

BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR *THE DIVINE CODE*

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(R. is the abbreviation for Rabbi. Phonetic *h* for ר, ך is usually spelled *ch*.)

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- Ahiezzer.** Responsa by R. Hayim Ozer Gradzinski of Vilna, Lithuania (1863-1940).
- Ari (AriZal).** Pseudonym of R. Yitzhak Luria of Tzefat, Israel (1534-1572), the most renowned Kabbalist Rabbi, and an important teacher of Torah-law rulings.
- Aruḥ.** Dictionary of Talmud terms by R. Natan ben Yehiel of Rome (c. 1045-1103).
- Aruḥ HaShulḥan.** Code of Torah Law by R. Yehiel Miḥel HaLevi Epstein, Rabbi of Novardok, Russia (1829-1908). It follows the sequence of the **Shulḥan Aruḥ**.
- Aruḥ Le'Nair.** Analyses on Talmud, by R. Yaacov Etlinger, Germany (1798-1871).
- Auerbach, R. Hayim Yehuda.** One of the founders and first Head of Yeshivas Sha'arei Shamayim, Jerusalem, Israel (1883-1954).
- Avnei Neizer.** Responsa by R. Avraham Borenstein of Poland (1839-1910).
- Avot D'Rabbi Natan.** Chapters of ethics, compiled by Rabbi Natan (2nd century).
- Baal Halaḥot Gedolot.** One of the earliest Codes of Torah Law, by R. Shimon Kayyara, who is believed to have lived in Babylonia in the ninth century, and to have studied under the Geonim Rabbis of the Academy in Sura, Babylon.
- Babylonian Talmud (Talmud Bavli).** Talmud composed by the Sages in Babylonia (present day Iraq) in the second to the fifth centuries, completed 450-500.
- Baḥ.** Acronym for *Bayit Hadaḥash*, a work of Torah Law by R. Yoel Sirkis of Cracow, Poland (c. 1561-1640).
- Bedeḳ HaBayit.** Additions to **Beit Yosef** by R. Yosef Karo. See **Karo, R. Yosef**.
- Be'er Haitev.** Explanations of **Shulḥan Aruḥ Even Ha'Ezer**, by R. Yehudah Ashkenazi of Tiktin, Poland (18th century C.E.)
- Beit Efraim.** Responsa R. Efraim Zalman Margalioṯ of Brod, Galicia (1762-1828).
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- Beit Shlomo.** Responsa by R. Shlomo of Skohol, Galicia (1800's).
- Beit Shmuel.** A leading commentary on **Shulḥan Aruḥ Even Ha'Ezer** (mainly regarding marriage and divorce), by R. Shmuel Faibesh, Germany and Poland (1640-1698).
- Beit Ya'akov.** Treatise on *Mishneh Torah*, by R. Ya'akov Berav of Spain and Tzefat, Israel (1474-1546). He was the Rabbi of R. Yosef Karo, author of **Shulḥan Aruḥ**.
- Beit Yosef.** Commentary by R. Yosef Karo on *Arba'ah Turim*, a code of Torah Law.
- Ben Ish Hai.** Code of Torah law by Chief Rabbi Yosef Hayim, Baghdad (1834-1909).
- Bereishit Rabbah.** Section of *Midrash Rabbah* on Genesis. See **Midrash Rabbah**.
- Binyan Tzion.** Responsa by R. Yaakov Etlinger of Germany (1798-1871).
- Birkei Yosef.** Notes by R. Hayim Yosef David Azulai on **Shulḥan Aruḥ**. He is known as Hida, the acronym of his name. Born in Jerusalem, he traveled extensively in Europe and North Africa, and eventually settled in Livorno, Italy (1724-1807).
- Bi'ur HaGra.** Commentary on **Shulḥan Aruḥ** by the Torah-law authority R. Eliyahu ben Shlomo Zalman of Vilna, Lithuania, known as the Vilna Gaon (1720-1797).

