk. Author of **Beit HaLevi**, a commentary on Bereishit and Shemot as well as many seforim with responsa. Father of R' Chaim of Brisk.

ר' שמחה זאב - R' SIMCHA ZISSEL ZIV

ALTER OF KELM

Born: 1824.

Died: 1898.

Notes: Author of **Chachmat Umussar**, a book on mussar.

ר' יחיאל מיכל בן אהרן הלוי עפשטיין - R' YECHIEL MICHEL BEN AHARON HALEVI EPSTEIN

ARUCH HASHULCHAN - ערוך השלחן

Born: Bobroysk, Bielorussia, 1829.

Died: Navardok, Bielorussia, 1908.

Notes: Rav of Navardok. Author of **Aruch HaShulchan**, a halachic compendium following the order of the Shulchan Aruch, which analyzes the issues through the perspectives of the Rishonim. This work is complemented by **Aruch HaShulchan HaAtid**, which covers the sections on vows, agriculture and ritual purity. He is regarded as being meikel, one who holds by more lenient views. He was the father and teacher of the Torah Temimah. Is known as having been a close friend of R' Menachem Mendel, the third Rebbe of Lubavitch.

ר' חיים ברלין - R' CHAIM BERLIN

Born: Volozhin, Poland, 1832.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1912.

Notes: Son and student of the Netziv. He became Rav of Moscow in 1865 and joined the faculty of the Volozhin Yeshiva in 1878 to assist his father until the closing of the Yeshiva in 1892 by the Russian government. Since 1892 and until 1897 he was Rav in Kobrin and after 1897 in Elizavetgrad. He moved to Eretz Yisrael in 1906 and settled in Jerusalem where in 1909 he was elected he served as a Rav for the Ashkenazi community. He lends his name to the famous R' Chaim Berlin Yeshiva in New York.

ר' חיים חזקיה בן רפאל אליהו הלי - R' CHAIM CHIZKIYAH BEN RAFAEL ELIYAHU HALEVI

SDEI CHEMED

Born: Constantinople, Turkey, c. 1832.

Died: Chevron, Israel, 1904.

Notes: Sefardic scholar. Author of **Sdei Chemed**, an encyclopedia on many volumes of halachic and Talmudic issues, which draws on the responsa of the Achronim, and **Michtav Chizkiyah**, a compendium of responsa.

ר' נפתלי אמסטרדאם - R' NAFTALI AMSTERDAM

Born: Salant, Lithuania, 1832.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1916

Notes: Mussar commentator.

R' ABRAHAM BERLINER - אברהם ברלינר - ר'

Born: Germany, 1833.

Died: Germany, 1915. Author of commentary on Rashi on the Chumash as well as glosses on the prayer book.

R' YOSSEF CHAIM BEN ELIYAHU - אליוו - ר' יוסף חיים בן

BEN ISH CHAI - בן יש חי

Born: Baghdad, c. 1833.

Died: 1909.

Notes: Talmudist, Halachist, Kabbalist, and a gifted public speaker. One of the foremost Sefardic Rabbis of the 19th Century. He became the de facto Rav of Bagdad in 1858 upon the death of his father. Author of **Rav Pealim**, a compendium of Responsa, and **Ben Ish Chai**, based on his lectures on which he would link the weekly Torah portion to topics in halacha, and many other works on halacha, kabbala, etc.

R' SHALOM MORDECHAI BEN MOSHE HAKOHEN SCHWADRON - שולום בן משה הכהן שוודרו - ר'

MAHARSHAM - מהרש"ם

Born: Zlotchov, Poland, 1835.

Died: Berzan, Poland, 1911.

Notes: Talmudic and halachic scholar. Rav of Berzan. Author of **Gillui Daat** on the Shulchan Aruch, **Daat Torah** glosses on the Shulchan Aruch and **Shut Maharsham**, a compendium of responsa.

R' YISRAEL MEIR HAKOHEN KAGAN - ישראל מאיר הכהן - ר'

CHOFETZ CHAIM - חפץ חיים

Born: Zhetel, Lithuania, 1835

Died: Radin, Lithuania, 1933

Notes: Halachist and Torah leader of great saintliness, he was the spiritual leader of his generation and one of the best known Rabbinic figures of the last two centuries. He studied mostly in Vilna and moved to Radin where he founded a Yeshiva. Later he became a leader of Agudat Israel. Author of **Mishna Berura/Clear Teaching**, a six-volume commentary on the Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim which took him twenty years to write and is considered authoritative in Jewish Law by most to this day, of **Shaar Hatzium**, sources and notes to the Mishna Berura, of **Biur Halacha**, additional comments and more detailed studies, of **Likutei Halokhot**, on Masechet Kedoshim, of **Mahanei Yisrael** a code of law for Jewish soldiers, of **Nidchei Yisrael**, for Jewish immigrants to America. Author of **Chofetz Chaim/Desireous of Life**, a halachic tractate on loshon hara, the laws of tailbearing and slandering which achieved such success that he became known by its name. He authored a second book on the same topic **Shemirat HaLashon**, but now from an ethical perspective.

R' YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE SHLOMO BLAZER OF PETERSBURG - יצחק בלזר מפעטערבורג - ר'

Born: Vilna, Lithuania, 1837.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1907

Notes: Mussar commentator. Rav of Petersburg from 1862-1878 and Rosh Yeshiva of Slobodka 1880-1891. Settled in Jerusalem in 1904. Student of R' Yisrael Salanter. Author of **Or Yisrael**.

R' AVRAHAM BEN ZEEV NAHUM BORNSTEIN - אברהם בן זאב ברנשטיין - ר'

AVNEI NEZER - אבני נזר

Born: Bendin, Poland, 1839

Died: Sochatchev, Poland, 1910

Notes: Rav of Sochatchev. He was a son-in-law of the Kotzker Rebbe. Author of **Avnei Nezer**, a compendium of Responsa and **Eglei Tal**, an analysis of the principles of Shabbat and the 39 primary melachot.

R' MEIR SIMCHA HAKOHEN - מאיר שמחה הכהן - ר'

OHR SAMEACH - אור שמח

Born: Vilna, Lithuania, 1843.

Died: Dvinsk, Russia, 1926.

Notes: Torah commentator, Talmudic and halachic scholar. He became Rav of Dvinsk in 1888 until his death. He was respected for his kindness and character. Author of **Meshech Chochmah**, a commentary on the Torah and **Ohr Sameach**, a commentary on the Rambam's Mishneh Torah.

R' DAVID TZVI HOFFMAN - ר' דוד צבי

Born: Slovakia, 1843.

Died: Germany, 1921.

Notes: Halachist. Rosh Yeshiva of the Hildesheimer Seminary in Berlin after 1899. Staunch opponent of reform and the Wellhausen School of Biblical criticism. One of the major halachic authorities of his time in Germany.

R' TZVI HIRSH SHAPIRA - ר' צבי הירש שפירא

DARCHEI TESHUVA - דרכי תשובה

Born: Munkach, Hungary, c. 1845.

Died: Munkach, Hungary, 1913.

Notes: Rav and Rebbe of Munkach. Author of **Darchei Teshuva**, an encyclopedic commentary on the Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deah, the last volume of which was published by his son, R' Chaim Elazar Shapira.

R' ARYEH LEIB FRUMKIN - ר' אריה ליב

Born: Kelm, Lithuania, 1845.

Died: Israel, 1953.

Notes: Talmudic scholar. Settled in Israel in 1911. Author of **Toledot Chachamai Yerushalmi**, a history of the sages and scholars of Jerusalem. Edited Seder Rav Amram Gaon, the earliest arrangement of prayers for the whole year by R' Amram Gaon (800s, Rosh Yeshiva of Sura, 800s).

R' YEHUDA ARYEH LEIB ALTER OF GER - ר' יהודה אריה ליב אלטר מגור

SFAT EMET - שפת אמת

Born: Warsaw, Poland, 1847.

Died: Ger, Poland, 1905.

Notes: Talmudist and Chassidic Leader. Second Gerrer Rebbe, he succeeded his grandfather the Chidushei HaRim, when he was in his 20s. Under his leadership the ranks of Gerrer chassidim grew substantially. Author of a three volume commentary on the Talmud especially Kodashim and of **Sfat Emet**, a five-volume compendium of chassidic discourses he delivered over a thirty-three year period on Torah, Shabbat and Yamim Tovim.

R' YOSSEF YOZEL HURWITZ OF NOVARDOK - ר' יוסף יוזל הורביץ מנאווארדאק

ALTER OF NOVARDOK - הסבא מנאווארדאק

Born: Plungian, Lithuania, 1848.

Died: Kiev, Russia, 1920.

Notes: Ethicist and Rosh Yeshiva. He was a businessman until he met R' Yisrael Salanter. After that he embraced the Mussar philosophy and founded the Yeshiva of Novardok in 1896, focusing on the teachings of Mussar. His students established a network of Yeshivot called Beit Yossef, which was virtually destroyed during WW II. These were re-established after the war by his son-in-law R' Abraham Yoffen in Israel and America. Author of **Mechegash HaAdam**.

R' NATAN TZVI FINKEL OF SLOBODKA - ר' נתן צבי פינקל מסלאבאדקא

ALTER OF SLOBODKA - הסבא מסלאבאדקא

Born: Rasein, Lituania, 1849.

Died: Hebron, Israel, 1927.

Notes: Ethicist and Talmudist. He joined the Yeshiva of Slobodka in 1877 and founded a Kollel with R' Ytisrael Finkel, an important disciple of R' Salanter, in nearby Kovno soon thereafter. His efforts turned the Yeshiva into the first Mussar Yeshiva known as Knesset Yisrael, where he focused on both Torah scholarship and character development. He moved to Eretz Yisrael in 1924 and opened a branch of the Slobodka Yeshiva in Hebron, which after the 1929 relocate to Yerushalayim. Many of his talmidim became major leaders of American Jewry, for example, R' Aharon Kotler, R' Reven Grozovsky, R' Yaakov Kamenetsky, R' Yaakov Ruderman, R' David Leibowitz, and T' Yitzchak Hunter.

R' YOSSEF CHAIM SONNENFELD - ר' יוסף חיים

Born: Hungary, 1849.

Died: Jerusalem, 1932.