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- Da'at Torah.*** See ***Maharsham.***
- Da'at Zekenim.*** Insights in Torah, by the *Ba'alei* (authors of) *Tosafot*; see ***Tosafot.***
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- Maharsha.*** Acronym for Moreinu HaRav Shlomo Eidels of Ostroh, Poland (1555-1632); Rabbi and Head of Yeshivas in a number of the leading communities of Poland, and author of monumental commentaries on the Torah-law and Aggadic sections of the Babylonian Talmud.
- Maharshag.*** Acronym for R. Shimon Greenfield of Hungary (1860-1930).
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- Ponoviz'er Rav.** Rabbi Shlomo Yosef Kahanaman, Dean of Ponovish Yeshiva in Bnei Brak, Israel (1886-1969).
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- Pri HaSadeh.** Responsa by R. Eliezer Hayim Deitch, a Rav in Hungary, early 1900s.
- Pri Megadim.** Supercommentary on *Shulhan Aruh* commentaries *Magen Avraham*, *Turei Zahav*, and *Sifsei Cohen*, by R. Yosef Teomim (1727-1792), Head of the Rabbinical court in Lemberg, Poland, and Rabbi in Frankfurt an der Oder.
- Ra'anah.** Acronym for R. Eliyahu ben Hayim, Chief Rabbi of Constantinople, Turkey (c.1530-1613).
- Ra'avad (III).** Acronym for R. Abraham ben David of France (1125-1198); a leading Torah scholar, famous for his critical notes on *Mishneh Torah* of Rambam.
- Rabbeinu Bahyai.** R. Bachyai ben Asher of Spain, student of Rashba, and author of a commentary on the Pentateuch containing the plain meaning of the text, and Midrashic, philosophical and Kabbalistic exegeses (1263-1340).
- Rabbeinu Hananel.** R. Hananel ben Hushiel of Kairouan, Tunisia, who authored a commentary on Talmud (990-1053).
- Rabbeinu Yonah.** R. Yona ben Avraham Gerondi, a Catalan Rabbi and moralist, and most famous for his ethical work, *The Gates of Repentance* (d. 1263).
- Radak.** Acronym for R. David Kimhi of France, author of one of the most important commentaries on the Hebrew Scriptures (1160-1235).
- Radvaz.** Acronym for R. David Ibn Zimra (c.1480-1573), Chief Rabbi of Egypt and a leading Rabbis of his time; his responsa collection is called by his acronym.

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- Rambam.** Acronym for R. Moshe ben Maimon (Maimonides); b. 1135 in Cordova, Spain; d. 1204 in Cairo Egypt. One of the leading Rabbis of the Middle Ages. His three major works are: *Commentary to the Mishnah*; *Mishneh Torah*, a comprehensive code of Oral Torah precepts for the 613 Jewish Commandments; and *Moreh Nevuhim* (*Guide for the Perplexed*), a major work of Jewish philosophy.
- Ramban.** Acronym for Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman (Nachmanides) of Gerona, Spain, and the leading Rabbi of Spain in his time (1194-1270); successfully defended Judaism at the dramatic disputation in Barcelona in 1263; author of numerous basic works in all aspects of Torah, including a classic commentary on the Pentateuch.
- Ran.** Acronym for R. Nissim ben Reuven of Gerona and Barcelona, Spain, who is famous for his Talmudic commentary (1320-1380).
- Rash Mi'Shantz.** Acronym for R. Shimshon ben Avraham of Sens, France; a third generation author of *Tosefot*, as well as commentary on Mishnah (late 1100's-1230).
- Rashba.** Acronym for R. Shlomo ibn Aderet of Barcelona, Spain (1235-1310). He was the leading Rabbinic figure in Spain after Ramban, and author of many classic works in all branches of Torah learning, including thousands of responsa dealing with all aspects of Hebrew Scriptures, Talmud, Torah Law and Midrash.
- Rashbatz.** Acronym for R. Shimon ben Tzemañ Duran; born in Majorca, Spain, and later moved to Algiers, where he served on the Rabbinical court (1361-1444).
- Rashi.** Acronym for R. Shlomo Yitzhaki of Germany and France (1040-1105), the most important commentator on the Hebrew Bible and Talmud. His brilliant commentaries are concise explanations of the traditional plain meaning of the text.
- Rav Pe'alim.** Responsa by R. Yosef Hayim, Chief Rabbi of Baghdad (1834-1909).
- Re'aim.** Acronym for R. Eliezer of Metz, author of *Ye'raim*, a compilation of Torah laws based on the 613 Jewish commandments (1114-1189).
- Rema.** Acronym for R. Moshe Isserles, Rabbi and Rosh Yeshiva of Cracow, Poland (1530-1572); most famous for his Ashkenazic annotations to *Shulhan Aruh*, which transformed this predominantly Sephardic work into a universal Code of Jewish Law.
- Rif.** Acronym for R. Yitzhak Alfasi of Morocco, author of an abridgement of the Talmud which serves as a practical code of Torah Law (1013-1103).
- Ritva.** Acronym for R. Yom Tov ibn Asevilli, author of an important work on the Talmud. The author was Rabbi in Saragossa Spain, and was considered the Chief Rabbi of Spanish Jewry in his generation (1248-1330).
- Riva.** Acronym for R. Yitzhak ben Asher (France, 12th ct.); Pentateuch commentary.
- Rivash.** Acronym for the Spanish Torah-law authority R. Yitzhak ben Shashet Perfet, who authored responsa called by his name. He settled in Algiers (1326-1408).
- Rokei'ah.** Torah-law guide by R. Eliezar ben Yehudah of Germany (1176-1238).
- Rosh.** Acronym for R. Asher ben Yehiel, a disciple of Maharam from Rottenberg, Germany (c.1250-1327). He was forced to flee from Germany to Spain, where he became Chief Rabbi of Toledo and a prominent *Rishon* Torah authority.

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S'dei Hemed. Encyclopedia of Jewish Law, a monumental work of Torah Law by Rabbi Hayim Hezkiah Medini of Jerusalem and Hebron (1832-1904).

Seder Eliyahu Rabbah [and Zuta]. First [and second] part of *Tanna DeVei Eliyahu*.

Sefer HaFinuh. Classic work on the 613 commandments, their details and rationale, by an anonymous author in Spain (presumed to be R. Aharon Halevi, c.1235-c.1300).

Sefer Ha'Ikarim. A major work on Jewish philosophy and theology, by R. Yosef Albo (1357-1445). The author was Rabbi of Daroca and Soria in Spain.

Sefer HaMitzvos. Rambam's listing and explanation of the 613 eternal Jewish Commandments, with a seminal preface explaining the principles for determining which of the Torah's directives are to be included in this list. See **Rambam**.

Sefer Hasidim. Early ethical and Kabbalistic work, by R. Yehudah He'Hasid of Regensburg, Germany (1140-1217).

Sefer Meirat Einayim. A fundamental commentary on *Shulhan Aruh Hoshen Mishpat* by R. Yehoshua Falk Katz of Poland (c.1555-1614).

Sefer Mitzvot Gadol (SMA"G). Work of Torah Law on the 613 Jewish Commandments, by R. Moshe of Coucy, France (1198-1274).

Sefer Mitzvot Katan (SMA"K). Torah-law work on the Torah's commandments by Rabbi Ya'akov of Corbeil, France (1206-1280). He was a member of the school that compiled the Tosafot commentary on Talmud. See **Tosafot**.

Sefer Toldot Adam V'Havah. Book of Torah Law by Rabbenu Yeruham of Spain (14th century).

S'fat Emet. Novella on the Talmud, by R. Yehuda Leib Alter (1847-1905), the second Rebbe of Gur and a leader of Polish Jewry.

Sforno. R. Ovadiah Sforno of Rome and Bologna, Italy (1470-1550); he authored a classic commentary on the Pentateuch which is called by his name.