Notes: Scholar and Jewish leader of the Chareidi community in Jerusalem. A student of the Ktav Sofer, he made aliyah to Eretz Yisrael. He became the de facto Rav of Eidah HaCharedis in Jerusalem in 1909 upon the death of R' Shmuel Salant, a position he only formally accepted in 1920. He worked tirelessly to preserve Jewish tradition in Eretz Yisrael. He had a warm relationship with Rav Kook although he definitely rejected many of his views. Indeed, they travelled together in 1913-14 to inspire Jews to Teshuva in North Yisrael. His responsa are collected in **Salmas Chayim**.

R' YITZCHAK OF BOYAN - ר' יצחק מבויאן

Born: 1850.

Died: 1917.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' CHAIM BEN YOSSEF DOV SOLOVEITCHIK - ר' חיים בן יוסף דוב סלובייצ'יק

REB CHAIM BRISKER - ר' חיים מבריסק

Born: Volozhin, Lithuania, 1853.

Died: Brisk, Lithuania, 1918.

Notes: Talmudist and Rosh Yeshiva. Married to a granddaughter of the Netziv. He joined the Yeshiva of Volozhin as a faculty in 1880, and he remained there as an Associate Rosh Yeshiva until the it was closed by the Russians. He then moved to Brisk where in 1892 he succeeded his father, R' Yossef Dov Soloveitchik, as Rav. He is regarded by many as one of the most innovative Talmudic scholars of the 19th and 20th centuries, he developed the Brisker approach to Talmudic studies which focuses on the finest distinctions in Halachah. Author of **Chidushei Rabbi Chaim**, essays on Rambam and topics in the Talmud. Father of R' Yitchak Zev and R' Moshe Soloveitchik.

R' YERACHMIEL YITZCHAK DANZINGER OF ALEXANDER - ר' ירחמיאל יצחק דנציגר מאלקסנדר

YISMACH YISRAEL - ישמח ישראל

Born: 1853.

Died: 1919.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' YISRAEL SADAGORA - ר' ישראל מסדיגורה

Born: 1853.

Died: 1907.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' YEHUDA DAVID EISENSTEIN - ר' יהודה דוד

Born: Poland, 1854.

Died: USA, 1956.

Notes: Encyclopedist and anthologist. Author of several anthologies with titles starting with Otzar, one of the best known is **Otzar Dinim Uminhagim/Treasure of Laws and Customs**.

R' YOSSEF ROZEN - ר' יוסף רוזן

ROGATCHOVER GAON

Born: Rogatchov, Russia, 1858.

Died: Vienna, Austria, 1936.

Notes: Talmudic Halachic scholar. He was the Chassidic Rav and the Ohr Sameach was the Litvak Rav both in Dvinsk. Author of **Tzofenat Paneach**, a compendium of responsa.

R' YOSSEF ENGEL - ר' יוסף ענגל

Born: Cracow, Poland, 1859.

Died: Cracow, Poland, 1920.

Notes: Talmudic and halachic scholar. Author of **Gilyonei HaShas**.

ר' BARUCH HALEVI EPSTEIN - ר' ברוך הלוי עפשטיין

TORAH TEMIMAH - תורה תמימה

Born: Brobuisk, Russia, 1860.

Died: Pinsk, Russia, 1942.

Notes: Torah Commentator. Son and student of R' Yecheil Michel Epstein, the Aruch HaShulchan and nephew of the Netziv, he joined the Volozhin Yeshiva at the age of 13, one of the youngest students ever. He then moved to Pinsk, briefly to New York and then returned to Pinsk, where he was murdered by the Nazis. Author of **Torah Temimah/Complete Torah**, a midrashic anthology on Chumash which highlights the connection between the Written Law and the Oral Law, hence its name, **Tosefot Berachah** and commentaries on Avot and on the Siddur.

ר' BARUCH BER LEIBOVITZ - ר' ברוך בער ליבוביץ

Born: Sutzk, Russia, c. 1862.

Died: Vilna, Lithuania, 1939.

Notes: Talmudist and Rosh Yeshiva. Author of **Birchat Shmuel**.

ר' AHARON HYMAN - ר' אהרן

Born: 1862.

Died: 1937.

Notes: Author of **Toledot Tannaim VeAmoraim**, a biographical encyclopedia.

ר' CHAIM OZER GRODZIENSKY - ר' חיים עוזר גרודזנסקי

ACHIEZER

Born: Iyve, Lithuania, 1863.

Died: Vilna, Lithuania, 1939.

Notes: Talmudist and leader of world Jewry between the two World Wars. Saved thousands during the war. Author of **Shut Achiezer**, a selection of responsa. When all the yeshivas and many refugees congregated in Vilna on the run from the Nazis and the Russians he worked tirelessly to support and organize them. One of his foremost disciples was R' Eliezer Silver.

ר' YOSSEF TZVI DUSHINSKY - ר' יוסף צבי

MAHARITZ - מהרי"ץ

Born: Galanta, Czechoslovakia, 1864.

Died: Jerusalem, 1948.

Notes: Author of **Maharitz**, a compendium of responsa.

ר' AVRAHAM YITZCHAK HAKOHEN KOOK - ר' אברהם יצחק הכהן

RAV KOOK

Born: Grieva, Russia, 1865.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1935.

Notes: A student of R' Salanter and The Netziv, in Volozhin where he got semicha, he later studied under the Chofetz Chaim. While still in Volozhin he became involved with the Yeshiva's Zionist group, the Nes Ziona/The Banner of Zion and later he came to see Zionism as a way of hastening the coming of Moshiach, and truly as part of G-d's plan for the Universe. He ultimately became the philosopher of religious Zionism. He moved to Israel in 1903, settling initially in Jaffa, but his fame soon spread through the land. In his earlier years in Israel he held heated controversies with the more secular elements led by Ben-Yehuda as well as the more religious elements, namely on the issue of shemita. He travelled to Europe in the 1914 and was stranded there due to the war. He stayed in London and was there for the presentation of the Balfour Declaration. He became the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem in 1919, the highest position in Eretz Yisrael at the time, and the first Chief Rabbi of Israel in 1921. Committed to education he created the Merkaz Ha-Rav Kook, which became the model for Zionist Yeshivas in Israel. He authored over thirty books, among which are **Daat Kohan**, **Mishpat Kohan**, **Ezrat Kohan**, all volumes of responsa, **Halacha Berurah**, a commentary on the Talmud, and the **Olas Reeiya Siddur**. Among his students is his son R' Tzvi Yehuda Kook.

ר' YAAKOV CHAIM SOFER - ר' יעקב חיים סופר

Born: Baghdad, 1870

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1939

Notes: Initially of Badgad, he moved to Israel by the turn of the century to study in the Beth El Yeshiva for Kabbalah studies. Author of **Kaf HaChaim**, a multi-volume commentary on Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim and parts of Yoreh Deah.

R' NAFTALI TROP - ר' נפתלי טראפ

Born: Grodno, Poland, 1871.

Died: Vilna, Lithuania, 1939.

Notes: Talmudist.

R' TZVI PESACH FRANK - ר' צבי פסח

Born: Lithuania, 1873.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1961.

Notes: Halachic scholar. A student of R' Eliezer Gordon and R' Shmuel Salant. Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem. Author of **Har Tzvi**, a compendium of responsa, as well as **Eretz Tzvi** and **Mikra'ei Kodesh**.

R' YERUCHAM LEVOVITZ - ר' ירוחם לואויץ

Born: Luban, Russia, 1874.

Died: Mir, Poland, 1930.

Notes: Mussar commentator. Spiritual guide of the Mirrer Yeshiva.

R' ELCHONON BUNIM WASSERMAN - ר' אלחנן ווסרמאן

Born: Birz, Russia, 1875.

Died: Slobodka, Lithuania, 1941.

Notes: Talmudic scholar and Rosh Yeshiva. Murdered by the Nazis. Author of **Kovetz Shiurim**

R' ELIYAHU LAPIAN - ר' אליהו לאפיין

Born: Greyva, Poland, 1876.

Died: Kfar Chassidim, Israel, 1970.

Notes: Ethicist and Talmudist. Author of **Lev Eliyahu**, a mussar book which includes his droshos.

R' AVRAHAM YESHAYAHU KARELITZ - ר' אברהם ישעיהו קרליץ

CHAZON ISH - חזן איש

Born: Kossova, Lithuania, 1879.

Died: Bnei Brak, Israel, 1954.

Notes: Talmudist, halachist and spiritual leader. Moved to Vilna in 1920 where he was close to R' Chaim Grodzensky. With help of Rav Kook, he immigrated legally to Israel in 1933. He settled in Bnei Brak and soon became the leader of Israel's charedim, although he never held any formal post as a Rav or Rosh Yeshiva. With great effort he helped revitalize the laws dealing with agriculture in Israel, namely terumos, maasros, and Shemittah, which had not been practiced for centuries. He was also instrumental in convincing Ben Gurion not to draft religious women into the army. Author among others of **Chazon Ish**, a multi-volume compendium of halachic and Talmudic commentaries and **Eemunah UBitachon** on mussar.

R' BEN TZION MEIR CHAI UZIEL - ר' בן ציון מאיר

Born: 1880.

Died: Israel, 1953.

Notes: First Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Israel (before 1948). Author of **Piskei Uziel B' Sheeilot HaZman**, a collection of responsa on contemporary issue.

R'SHIMON SHALOM KALISH OF AMSHINOV - ר' שמעון שלום קליש מאמשינוב

Born: 1883.

Died: 1954.

Notes: Chassidic sage.

R' MENACHEM ZIEMBA**Born:** 1883.**Died:** 1943.**Notes:** He was murdered by the Nazis in Warsaw. All of his numerous writing were burned.**R' YECHEZKEL LEVENSTEIN - ר' יחזקאל לוונשטין****Born:** Warsaw, Poland, 1884.**Died:** Bnei Brak, Israel, 1974.**Notes:** Mussar commentator. Spiritual guide of the Mir and Ponivitz Yeshiva.**R' DAVID DE SOLA POOL - ר' דוד די סולה פול****Born:** London, UK, 1885.**Died:** New York, USA, 1970.**Notes:** Noted Sefardic Rabbi and religious leader. Student of the Hildesheimer Seminary of Berlin, Rav of the Shearit Israel Sefardic Synagogue in NY from 1907 until he retired in 1956. Author of numerous works on prayer including translations of both Sefardic and Ashkenazic siddurim, on religious thought, and Jewish history.**R' EZRA ATTIA - ר' עזרא****Born:** Aleppo, Syria, 1885.**Died:** Jerusalem, Israel, 1970.**Notes:** He built the foundations of 20th Century Sephardic Jewry. He served for forty-five years as Rosh Yeshiva of the Yeshivat Porat Yossef, where he developed a Sephardic approach to Torah and Mussar, and which trained thousands of talmidim, many of whom serve kehilot in Israel, United States and Latin America. His students include R' Ovadiah Yossef, a former Chief Sefardic Rabbi and considered by many sefardim as their elder sage.**R' YEHUDA MEIR BEN YAAKOV SHIMSHON SHAPIRO - ר' יהודה מאיר בן יעקב שמשון שפירא****Born:** Shatz, Romania, 1887.**Died:** Lublin, Poland, 1933.**Notes:** Appointed Rav of Gliniany at age 24, he proceeded to found a Yeshiva there a pattern that he would repeat in Sanok and Piotrkov, and ultimately in Lublin where he became Rav and founded Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin in 1930. He was known from early age as an outstanding leader and a gifted speaker. A strong supporter of Agudat Yisrael, he was present in its founding conference in 1912 and helped organize many of its campaigns. He was appointed Head of the Polish Agudah in 1922 and represented Polish Jewry in the parliament after 1923. Author among others of **Imrei Da'as**, a book of Torah thoughts on halacha and agaddah, **Ohr HaMeir**, a collection shealot and teshuvot. His best known contribution is the concept of **Daf Yomi**, which he introduced to the first Knessiah Gedolah of Agudat Israel in 1923 and started on Rosh Hashanah of 1924. He passed away when he was about to embark on a journey to Eretz Yisrael and take the post of Rav of Lodz. He was reinterred in Jerusalem in 1958.**R' YOEL TEITELBAUM OF SATMAR - ר' יואל טייטעלבוים מסטמר****THE SATMAR RAV - רב מסטמר****Born:** Sighet, Hungary, 1887.**Died:** New York, USA, 1979.**Notes:** Descendent of the Yismach Moshe, the founder of the Satmar chassidic dynasty. He became Rav of Orshiva in 1910 and Rav of Satmar in 1933. After the Nazi invasion of Hungary he was sent to the Klausenberg Ghetto and was saved from the Holocaust with other 1500 Jews from Bergen-Belsen in 1945. He settled in the USA in 1946 and set out to build a community in the Eastern European tradition, ultimately founding Kiryat Yoel in NY state and establishing branches of Satmar in several other countries. From an early age he was recognized as leading Torah sage, he is the author among others of **Divrei Yoel** on the Torah, **Divrei Yoel**, a compendium of responsa, and **Chidushei Sugyos**. A fervent opponent of Zionism, he wrote several books on this subject including, **VaYoel Moshe** and **Al HaGeulah v'al HaTemurah**.**R' YITZCHAK ZEV BEN CHAIM SOLOVEITCHIK - ר' יצחק זאב בן חיים סולוביצ'יק****Born:** Volozhin, Lithuania, 1889.**Died:** Jerusalem, Israel, 1960.

Notes: Talmudist. Son of R' Chaim of Brisk, he succeeded his father as Rav of Brisk. He managed to escape to Israel when the Nazis destroyed the Jewish community of Brisk.

ר' קלונימוס קלמיש שפוא מפיסעזנא - R' KLONIMOS KALMISH SHAPIRA M'PIASETZNO

Born: Grodzhisk, Poland, 1889.

Died: Treblinka, 1943.

Notes: Chassidi Rebbe of Piasetzno, Poland. He was a scion of a distinguished family, which included R' Elimelech of Lizhensk and the Chozeh of Lublinhe immersed himself in the study of Torah and Kabbalah. In 1909 he was appointed Rav of Piasetzno near Warsaw. There he attracted many chassidim in particular young people. Indeed, he focused on the education of children and young men, having established the Yeshiva Daat Moshe in 1923. After the Nazi invasion in 1939 he was interned with a remnant of his chassidim in the Warsaw Ghetto where he ran a secret synagogue and kept alive the flame of Chassidut during its final days. His inspirational speeches of that period were recovered from the ruins of the ghetto and published under the title **Aish HaKodesh/Holy Fire**. He spent the last few months of his life in Treblinka, where he was murdered by the Nazis. Author of **Chovat HaTalmidim/Obligations of the Students** targeted at teenagers and **Hachsharat HaAvreichim/Preparation of Young Men**, targetted at young married men.

ר' ישראל - R' YISRAEL ABUCHATZERA

BABA SALI -

Born: Morocco, 1890.

Died: Netivot, Yisrael, 1984.

Notes: Talmudist, Halachist, and Kabbalist. Known as a person of great peity from bery young age he is known as the Baba Sali, Arabic for the "honorable father". He visited Eretz Yisrael for the first time in 1921, when he prayed at the Arizal synagogue in Safed, which had been closed for some time and was thereby re-opened. At that time he is said to had visited the great sage R' Shlomo Alfandri, who at the age of 105 stood up for him, a 32-year old man. He moved definitely to Israel in 1951 and settled in Netivot in 1970 where he attracted many visitors seeking guidance, prayers, and blessings. His grave is a place of pilgrimage in his Yarhzeit.

ר' יעקב קמנצקי - R' YAAKOV KAMANETSKY

Born: Kalushkove, Russia, 1890.

Died: Monsey, USA, 1986.

Notes: Commentator and Talmudist. He studied in Minsk and then for twenty-one years in Slobodka under R' Nosson Tzvi Finkel. He was appointed Rav of Kelm in 1926 and move to America in 1937, where he initially took rabbinical positions in Seattle and Toronto. From 1948 to 1968 he headed the yeshiva Torah Vodaath, in Brooklyn. Author among others of **Iyunum BaMikra**, a commentary on Chumash. Considered one of the foremost poskim in postwar America he left his imprint in Jewish life in America and the world.

ר' אליהו אליעזר דסלר - R' ELIYAHU ELIEZER DESSLER

Born: Libau, Lithuania, 1891.

Died: Bnei Brak, Israel, 1954.

Notes: Rosh Yeshiva, Educator, Mussar teacher. Author of **Michtav MELiyahu** on Mussar.

ר' אהרן קוטלר - R' AHARON KOTLER

REB AHARON - ר' אהרן

Born: Sislovitch, Russia, 1892.

Died: New York, USA, 1962.

Notes: Talmudist, Rosh Yeshiva, Leader of Orthodox Jewry. He studied in Slobodka and founded a Yeshiva in Kletzk, Poland. He arrived in America in 1941 as a war refugee, after passages through Japan and Russia. He immediatley dedicated his efforts to rescuing Jews from the Holocaust, namely through the Vaad Hatzalah, and to improving Jewish life in America. Staunchly committed to Jewish education for its own sake he was the founder and Rosh Yeshiva of Bet Medrash Gevoha in Lakewood, where students studied Torah exclusively, and which eventually became the largest advanced Yeshiva in America.

ר' משה פיינשטיין - R' MOSHE FEINSTEIN

REB MOSHE - ר' משה

Born: Uzda, Russia, 1895.

Died: New York, 1986.

Notes: Arguably one of the most important Talmudic and Halachic scholar of the 20th Century in the US, his halachic decisions are considered binding by many. He answered halachic questions from all over the world and distinguished himself by the ability to apply eternal Torah principles to modern life. He studied initially in Udza and Slutsk and later became Rav of Luban where for six years he faced serious harassment from the communists. He moved to America in 1937 and became the Rosh Yeshiva of Mesivta Torefet Jerusalem in NY, one of the oldest Yeshivas in the US. After R' Kotler's death in 1962 he became the chair of the Council of Torah Sages of Agudath Yisrael. He dedicated his life to the expansion of Torah Judaism in America. Author of **Dibrot Moshe**, a collection of glosses on the Talmud and of **Iggros Moshe**, a compendium thousands of responsa, which now comprises eight volumes. Some of his early works, including a commentary on the Yerushalmi, were destroyed by the Communists. He is buried in Har HaMenuchot in Jerusalem.

R' MORDECHAI YAAKOV BREISH - ר' מרדכי יעקב

Born: Galicia, 1895.

Died: Zurich, Switzerland, 1976.

Notes: Rav and Av Bet Din of Zurich from 1934-1976, Author of **Chelkas Yaakov**, a compendium of responsa

R' ELIEZER BERKOVITS - ר' אליעזר

Born: Transylvania, 1900.

Died: USA, ???

Notes: Theologian, studied in the Hildesheimer Yeshiva in Berlin, and lived in Germany until 1939. Served as Rav in England and Australia before moving to the USA. Worked on Religious philosophy.

R' CHAIM LEIB SHMULEVITZ - ר' חיים ליב שמואלביץ

Born: Stutchin, Poland, 1901.

Died: Jerusalem, 1979.

Notes: Rosh Yeshiva of Mir.

R' MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON - ר' מנחם מענדל שניאורסאהן

LUBAVITCHER REBBE - רב מליובאוויטש

Born: 1902.

Died: New York, 1994.

Notes: Talmudic and halachic authority. Seventh Rebbe of Lubavitch, he became Rebbe in 1951 upon the death of his father-in-law, R' Yossef Yitzchak Schneerson. He had an engineering degree and worked for the US navy during World War II. With a charismatic personality and unbounded love for all Jews he became an international spiritual leader and developed Chabad Lubavitch into a worldwide organization. Actively dedicated to the work of kiruv, he touched the life of many Jews who were helped to claim their roots, in particular after the early 1970s. He developed a network of shlichim/emissaries, Chabad Houses, educational facilities, and charitable organizations throughout the world. His talks and farbrengens were the first Torah events to be broadcast worldwide via satellite. Author of many volumes of sichos and halachic rulings.

R' YITZCHAK YAAKOV WEISS - ר' יצחק יעקב

Born: Galicia, 1902.

Died: Jerusalem, 1989.

Notes: Av Beit Din in Grosswardein, Romania before WW II and in Manchester, England until 1970s. Then became head of Eidah Charedis in Jerusalem. Author of **Minchas Yitzchak**, a compendium of Responsa.

R' YOSSEF DOV BEN MOSHE SOLOVEITCHIK - ר' יוסף דוב בן משה סולוביצ'יק

Born: Pruzhanm, Poland, 1903.