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- She'iltot.** Book of Torah law by the post-Talmudic Sage, R. Aḥai Gaon (c.680-c.762).
- Sheva Mitzvot HaShem.** Torah-based Noahide code by R. Moshe Weiner, Jerusalem.
- Shevet HaLevi.** Responsa by R. Shmuel Wosner of Bnei Brak, Israel (b. 1913).
- Shevut Ya'akov.** Responsa by R. Yaacov Richer Bechofen of Prague (1670-1736).
- Sh'ilat Ya'avetz.** Responsa by R. Yaakov Emden of Germany, a leading Rabbi and prominent opponent of the Sabbateans (1697-1776).
- Shiltei Giborim.** Notes on Rif (Rabbi Yitzhak Alfasi), by the prominent Talmudist R. Yehoshua Boaz of Spain and Italy (d. 1557).
- Shita Mekubetzet.** Collection of commentaries on Talmud by R. Betzalel Ashkenazi of Egypt (16th century).
- Shneur Zalman of Liadi, Rabbi.** A leading Torah-law authority and Ḥassidic Rebbe who settled in Liadi, Russia (1745-1813); founder of the Lubavitch Ḥassidic dynasty, and Ḥabad Ḥassidic philosophy based on teachings of R. Baal Shem Tov.
- Sho'el U'Maishiv.** Responsa by R. Yosef Shaul Natanson, Lemberg (1810-1875).
- Shteif, R. Yonatan.** See *Mitzvot Hashem*.
- Shulhan Aruh.** The Code of Jewish Law by R. Yosef Karo (1488-1575); it has four parts: *Orah Hayim*, *Yoreh De'ah*, *Even Ha'Ezer*, and *Hoshen Mishpat*.
- Shulhan Aruh HaRav.** An updated Code of Jewish Law, authored by R. Shneur Zalman of Liadi, Russia (1745-1813).
- Sifra, Torat Kohanim.** Tannaite Torah-law Midrash to the Book of Leviticus; also known as *Torat Kohanim*; collected and edited by Rav, a Babylonian Tanna Sage.
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- Simla Hadasha.** Comprehensive guide to the Torah laws of *kosher* slaughter, by R. Alexander Sender Schor of Zolkiew, Galicia (1660-1737).
- Soloveichik, R. Hayim.** Rav of Brisk (1853-1918); explanations on *Mishneh Torah*.
- Sridei Aish.** Responsa by R. Yehiel Yaakov Weinberg of Germany (1878-1966).
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- Taz.** Acronym for *Turei Zahav*, a commentary by R. Dovid ben Shmuel HaLevi on the *Shulhan Aruh*. He was a foremost Rabbinical authority in Poland (1586-1667).
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- Tikkune Zohar.** Zohar literature, consisting of 70 chapters on the first word of the Torah (*Bereishit*, “In the beginning”) by the school of R. Shimon bar Yohai (a *Tanna Sage*); contains some of the most important discussions in Kabbalah. See **Zohar**.
- Torah Temimah.** Encyclopedic Torah commentary by R. Boruh Epstein of Lithuania (1860-1941). The work is noteworthy for quoting all the main Talmudic references to a verse, and offering extensive commentary on them.
- Torat Ben Noah.** Commentary on *Mishneh Torah, Laws of Kings*, by R. Ephraim Bilitser of Hungary (1891-1944).
- Torat Hessed.** Responsa by R. Shneur Zalman Fradkin of Lublin (1830-1902).
- Torat Habayit.** Important Torah-law work by Rashba relating to the section of *Yoreh De'ah*. See **Rashba**.
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- Tosafot.** Talmudic glosses by leading French Rabbis of the 12th and 13th centuries on the Babylonian Talmud; printed in all editions alongside the text of the Talmud.
- Tosafot Rosh.** A classic commentary on Talmud by R. Asher ben Yehiel. See **Rosh**.
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- Tosefet Yom HaKippurim.** Insights on Tractate *Yoma* by R. Moshe Ben H'aviv, Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem (1654-1696).
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- Tumim.** See **Urim v'Tumim**.
- Tur.** Code of Jewish Law composed by Rabbi Ya'akov ben Asher (known as Rosh), Toledo, Spain (c.1275-c.1340). The *Arba Turim* (which is its full title) is composed of four parts: *Tur Orah Hayim*, *Tur Yoreh De'ah*, *Tur Even HaEzer*, and *Tur Hoshen Mishpat*. This work forms the basis for the *Shulhan Aruh*.
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- Urim v'Tumim.** Commentary on *Shulhan Aruh Hoshen Mishpat* by R. Yonatan Eibshutz of Prague and Hamburg (1690-1764).
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Zohar. The basic work of *Kabbalah*, compiled by R. Shimon ben Yochai and his disciples (c. 2nd century) in the form of a commentary on the Pentateuch and the *Megillot* of the Hebrew Scriptures. Hidden for centuries, it was first published in the late-thirteenth century by Rabbi Moshe de Leon (c.1250-1305), in Spain.

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