Died: USA, 1993.

Notes: Also known as the Rav. Theologian, philosopher, Talmudic scholar, and spiritual leader of American Modern Orthodoxy. A descendent of a great dynasty of Talmudists from the 1800s, he learned Torah from his father, R' Moshe Soloveitchik a son of R' Chaim Soloveitchik, and got his secular education in the University of Berlin, where he finished his doctorate in 1931. He moved to the US in 1932 bringing with him the methods of

learning of Brisk. He settled in Boston, where he opened the Maimonides Shool in 1937 and where he strived for a synthesis of Western and Jewish learning. He succeeded his father as the senior Rosh Yeshiva at RIETS in 1941 where he remained for 50 years. He had tremendous impact on the Orthodox Rabbinate. Having given semicha to thousands of talmidim during his 50 years at RIETS, he is deemed as having ordained more Rabbis than anyone else in history. In addition, he created a lay public - doctors, lawyers, businessmen - who could learn and pass on Torah values to the next generation. The Rav wrote a lot but published little. His published works include **Ish HaHalacha**/The Halachic Man, which includes an exposition of Mitnagdism. of Lithuanian religiosity, and of Talmudic learning as well as criticism of mysticism, **Confrontation** and **The Lonely Man of Faith**. In addition, many volumes of chiddushei Torah, p'sak halacha and machshavah have been published by his talmidim.

ר' פלטואל בירנבוים - R' PALTIEL BIRNBAUM

Born: Kielce, Poland, 1904.

Died: USA, 1988.

Notes: Author and translator. Settled in the USA in 1923. Author of annotations on the daily prayer book as well as the festival prayer book.

ר' אברהם חיים - R' AVRAHAM CHAIM NA'EH

Born:

Died:

Notes: Great 20th century authority with important contributions to definitions of units of measurement. Debated the Chazon Ish on these matters. Author of **Ktsos HaSulchan**, on the laws of Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim following the Graz, and **Badei HaShulchan**.

ר' שלמה זלמן אויערבך - R' SHLOMO ZALMAN AUERBACH

Born: Jerusalem, Israel, 1910.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1995.

Notes: Born in the Shaarei Chessed neighborhood founded by his maternal grandfather, R' Shlomo Zalman Porush after whom he was named. He studied at the Etz Chaim Yeshiva and then at Kollel Kerem Tzion on the Hilchot Eretz Yisrael. He had a close association with R' Chayim Ozer Grodzensky, the Chazon Ish, and Rav Schach. He became Rosh Yeshiva Kol Torah in 1940, to which he dedicated most of the rest of his life. He was acknowledged as a leading halachic authority in Eretz Yisrael. Author among others of a comentary on **Shev Shematsa**, on the Gemara, **Me'orei Esh**, a pioneering study on the on the issue of electricity on Shabbat and Yom Tov, several volumes of **Maadanei Aretz** on the laws of shemita, terumot, maasrot etc, and **Minchas Shlomo**, a compendium of responsa. In addition, many books have been written by his students based on his halachic decisions, such as Nishmat Avraham on medical issues by Professor A. S. Avraham and Shemirat Shabbat KeHilchato by R' Yehoshua Neuwirth on the Laws of Shabbat.

ר' בן ציון אבא שאול - R' BENTZION ABBA SHAUL

Born: Jerusalem, Israel, 1924.

Died: Jerusalem, Israel, 1998.

Notes: Halachist and educator. Student of R' Moshe Porush and R' Ezra Attia, who regarded R' Bentzion as his successor. He eventually joined the Porat Yossef Yeshiva, and in 1983, he became Rosh Yeshiva upon the death of R' Tzadka, a position he would occupy despite a prolonged illness until his own death. The leading Rosh Yeshiva of the Sephardic world in his generation he became also a leader of Sephardic Jewry in Europe, Latin America and the US, having founded numerous rabbinical courts and provided communities with shochtim, mohalim, and rabbanim. Having dedicated his life to Jewish education, he was one of the founders of the Maayan HaChinuch HaTorani, a federation of hundreds of Sephardic Talmud Torah schools in Israel. Author of **Ohr LeTzion**, his collected works, which include two volumes of responsa, a volume on Sheviit, one on Yevamot, one on Mussar.

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R' OVADIAH BEN AVRAHAM YAREI OF BARTENURA, b. 1445.

P.

R' PERETZ BEN ELIYAHU OF COURBEIL, b. middle 1200s.
R' PHILIP BIRNBAUM, b. 1904.
R' PROFIAT YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE HALEVI DURAN, late 1300s.

Q.

R.

R' RAFAEL MEIZLISCH, b. 1600s.

S.

R' SHABBETAI BASS, b. 1641.
R' SHABBETAI BEN MEIR HAKOHEN, b. 1621.
R' SHALOM MORDECHAI BEN MOSHE SCHWADRON, b. 1835.

R' SHALOM ROKEACH OF BELZ, b. 1779.
R' SHEMTOV BEN ABRAHAM IBN GAON, b. 1282.
R' SHEM TOV IBN PALQUERA, b. 1225.
R' SHIMON BEN TZEMACH DURAN, b. 1361.
R' SHIMON HADARSHON OF FRANKFURT, b. 1200s.
R' SHIMON SHALOM KALISH OF AMSHINOV, b. 1883.
R' SHIMSHON BEN AVRAHAM OF SENS, b. 1150.
R' SHIMSHON RAPHAEL HIRSCH, b. 1808.
R' SHLOMO BEN AVRAHAM IBN ADERET, b. 1235.
R' SHLOMO BEN MOSHE HALEVI ALKABETZ, b. 1505.
R' SHLOMO BEN SHIMON DURAN, b. late 1300s.
R' SHLOMO BEN YECHIEL LURIA, b. 1510.
R' SHLOMO BEN YEHOSHUA ADENI, b. 1567.
R' SHLOMO BEN YEHUDA IBN GABIROL, b. 1021.
R' SHLOMO EPHRAIM OF LUNTCHITZ, b. 1550.
R' SHLOMO GANZFRIED, b. 1804.
R' SHLOMO RABINOVITZ OF RADOMSK, b. 1803.
R' SHLOMO BEN YITZCHAK YITZCHAKI OF TROYES, b. 1040.
R' SHLOMO KLUGER, b. 1789.
R' SHLOMO ZALMAN AUERBACH, b. 1900.
R' SHMUEL BEN MEIR, b. 1080.
R' SHMUEL BEN MOSHE DI MODENA, b. 1506.
R' SHMUEL BEN NATAN HALEVI KELIN, b. 1724.
R' SHMUEL BEN OR SHAGRA FAIVISH, b. 1630.
R' SHMUEL BEN YITZCHAK SARDI, b. 1290.
R' SHMUEL ELIEZER BEN YEHUDA HALEVI EIDELS, b. 1555.
R' SHMUEL HACHASID, b. 1120.
R' SHMUEL NEGRELA BEN YOSSEF HALEVI HANAGID, b. 993.
R' SHMUEL STRASHUN OF VILNA, b. 1800s.
R' SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADL, b. 1745.
R' SIMCHA BEN SHMUEL OF VITRI, b. middle 1000s.
R' SIMCHA BUNAM OF PSHIS'CHA, b. 1765.
R' SIMCHA ZISSEL ZIV, b. 1824.

T.

R' TODROS BEN YOSSEF HALEVI ABULAFIA, b. 1225.
R' TZIDKAYAH BEN AVRAHAM ANAV HAROFEI, b. 1230.
R' TZVI HIRSH CHAYOT, b. 1800s.
R' TZVI HIRSH BEN YAAKOV ASHKENAZI, b. 1660.
R' TZVI HIRSH SHAPIRA, b. 1845.
R' TZVI PESACH FRANK, b. 1873.

U.

V.

R' VIDAL YOM TOV OF TOLOSA, b. second half of 1200s.

X.

Y.

R' YAAKOV BARUCH BEN YEHUDA LANDAU ASHKENAZI, b. early 1400s.
 R' YAAKOV BEN ASHER, b. 1275.
 R' YAAKOV BEN MEIR, b. 1100s.
 R' YAAKOV BEN MOSHE HALEVI MOLLN, b. 1365.
 R' YAAKOV BEN SHLOMO IBN CHAVIV, b. 1445.
 R' YAAKOV BEN SHMUEL ABUCHATZERA, b. 1807.
 R' YAAKOV BEN YAAKOV MOSHE OF LISSA/NETIVOT, b. 1759.
 R' YAAKOV BEN YOSSEF POLLACK, b. 1460.
 R' YAAKOV BEN YOSSEF REISCHER BECHOFEN, b. 1670.
 R' YAAKOV BEN ZVI EMDEN, b. 1697.
 R' YAAKOV CHAIM SOFER, b. 1870.
 R' YAAKOV CULI, b. 1689.
 R' YAAKOV DAVID OF AMSHINOV, b. 1814.
 R' YAAKOV ETINGER, b. 1788.
 R' YAAKOV KAMANETSKY, b. 1890.
 R' YAAKOV KRANZ, b. 1741.
 R' YAAKOV OF KINON, b. 1200s.
 R' YAAKOV BEN YEHUDA WEIL, b. late 1300s.
 R' YAAKOV YEHOSHUA FALK, b. 1680.
 R' YAAKOV YITZCHAK HOROWITZ, b. 1745.
 R' YAAKOV YITZCHAK OF PSHIS'CHA, b. middle 1700s.
 R' YAAKOV YOSSEF OF POLNOYA, b. 1710.
 R' YAAKOV TZVI MECKLENBURG, b. 1785.
 R' YAIR CHAIM BEN MOSHE SHIMSHOM BACHARACH, b. 1638.
 R' YECHZKEL BEN YEHUDA HALEVI LANDAU, b. 1713.
 R' YECHZKEL HALBERSTAM OF SINIAWA, b. 1811.
 R' YECHZKEL LEVENSTEIN, b. 1884.
 R' YECHIEL BEN YOSSEF OF PARIS, b. 1190.
 R' YECHIEL MICHEL BEN AHARON HALEVI EPSTEIN, b. 1829.
 R' YECHIEL MICHEL OF ZLOTCHOV, b. 1721.
 R' YEHOSHUA BEN ALEXANDER HAKOHEN FALK, b. 1550.
 R' YEHOSHUA BOAZ BEN SHIMON BARUCH, b. late 1400s.
 R' YEHOSHUA LEIB DISKIN, b. 1880.
 R' YEHUDA ARYEH LEIB ALTER OF GER, b. 1847.
 R' YEHUDA BEN BARZILAI AL-BARZELONI, b. 1120.
 R' YEHUDA BEN NATAN, b. late 1000s.
 R' YEHUDA BEN SHIMON ASHKENAZI, b. 1730.
 R' YEHUDA BEN SHMUEL HACHASID, b. 1150.
 R' YEHUDA BEN YAKAR, b. 1150.
 R' YEHUDA BEN YITZCHAK, b. 1166.
 R' YEHUDA DAVID EISENSTEIN, b. 1854.
 R' YEHUDA BEN SHMUEL HALEVI, b. 1075.
 R' YEHUDA IBN TIBBUN, b. 1120.
 R' YEHUDA LEIB BEN MEIR CHANNELES, b. early 1500s.
 R' YEHUDA LOEW BEN BETZALEL OF PRAGUE, b. 1525.
 R' YEHUDA MEIR BEN YAAKOV SHIMSHON SHAPIRO, b. 1887.
 R' YEHUDA ROSANNES, b. 1657.
 R' YERACHMIEL YITZCHAK DANZINGER OF ALEXANDER, b. 1853.
 R' YERUCHAM BEN MESHULAM, b. c. 1280.
 R' YERUCHAM LEVOVITZ, b. 1874.
 R' YESHAYAH BEN MALI HAZAKEN OF TRANI, b. 1180.
 R' YESHAYAH HOROWITZ, b. 1565.
 R' YISRAEL ABUCHATZERA, b. 1890.
 R' YISRAEL BEN ELIEZER, b. 1700s.
 R' YISRAEL BEN ZEEV WOLF LIPKIN SALANTER, b. 1810.
 R' YISRAEL BEN CHAIM BRUNA, b. 1400s.

R' YISRAEL BEN PETACHIAH ISSERLEIN, b. 1390.
 R' YISRAEL LIPSCHUTZ, b. 1782.
 R' YISRAEL MEIR HAKOHEN KAGAN, b. 1835.
 R' YISRAEL OF KREMS, b. middle 1300s.
 R' YISRAEL OF RIZHIN, b. 1797.
 R' YISRAEL SADAGORA, b. 1853.
 R' YISRAEL OF SHKLOV, b. 1800s.
 R' YITZCHAK ABUHAV, b. 1433.
 R' YITZCHAK ARAMA, b. 1420.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN ABBA MARI OF MARSEILLES, b. 1122.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN ASHER HALEVI, b. late 1000s.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN AVRAHAM, b. 1100s.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN CHAIM HALBERSTAM, b. 1810.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN KHALFON, b. late 900s.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN MEIR, b. 1090.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE OF VIENNA, b. 1180.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE SHLOMO BLAZER OF PETERSBURG, b. 1837.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN MEIR OF DUREN, b. 1300s.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN SHLOMO LURIA ASHKENAZI, b. 1534.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN SHMUEL OF ACRE, b. 1250.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN SHMUEL OF DAMPIERES, b. 1120.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN SHMUEL HAZAKEN, b. middle 1100s.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN SHESHET PERFET, b. 1326.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN YAAKOV HAKOHEN ALFASI, b. 1013.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN YAAKOV KANPANTON, b. 1360.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN YEHUDA ABRABANEL, b. 1437.
 R' YITZCHAK BEN YOSSEF OF COURBEIL, b. early 1200s.
 R' YITZCHAK CHAI TAYEB, b. 1847.
 R' YITZCHAK ELCHONAN SPEKTOR, b. 1816.
 R' YITZCHAK HIRSCH WEISS, b. 1815.
 R' YITZCHAK KALISH OF VORKI, b. 1779.
 R' YITZCHAK MEIR ALTER OF GER, b. 1799.
 R' YITZCHAK MINKOWSKI, b. 1788.
 R' YITZCHAK NIETO, b. 1702.
 R' YITZCHAK OF BOYAN, b. 1850.
 R' YITZCHAK YAAKOV WEISS, b. , 1902.
 R' YITZCHAK ZEV SOLOVEITCHIK, b. 1889.
 R' YOEL BEN SHMULE SIRKES, b. 1561.
 R' YOEL TEITELBAUM OF SATMAR, b. 1887.
 R' YOM TOV BEN AVRAHAM ASHBILI, b. 1250.
 R' YOM TOV BEN MOSHE TZAHALON, b. 1158.
 R' YOM TOV LIPMAN HALEVI HELLER, b. 1579.
 R' YONAH BEN AVRAHAM GERONDI, b. 1180.
 R' YONATAN BEN DAVID HAKOHEN M'LUNEL, b. 1135.
 R' YONATAN EIBESHUTZ, b. 1690.
 R' YOSSEF ALBO, b. 1380.
 R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR HALEVI IBN MIGASH, b. 1077.
 R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR TEOMIM, b. 1727.
 R' YOSSEF BEN MOSHE BABAD, b. 1800s.
 R' YOSSEF CHAIM BEN ELIYAHU, b. 1832.
 R' YOSSEF CHAIM SONNENFELD, b. 1849.
 R' YOSSEF CHAVIVA, b. 1400s.
 R' YOSSEF DOV SOLOVEITCHIK, b. 1820.
 R' YOSSEF DOV SOLOVEITCHIK, b. 1903.
 R' YOSSEF ENGEL, b. 1859.
 R' YOSSEF GIKATILLA, b. 1160.

R' YOSSEF IBN SHEM TOV, b. 1400s.
R' YOSSEF IBN TZADIK, b. 1075.
R' YOSSEF KARO, b. 1488.
R' YOSSEF ROZIN, b. 1858.
R' YOSSEF SHAUL BEN ARYEH LEIBUSH HALEVI NATHANSON, b. 1810.
R' YOSSEF YOZEL HURWITZ OF NOVARDOK, b. 1848.
R' YOSSEF TZVI DUSHINSKY, b. 1864.

Z.

R' ZERACHYAH BEN YITZCHAK HALEVI, b. 1125.
R' ZECHARIAH MENDEL BEN ARIEH LEIB, b. middle 1600s.

PART IV

ACRONYMS OF RABBANIM AND OTHER APPELLATIONS

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A.

Achiezer, see R' CHAIM OZER GRODZIENSKY, b. 1863.
Agur, see R' YAAKOV BARUCH BEN YEHUDA LANDAU ASHKENAZI, b. early 1400s.
Alter of Ger, see R' YEHUDA ARYEH LEIB, b. 1847.
Alter of Kelm, see R' SIMCHA ZISSEL ZIV, b. 1824.
Alter of Novardok, see R' YOSSEF YOZEL HURWITZ OF NOVARDOK, b. 1848.
Alter of Slobodka, see R' NATAN TZVI FINKEL OF SLOBODKA, b. 1849.
Alter Rebbe of Lubavitch, see R' SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADL, b. 1747.
Arba Turim, see R' YAAKOV BEN ASHER, b. 1275.
Ari Z''L, see R' YITZCHAK BEN SHLOMO LURIA ASHKENAZI, b. 1534.
Aruch, see R' NATAN BEN YECHIEL OF ROME, b. 1035.
Aruch HaShulchan, see R' YECHIEL MICHEL BEN AHARON HALEVI EPSTEIN, b. 1829.
Aruch Ha-Shulchan, see R' YITZCHAK CHAI TAYEB, b. 1847.
Ateret Zekeinim, see R' MENACHEM MENDEL AUERBACH, b. 1620.
Avnei Nezer, see R' AVRAHAM BEN ZEEV NAHUM BORNSTEIN, 1839.

B.

Baal HaIkkarim, see R' YOSSEF ALBO, b. c. 1380.
Baal HaMaor, see R' ZERACHYAH BEN YITZCHAK HALEVI OF LUNEL, b. c. 1125.
Baal Shem Tov, see R' YISRAEL BEN ELIEZER, b. 1700.
Baba Sali, see R' YISRAEL ABUCHATZERA, b. 1890.
Bach, see R' YOEL BEN SHMULE SIRKES, b. 1561.
Beer HaGola, see R' MOSHE RIVKES, b. 1600s.
Beer Heitiv, see R' YEHUDA BEN SHIMON ASHKENAZI, b. 1730.
Beit HaLevi, see R' YOSSEF DOV SOLOVEITCHIK, b. 1820.
Beit Yossef, see R' YOSSEF KARO, b. 1488.
Beit Shmuel, see R' SHMUEL BEN OR SHAGRA FAIVISH, b. c. 1630.
Ben Ish Chai, see R' YOSSEF CHAIM BEN ELIYAHU, b. c. 1833.
Besht, see R' YISRAEL BEN ELIEZER, b. 1700.

C.

Chacham Tzvi, see R' TZVI HIRSH BEN YAAKOV ASHKENAZI, b. 1660.
Chatam Sofer, see R' MOSHE SOFER SCHREIBER, b. 1762.
Chavat Daat, see R' YAAKOV BEN YAAKOV MOSHE OF LISSA, b. c. 1759.
Chava'at Yair, see R' YAIR CHAIM BEN MOSHE SHIMSHOM BACHARACH, b. 1638.
Chayei Adam, R' AVRAHAM BEN YECHIEL MICHAEL DANZIG OF VILNA, b. 1748.
Chazon Ish, see R' AVRAHAM YESHAYAHU KARELITZ, b. 1879.
Chelkat Mechokek, see R' MOSHE LIMA, b. c. 1605.
Chida, see R' CHAIM YOSSEF DAVID AZULAI, b. 1724.
Chidushei HaRim, see R' YITZCHAK MEIR ALTER OF GER, b. 1799.
Chofetz Chaim, see R' YISRAEL MEIR HAKOHEN KAGAN, b. 1839.
Chovot HaLevavot, see R' BACHYA BEN YOSSEF IBN PAKUDA, b. 1050.
Chozeh Of Lublin, see R' YAAKOV YITZCHAK HOROWITZ, b. 1745.

D.

Darchei Teshuva, see R' TZVI HIRSH SHAPIRA, b. c. 1845.
Divrei Chaim, see R' CHAIM HALBERSTAM OF SANZ, b. 1793.
Dubna Maggid, see R' YAAKOV KRANZ, b. 1741.

E.

Eglei Tal, see R' AVRAHAM BEN ZEEV NAHUM BORNSTEIN, b. 1839.

Elya Rabba, see R' ELIYAHU SHAPIRA, b. 1660.

Eyn Yaakov, see R' YAAKOV BEN SHLOMO IBN CHAVIV, b. c. 1445.

F.**G.**

Gra, see R' ELIYAHU BEN SHLOMO ZALMAN OF VILNA, b. 1720

Graz, see R' SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADL, b. 1747

H.

HaRav HaMaggid, see R' VIDAL YOM TOV OF TOLOSA, b. second half of 1200s.

Hayehudi Hakadosh, see R' YAAKOV YITZCHAK OF PSHIS'CHA, b. middle 1700s.

I.

IBN EZRA, see R' AVRAHAM BEN MEIR IBN EZRA, b. 1089.

J.**K.**

Ketzot HaChoshen, see R' ARYEH LEIB BEN YOSSEF HAKOHEN HELLER, b. 1745.

Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, see R' SHLOMO GANZFRIED, b. 1804.

Kli Yakar, R' SHLOMO EPHRAIM OF LUNTCHITZ, b. c. 1550.

Kol Bo, see R' AHARON BEN YAAKOV HAKOHEN OF LUNEL, b. 1280.

Korban Netanel, see R' NETANEL BEN NAFTALI TZVI WEIL, 1687.

Kotzker Rebbe, see R' MENACHEM MENDEL MORGENSTERN OF KOTZK, b. 1878.

Ktav Sofer, see R' AVRAHAM SHMUEL BINYAMIN SOFER SCHREIBER, b. 1815.

L.

Lechem Mishneh, R' AVRAHAM BEN MOSHE DI BOTON OF SALONIKA, b. c. 1545.

Levush, R' MORDECHAI BEN AVRAHAM YAFFE, b. 1535.

Lubavitcher Rebbe, R' MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON, b. 1902.

M.

Mabit, see R' MOSHE BEN YOSSEF OF TRANI, b. 1505.

Machzor Vitri, R' SIMCHA BEN SHMUEL OF VITRI, b. middle 1000s.

Magen Avraham, see R' AVRAHAM ABELI GOMBINER HALEVI, b. 1637.

Maggid of Meztrich, see R' DOV BEAR OF MEZRITCH, b. 1698.

Maggid of Zlotchov, see R' YECHIEL MICHEL OF ZLOTCHOV, b. 1721.

Maharai, see R' YISRAEL BEN PETACHIAH ISSERLEIN, b. 1390.

Maharal of Prague, see R' YEHUDA LOEW BEN BETZALEL OF PRAGUE, b. c. 1525.

Maharam of Lublin, R' MEIR OF LUBLIN, b. 1558.

Maharam of Rotenberg, see R' MEIR BEN BARUCH HA-KOHEN, b. 1215.

Maharam Shif, see R' MEIR BEN YAAKOV HA KOHEN, b. 1605.

Maharatz, see R' TZVI HIRSH CHAYOT, b. 1800s.

Mahari Abuhav, see R' YITZCHAK ABUHAV, b. 1433.

Mahari Bruna, see R' YISRAEL BEN CHAIM BRUNA, b. 1400.
Maharil, see R' YAAKOV BEN MOSHE HALEVI MOLLN, b. c. 1365.
Maharil Diskin, see R' YEHOSHUA LEIB DISKIN, b. 1818.
Maharitz, see R' YOM TOV BEN MOSHE TZAHALON, b. 1558.
Mahariv, see R' YOSSEF TZVI DUSHINSKY, b. 1864.
Mahariv, see R' YAAKOV BEN YEHUDA WEIL, b. late 1300s.
Maharlach, see R' YEHUDAH LEIB BEN MEIR CHANNELES, b. early 1500s.
Maharshal, R' SHLOMO BEN YECHIEL LURIA, b. 1510.
Maharsha, R' SHMUEL ELIEZER BEN YEHUDA HALEVI EIDELS, b. 1555.
Maharsham, see R' SHALOM MORDECHAI BEN MOSHE SCHWADRON, b. 1835.
Maharshdam, see R' SHMUEL BEN MOSHE DI MODENA, b. 1506.
Maimonides, see R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON, b. 1135.
Malbim, see R' MEIR LEIB BEN YECHIEL MICHAEL, b. c. 1809.
Meam Loetz, see R' YAAKOV CULI, b. c. 1689.
Mechatzit HaShekel, R' SHMUEL BEN NATAN HALEVI KELIN, b. 1724.
Meiri, see R' MENACHEM BEN SHLOMO HAMEIRI, b. 1249.
Meor HaGolah, see RABBEINU GERSHON BEN YEHUDA, b. 960.
Minchas Chinuch, see R' YOSSEF BEN MOSHE BABAD, b. c. 1800.
Mishneh LeMelech, see R' YEHUDA ROSANNES, b. c. 1657.
Mordechai, R' MORDECHAI BEN HILLEL HAKOHEN ASHKENAZI, b. 1240.

N.

Nachmanides, see R' MOSHE BEN NACHMAN, b. c. 1194.
Netziv, see R' NAFTALI TZVI YEHUDA BERLIN, b. 1817.
No'am Elimelech, see R' ELIMELECH OF LIZHENSK, b. 1717.
Noda BiYehuda, see R' YECHYZKEL BEN YEHUDA HALEVI LANDAU, b. 1713.

O.

Ohr HaChaim, see R' CHAIM IBN ATTAR, b. 1696.
Ohr Sameach, see R' MEIR SIMCHA HAKOHEN, b. 1843.
Ohr Zarua, see R' YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE OF VIENNA, b. c. 1180.

P.

Pitchei Teshuva, see R' AVRAHAM TZVI HIRSCH BEN YAAKOV EISENSTADT, b. 1813.
Pnei Yehoshua, see R' YAAKOV YEHOSHUA FALK, b. 1680.
Pri Chadash, see R' CHIZKIYAH BEN DAVID DISILO, b. 1659.
Pri Megadim, see R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR TEOMIM, b. 1727.

Q.

R.

Raah, see R' AHARON BEN YOSSEF HALEVI, b. 1235.
Raavad I, see R' AVRAHAM BEN DAVID HALEVI IBN DAUD, b. c. 1110.
Raavad II, see R' AVRAHAM BEN YITZCHAK OF NARBONNE, b. c. 1110.
Raavad III, see R' AVRAHAM BEN DAVID OF POSQUIERES, b. c. 1120.
Raavyah, R' ELIEZER BEN YOEL HALEVI, b. c. 1140.
Rabbeinu Bachya, see R' BACHYA BEN ASHER IBN HAWALA, b. 1263.
Rabbeinu Chananel, see RABBEINU CHANANEL BEN CHUSHIEL, b. c. 985.
Rabbeinu Peretz, see R' PERETZ BEN ELIYAHU OF COURBEIL, b. 1200s.
Rabbeinu Tam, see R' YAAKOV BEN MEIR, b. 1110.
Rabbeinu Yerucham, see R' YERUCHAM BEN MESHULAM, b. c. 1280.

Rabbeinu Yonah, see R' YONAH BEN AVRAHAM GERONDI, b. c. 1180.
 Rach, see RABBEINU CHANANEL BEN CHUSHIEL, b. c. 990.
 Radak, see R' DAVID BEN YOSSEF KIMCHI, b. c. 1160.
 Radbaz, see R' DAVID BEN SHLOMO IBN AVI ZIMRA, b. 1480.
 Ralbag, see R' LEVI BEN GERSHON, b. 1288.
 Ram, see R' MEIR BEN SHMUEL OF RAMPERUPT, b. c. 1060.
 Rama, see R' MOSHE BEN YISRAEL ISSERLES, b. 1530.
 Ramah, see R' MEIR BEN TODROS HALEVI ABULAFIA, b. c. 1170.
 Ramak, see R' MOSHE CORDOVERO, b. c. 1522.
 Rambam, see R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON, b. 1135.
 Ramban, see R' MOSHE BEN NACHMAN, b. 1194.
 Ramchal, see R' MOSHE CHAIM LUZATTO, b. 1707.
 Ran, see R' NISSIM BEN REUVEN OF GERONA, b. 1290.
 Rash, R' SHIMSHON BEN AVRAHAM OF SENS, b. c. 1150.
 Rashash, see R' SHMUEL STRASHUN OF VILNA, b. 1800s.
 Rashba, see R' SHLOMO BEN AVRAHAM IBN ADERET, b. 1235.
 Rashbam, see R' SHMUEL BEN MEIR, b. 1085.
 Rashbash, see R' SHLOMO BEN SHIMON DURAN, b. late 1300s.
 Rashbatz, see R' SHIMON BEN TZEMACH DURAN, b. c. 1361.
 Rashi, see R' SHLOMO BEN YITZCHAK YITZCHAKI OF TROYES, b. 1040.
 Rav, see R' OBADIAH BEN AVRAHAM YAREI OF BARTENURA, b. 1445.
 Rav Koov, see R' AVRAHAM YITZCHAK HAKOHEN KOOK, b. 1865.
 Ravan, see R' ELIEZER BEN NATAN, b. c. 1090.
 Reb Aharon, see R' AHARON KOTLER, b. 1892.
 Reb Chaim Brisker, see R' CHAIM SOLOVEITCHIK, b. 1853.
 Reb Moshe, see R' MOSHE FEINSTEIN, b. 1895.
 Reb Zishe, see R' MESHULLAN ZISHE OF HANIPOL, b. 1718.
 Ri, see R' YITZCHAK BEN SHMUEL OF DAMPIERES, b. 1120.
 Ri HaZaken, see R' YITZCHAK BEN SHMUEL OF DAMPIERES, b. 1120.
 Rif, see R' YITZCHAK BEN YAAKOV HAKOHEN ALFASI, b. 1013.
 Rihl, see R' YEHUDA BEN SHMUEL HALEVI, b. 1075.
 Ritzba, see R' YITZCHAK BEN AVRAHAM, b. c. 1210.
 Riva, see R' YITZCHAK BEN ASHER HALEVI, b. middle/late 1000s.
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Migdal Oz, see R' SHEMTOV BEN ABRAHAM IBN GAON, b. 1282.
Mikhlol, see R' DAVID BEN YOSSEF KIMCHI, b. c. 1160.
Mikra'ei Kodesh, see R' TZVI PESACH FRANK, b. 1873.
Milchamot Hashem, see R' MOSHE BEN NACHMAN, b. c. 1194.
Minchas Chinuch, see R' YOSSEF BEN MOSHE BABAD, b. c. 1800.
Minchas Shlomo, R' SHLOMO ZALMAN AUERBACH, b. 1900.
Minchas Yitzchak, see R' YITZCHAK YAAKOV WEISS, b. 1902.
Minhagim, see R' YAAKOV BEN MOSHE HALEVI MOLLN, b. 1365.
Mishbetzos Zahav, see R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR TEOMIM, b 1727.
Mishna Berura, see R' YISRAEL MEIR HAKOHEN KAGAN, b. 1839.
Mishneh LeMelech, see R' YEHUDA ROSANNES, b. c. 1657.
Mishneh Torah, see R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON, b. 1135.
Mishpat Kohen, see R' AVRAHAM YITZCHAK HAKOHEN KOOK, b. 1865.
Mordechai, R' MORDECHAI BEN HILLEL HAKOHEN ASHKENAZI, b. 1240.
Moreh HaMoreh, see R' SHEM TOV BEN YOSSEF IBN PALQUERA, b. c. 1225.
Moreh Nevuchim, see R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON, b. 1135.

N.

Nachal Yitzchak, see R' YITZCHAK ELCHONAN SPEKTOR, b. 1816.
Nahal Kedumim, see R' CHAIM YOSSEF DAVID AZULAI, b. 1724.
Nefesh HaChaim, see R' CHAIM OF VOLOZHIN, b. 1749.
Nekudot HaKessef, see R' SHABBETAI BEN MEIR HAKOHEN, b. 1621.
Ner Mitzvah, see R' YEHOSHUA BOAZ BEN SHIMON BARUCH, b. late 1400s.
Netivot HaMishpat, see R' YAAKOV BEN YAAKOV MOSHE OF LISSA, b. 1759.
Netivot Olam, see R' YEHUDA LOEW BEN BETZALEL OF PRAGUE, b. c. 1525.
Netzach Yisrael, see R' YEHUDA LOEW BEN BETZALEL OF PRAGUE, b. c. 1525.
Netziv, see R' NAFTALI TZVI YEHUDA BERLIN, b. 1817.
Nidchei Yisrael, see R' YISRAEL MEIR HAKOHEN KAGAN, b. 1835.
Nimukei Yossef, see R' YOSSEF CHAVIVA, b. 1400s.
Nineteen Letters of Ben Uziel, see R' SHIMSHON RAPHAEL HIRSCH, b. 1808.
Nishmas Adam, see R' AVRAHAM BEN YECHIEL MICHAEL DANZIG OF VILNA, b. 1748.
No'am Elimelech, see R' ELIMELECH OF LIZHENS, b. 1717.
Noda BiYehuda, see R' YECHEZKEL BEN YEHUDA HALEVI LANDAU, b. 1713.

O.

Ohel Yaakov, see R' YAAKOV KRANZ, b. 1741.
Ohr Ad-nai, see R' CHASDAI BEN AVRAHAM CRESCAS, b. 1340.
Ohr Ammim, see R' OBADIAH SFORNO, b. c. 1470.
Ohr HaChaim, see R' CHAIM IBN ATTAR, b. 1696.
Ohr HaChaim, see R' CHAIM MICHEL, b. 1792.
Ohr HaMeir, see R' YEHUDA MEIR BEN YAAKOV SHIMSHON SHAPIRO, b. 1887
Ohr LeTzion, R' BENTZION ABBA SHAUL, b. 1924.
Ohr Yisrael, see R' YISRAEL BEN ZEEV WOLF LIPKIN SALANTER, b. 1810.
Ohr Sameach, see R' MEIR SIMCHA HAKOHEN, b. 1843.
Ohr Zarua, see R' YITZCHAK BEN MOSHE OF VIENNA, b. c. 1180.
Olam Katan, R' YOSSEF IBN TZADDIC, b. c. 1075.
Olas Reeiya Siddur, see R' AVRAHAM YITZCHAK HAKOHEN KOOK, b. 1865.
Ollot Ephraim, R' SHLOMO EPHRAIM OF LUNTCHITZ, b. c. 1550.
Orach Chaim, see R' YAAKOV BEN ASHER, b. c. 1275.
Orchot Chaim, see R' AHARON BEN YAAKOV HAKOHEN OF LUNEL, b. 1280.
Orchot Chaim, R' ASHER BEN YECHIEL, b. c. 1250.
Otzar Dinim Uminhagim, see R' YEHUDA DAVID EISENSTEIN, b. 1854.
Otzar HaKavod, see R' TODROS BEN YOSSEF HALEVI ABULAFIA, b. 1225.

P.

Pardes Rimonim, see R' MOSHE BEN YAAKOV CORDOVERO, b. 1522.
Peas HaShulchan, see R' YISRAEL OF SHKLOV, b. 1800s.
Peirush HaMishayos, see R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON, b. 1135.
Peirush HaRosh, R' ASHER BEN YECHIEL, b. c. 1250.
Peirush Rabbeinu Gershon, see RABBEINU GERSHON BEN YEHUDA, b. c. 960.
Pelach HaRimon, see R' MOSHE BEN YAAKOV CORDOVERO, b. 1522.
Peratei Peratim, see R' MEIR BEN TODROS HALEVI ABULAFIA, b. c. 1170.
Pitchei Teshuva, see R' AVRAHAM TZVI HIRSCH BEN YAAKOV EISENSTADT, b. 1813.
Piskei HaRid, see R' YESHAYAH OF TRANI HAZAKEN, b. c. 1180.
Piskei HaRosh, R' ASHER BEN YECHIEL, b. c. 1250.
Piskei Uziel B' Sheeilot HaZman, see R' BEN TZION MEIR CHAI UZIEL, b. 1880.
Pnei Yehoshua, see R' YAAKOV YEHOSHUA FALK, b. 1680.
Pri Chadash, see R' CHIZKIYAH BEN DAVID DISILO, b. 1659.
Pri Megadim, see R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR TEOMIM, b. 1727.
Pri Toar, see R' CHAIM IBN ATTAR, b. 1696.

Prisha, see R' YEHOSHUA FALK, b. 1550.

Q.

R.

Ramban on Chumash, see R' MOSHE BEN NACHMAN, b. 1194.
Rashi on Chumash, see R' SHLOMO BEN YITZCHAK YITZCHAKI OF TROYES, b. 1040.
Rav Pealim, see R' YOSSEF CHAIM BEN ELIYAHU, b. c. 1833.
Rogatchover Gaon, see R' YOSSEF ROZIN, b. 1858.
Rokeach, see R' ELAZAR BEN YEHUDA OF WORMS, b. c. 1160.
Rosh Yossef, R' YOSSEF BEN MEIR TEOMIM, b. 1727.

S.

Salmas Chayim, see R' YOSSEF CHAIM SONNENFELD, b. 1849.
Sdei Chemed, see R' CHAIM CHIZKIYAH BEN RAPHAEL ELIYAHU HALEVI MEDINI, b. c. 1832.
Seder HaYom, R' MOSHE BEN MACHIR, b. middle 1500s.
Sefer Abudarham, see R' DAVID BEN YOSSEF ABUDARHAM OF SEVILLE. b. 1420.
Sefer Chassidim, see R' YEHUDA BEN SHMUEL HACHASID. b. c. 1150.
Sefer HaAkedah, see R' YITZCHAK ARAMA, b. 1420.
Sefer HaChinuch, see R' AHARON BEN YOSSEF HALEVI, b. 1235.
Sefer HaHashlamah, see R' MESHULAM BEN MOSHE, b. c. 1175.
Sefer Halkkarim, see R' YOSSEF ALBO, b. 1380.
Sefer HalItim, see R' YEHUDA BEN BARZILAI AL-BARZELONI, b. c. 1120.
Sefer HaKabbalah, see R' AVRAHAM BEN DAVID HALEVI IBN DAUD, b. 1110.
Sefer HaMafteach, see R' NISSIM BEN YAAKOV GAON, b. 990.
Sefer HaMaor, see R' ZERACHYAH BEN YITZCHAK HALEVI OF LUNEL, b. c. 1125.
Sefer HaMaor HaGadol, see R' ZERACHYAH BEN YITZCHAK HALEVI OF LUNEL, b. c. 1125.
Sefer HaMaor HaKatan, see R' ZERACHYAH BEN YITZCHAK HALEVI OF LUNEL, b. c. 1125.
Sefer HaMaspek LeOvdei Hashem, see R' AVRAHAM BEN MOSHE MAIMON, b. 1186.
Sefer HaMitzvot, see R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON, b. 1135.
Sefer HaShorashim, see R' DAVID BEN YOSSEF KIMCHI, b. 1160.
Sefer HaTerumah, see R' BARUCH BEN YITZCHAK OF WORMS, b. 1170.
Sefer HaTerumot, see R' SHMUEL BEN YITZCHAK SARDI, b. 1290.
Sefer HaVikuach, see R' MOSHE BEN NACHMAN, b. 1194.
Sefer HaYashar, see RABBEINU TAM, b. c. 1100.
Sefer HaYuchassin, see R' AVRAHAM BEN SHMUEL ZACUTO, b. 1450.
Sefer HaZikaron, see R' YOM TOV BEN AVRAHAM ASHBILL, b. c. 1260.
Sefer Me'iras Einayim, see R' YEHOSHUA FALK, b. 1540.
Sefer Milchamot Ad-nai, see R' LEVI BEN GERSHON, b. 1288.
Sefer Mitzvot Gadol, see R' MOSHE BEN YAAKOV OF COUCHY, b. 1200s.
Sefer Mitzvot Katan, see R' YITZCHAK BEN YOSSEF OF COURBEIL, b. 1200s.
Sefer Yereim, see R' ELIEZER BEN SHMUEL OF METZ, b. 1115.
Sefer Yetzirah, R' ELIYAHU BEN SHLOMO ZALMAN OF VILNA, b. 1720.
Sfas Emes, see R' YEHUDA ARYEH LEIB ALTER OF GER, b. 1847.
Sforno on Chumash, R' OVADIAH SFORNO, b. 1470.
Shaages Aryeh, see R' ARYEH LEIB GINZBURG, b. c. 1695.
Shaalot u'Teshuvot Beit Chadash, R' YOEL BEN SHMULE SIRKES, b. 1561.
Shaalot u'Teshuvot Beit Chadash HaChadashot, R' YOEL BEN SHMULE SIRKES, b. 1561.
Shaalot u'Teshuvot HaRama, see R' MOSHE BEN YISRAEL ISSERLES b. 1530.
Shaalot u'Teshuvot Mahariv, see R' YAAKOV BEN YEHUDA WEIL, b. 1300s.
Shaar Hatziun, see R' YISRAEL MEIR HAKOHEN KAGAN, b. 1839.
Shaarei Dura, see R' YITZCHAK BEN MEIR OF DUREN, b. 1300s.
Shaarei Kedusha, see R' CHAIM BEN YOSSEF VITAL, b. c. 1542.

Shaarei Orah, R' YOSSEF GIKATILLA, b. 1160.
 Shaarei Teshuva, see R' YONAH BEN AVRAHAM GERONDI, b. c. 1180.
 Shaarei Teshuva, see R' CHAIM MORDECHAI MARGOLIYOT, b. 1800s.
 Shach, see R' SHABBETAI BEN MEIR HAKOHEN, b. 1621.
 Sheeilat Yaavetz, see R' YAAKOV BEN ZVI EMDEN, b. c. 1697.
 Sheloh, see R' YESHAYAH HOROWITZ, b. 1565.
 Shem HaGedolim, see R' CHAIM YOSSEF DAVID AZULAI, b. 1724.
 Shemirat HaLashon, see R' YISRAEL MEIR HAKOHEN KAGAN, b. 1835.
 Shenos Eliyahu, see R' ELIYAHU BEN SHLOMO ZALMAN OF VILNA, b. 1720.
 Shev Shmatsa, see R' ARYEH LEIB BEN YOSSEF HAKOHEN HELLER, b. 1745.
 Shev Shmatsa, R' SHLOMO ZALMAN AUERBACH, b. 1900.
 Shevilei Emunah, see R' MEIR ALDABI, b. middle 1300.
 Shiblei HeLeket, see R' TZIDKAYAH BEN AVRAHAM ANAV HAROFEI, b. 1230.
 Shittah Mekubetzet, see R' BETZALEL BEN AVRAHAM ASHKENAZI, b. c. 1520.
 Shiltei HaGiborim, see R' YEHOASHUA BOAZ BEN SHIMON BARUCH, b. late 1400s.
 Shir HaKavod, see R' YEHUDA BEN SHMUEL HACHASID, b. c. 1150.
 Shnei Luchot HaBrit, see R' YESHAYAH HOROWITZ, b. 1565.
 Shoel UMeishiv, see R' YOSSEF SHAUL BEN ARYEH LEIBUSH HALEVI NATHANSON, b. 1810.
 Shoresh Yishai, see R' SHLOMO BEN MOSHE HALEVI ALKABETZ, b. 1505.
 Shulchan Aruch, see R' YOSSEF KARO, b. 1488.
 Shulchan Aruch Ha'Rav, see R' SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADL, b. 1747.
 Shut Achiezer, see R' CHAIM OZER GRODZIENSKY, b. 1863.
 Shut Maharsham, see R' SHALOM MORDECHAI BEN MOSHE SCHWADRON, b. 1835.
 Shvus Yaakov, see R' YAAKOV BEN YOSSEF REISCHER BECHOFEN, b. 1670.
 Siach Yitzchak, see R' YITZCHAK BEN CHAIM HALBERSTAM, b. 1810.
 Siddur HaGra, R' ELIYAHU BEN SHLOMO ZALMAN OF VILNA, b. 1720.
 Sifre HaKohen, see R' SHABBETAI BEN MEIR HAKOHEN, b. 1621.
 Siftei Chachamim, see R' SHABBETAI BASS, b. 1641.

T.

Talmidei Rabbeinu Yonah, see R' YONAH BEN AVRAHAM GERONDI b. c. 1180.
 Tamar Devorah, see R' MOSHE BEN YAAKOV CORDOVERO, b. 1522.
 Tanya, see R' SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADI, 1745.
 Temim Deim, R' AVRAHAM BEN DAVID OF POSQUIERES, b. c. 1120.
 Terumas HaDeshem, see R' YISRAEL BEN PETACHIAH ISSERLEIN, b. 1390.
 Teshuvot Chatam Sofer, see R' MOSHE SOFER SCHREIBER, b. 1762.
 Teshuvot HaRashba, see R' SHLOMO BEN AVRAHAM IBN ADERET, b. 1235.
 Teshuvot Ktav Sofer, see R' AVRAHAM SHMUEL BINYAMIN SOFER SCHREIBER, b. 1815.
 Teshuvot Maimoni, see R' MEIR BEN BARUCH HAKOHEN, c. 1215.
 Teshuvot Rabbi Akiva, see R' AKIVA BEN MOSHE EIGER, b. 1761.
 Teshuvot Shimon ben Tzemach, see R' SHIMON BEN TZEMACH DURAN, b. c. 1361.
 Tiferes Shlomo, see R' SHLOMO RABINOVITZ OF RADOMSK, b. 1803.
 Tiferes Yisrael, see R' YISRAEL LIPSCHUTZ, b. 1782.
 Toldot Adam V'Chava, see R' YERUCHAM BEN MESHULAM, b. c. 1280.
 Toledot Chachamai Yerushalmi, R' ARYEH LEIB FRUMKIN, b. 1845.
 Toledot Tannaim VeAmoraim, see R' AHARON HYMAN, b. 1862.
 Torat Ha-Olah, see R' MOSHE BEN YISRAEL ISSERLES, b. 1525.
 Torah Or, see R' YEHOASHUA BOAZ BEN SHIMON BARUCH, b. late 1400s.
 Torah Or, see R' SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADI, b. 1745.
 Torah Temimah, see R' BARUCH EPSTEIN, b. 1860.
 Torat HaAdam, see R' MOSHE BEN NACHMAN, b. c. 1194.
 Torat Chattos, see R' MOSHE BEN YISRAEL ISSERLES b. 1530.
 Torah im Derech Eretz, see R' SHIMSHON RAPHAEL HIRSCH, b. 1808.
 Torat Moshe, R' MOSHE BEN CHAIM ALSHICH, b. 1508.
 Torat Moshe, see R' MOSHE SOFER SCHREIBER, b. 1762.

Torat Netanel, see R' NETANEL BEN NAFTALI TZVI WEIL, b. 1687.
Tosefot Berachah, see R' BARUCH HALEVI EPSTEIN, b. 1860.
Tosefot HaRosh, R' ASHER BEN YECHIEL, b. c. 1250.
Tosefot R. Akiva, see R' AKIVA BEN MOSHE EIGER, b. 1761.
Tosefot Rid, see R' YESHAYAH OF TRANI HAZAKEN, b. c. 1180.
Tosefot Shabbat, see R' RAFAEL MEIZLISCH, b. 1600s.
Tosefot Yeshanim, see R' MOSHE BEN YAAKOV OF COUCHY, b. 1200s.
Tosefot Yom Tom, see R' YOM TOV LIPMAN HALEVI HELLER, b. 1579.
Translation of the Pentateuch and Commentary, see R' SHIMSHON RAPHAEL HIRSCH, b. 1808.
Tur, see R' YAAKOV BEN ASHER, b. 1275
Turei Zahav, R' DAVID BEN SHMUEL HALEVI OF LWOW, b. 1586.
Tzeidah LaDerech, see R' MENACHEM BEN ZERACH, b. 1310.
Tzelach, see R' YECHEZKEL BEN YEHUDA HALEVI LANDAU, b. 1713.
Tziyun LeNefesh Chayah, see R' YECHEZKEL BEN YEHUDA HALEVI LANDAU, b. 1713.
Tzofenat Paneach, see R' YOSSEF ROZIN, b. 1858.
Tzon Kodashim, see R' AHARON SHMUEL KAIDONOVER, b. 1614.
Tzemach Tzeded, see R' MENACHEM MENDEL OF KROCHMAL, b. c. 1600.
Tzetel Katan, see R' ELIMELECH OF LIZHENSK, b. 1717.
Tzror Hamor, see R' AVRAHAM BEN YAAKOV SABA, b. early 1400s.

U.

Urim V'tumim, see R' YONATAN EIBESHUTZ, b. 1690.

V.

Vayigash Yehudah, see R' YEHUDAH LEIB BEN MEIR CHANNELES, b. early 1500s.
VaYoel Moshe, see R' YOEL TEITELBAUM OF SATMAR, b. 1887.
Vikuach, see R' DAVID BEN YOSSEF KIMCHI, b. 1160.

X.

Y.

Yaarot Devash, see R' YONATAN EIBESHUTZ, b. c. 1690.
Yachin U'Boaz, , see R' SHLOMO BEN SHIMON DURAN, b. late 1300s.
Yad Chazakah, see R' MOSHE BEN MAIMON, b. 1135.
Yad Ephrayim, see R' EPHRAYIM ZALMAN BEN MENACHEM MARGOLIS, b. 1760.
Yad Ramah, see R' MEIR BEN TODROS HALEVI ABULAFIA, b. 1170.
Yalkut Shemoni, see R' SHIMON HADARSHON OF FRANKFURT, b. 1200s.
Yam Shel Shlomo, see R' SHLOMO BEN YECHIEL LURIA, b. c. 1510.
Yefei Einaim, see R' ARYEH LEIB YELLIN, b. 1800s.
Yesod Mora, R' AVRAHAM BEN MEIR IBN EZRA, b. c. 1089.
Yismach Moshe, see R' MOSHE TEITELBAUM OF SATMAR, b. 1759.
Yoreh Deah, see R' YAAKOV BEN ASHER, b. c. 1275.
Yossef Ometz, R' CHAIM YOSSEF DAVID AZULAI, b. 1724.

Z.

Zavrei Shalal, see R' CHAIM YOSSEF DAVID AZULAI, b. 1724.
Zayis Raanan, see R' AVRAHAM ABELI GOMBINER HALEVI, b. 1637.
Zichru Toras Moshe, see R' AVRAHAM BEN YECHIEL MICHAEL DANZIG OF VILNA, b. 1748.
