

Bibliographic Information (about cited sources)

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Agur: *Rabbeinu* Yaakov ben Yehudah Landa, Germany and Italy, mid 1400's. [*Sefer HaAgur* is his composition on Halacha*.]

Aruch HaShulchan: R. Yechiel Michel Epstein, Lithuania, 1829 - 1908. [*Aruch HaShulchan* is his expanded version of the *Shulchan Aruch*.]

Avi Ezri: R. Eliezer Shach, Lithuania and Israel, 1895 - 2001. [*Avi Ezri* is his commentary to the Rambam.]

Avudraham: *Rabbeinu* Dovid Avudraham, Spain, 1260 - 1350.

Ba'al HaIttur: *Rabbeinu* Yitzchak ben Abba Mari, France, ~1122 - ~1198. [*Sefer HaIttur* is his composition on Halacha*.]

Ba'al HaMaor: *Rabbeinu* Zerachyah HaLevi, Provence, ~1126 - ~1186. [*Sefer HaMaor* is his commentary to the Rif's "*Sefer HaHalachos*" on the Gemara*.]

Bach: R. Yoel Sirkish, Poland, 1561 - 1640. [*Bayis Chadash* is his commentary to the Tur.]

Be'er HaGolah: R. Moshe Ravkash, Vilna (Lithuania), ~1590 - 1671. [*Be'er HaGolah* is his notes to the *Shulchan Aruch*, usually a brief reference to the sources according to the *Beis Yosef*.]

Behag: *Rabbeinu* Shimon Keira, ~800. [*Halachos Gedolos* is his composition on Halacha*. Some sources attribute it to "*Rabbeinu Yehudai Gaon*", of the same time period.]

Beis HaLevi: R. Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, Brest-Litovsk ("Brisk"), 1820 - 1892. [*Beis HaLevi* is his responsa.]

Beis Yosef: R. Yosef Karo, Spain and Israel, 1488 - 1575. [*Beis Yosef* is his commentary to the Tur.]

Ben Ish Chai: R. Yosef Chaim of Baghdad, ~1835 - 1909. [*Ben Ish Chai* is his composition on Halacha*, organized around the *parshas* of the Torah.]

Binyan Shlomo: R. Shlomo HaKohen, Vilna (Lithuania), 1828 - 1905. [*Binyan Shlomo* is his responsa.]

Bi'ur Halacha: Part of the *Mishnah Berurah*; dedicated to supplementary (often lengthy) explanations.

Chacham Tzvi: R. Tzvi Hirsch Ashkenazi, Salonika and Germany (and elsewhere), ~1660 - 1718. [The name "*Chacham Tzvi*" is generally a reference to his responsa.]

Chasam Sofer: R. Moshe Sofer, Germany and Moravia, 1762 - 1839. [*Chasam Sofer* is his responsa.]

Chavos Ya'ir: R. Yair Chaim Bachrach, Germany, ~1632 - 1702. [*Chavos Ya'ir* is his responsa.]

Chazon Ish: R. Avraham Yesha'yah Karelitz, Lithuania and Israel, 1878 - 1953. [*Chazon Ish* is his composition on Halacha* and the Talmud.]

Chayei Adam: R. Avraham Dantzig, Vilna (Lithuania), 1748 - 1820. [*Chayei Adam* is the part of his own re-organized version of the *Shulchan Aruch* which is almost all from the volume *Orach Chayim*.]

Chida: R. Chaim Yosef Dovid Azulai, Israel and Italy, ~1725 - ~1805.

Darkei Moshe: The commentary of R. Moshe Isserles to the Tur.

Derech Emunah: R. Chaim Kanievsky, Israel, born 1928. [*Derech Emunah* is his commentary to the Rambam's "Halachos of *Zera'im*", designed as a "*Mishnah Berurah*" on those Halachos.]

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- Divrei Yatziv:** R. Yekusiel Yehudah Halberstam [Klausenberger *Rebbe*], Poland and Israel, 1904 - 1995. [*Divrei Yatziv* is his responsa.]
- Eliyahu Rabbah:** R. Eliyahu Shapiro, Poland, 1660 - 1712. [*Eliyahu Rabbah* is the major part of his commentary to those volumes of the *Levush*° that are based on the volume *Orach Chayim*.]
- Gaon of Vilna:** R. Eliyahu of Vilna, Lithuania, 1720-1797. [Also known as the *Gra*.]
- Hagahos Maimonios:** *Rabbeinu* Meir HaKohen, Germany, late 1200's.
- Hagahos Mordechai:** A "supplement" to the *Mordechai*°, collected by others some time after him.
- Kitzur Shulchan Aruch:** R. Shlomo Gantzfried, Slovakia, ~1804 - ~1885. [*Kitzur Shulchan Aruch* is his own re-organized version of the *Shulchan Aruch*°, in some aspects condensed and in others expanded.]
- Kol Bo:** a composition on Halacha*, ~1300. [It resembles the *Orchos Chayim*, and some say both were written by *Rabbeinu* Aharon HaKohen (of France).]
- Levush:** R. Mordechai Yaffe, Italy and Poland, 1530 - 1612. [The "Levush" is his ten volume work. Six volumes (three based on volume *Orach Chayim*) are his expanded version of the *Shulchan Aruch*°.]
- Luach Eretz Yisrael:** R. Yechiel Michel Tuketchinsky, Israel, ~1875 - 1955. [*Luach Eretz Yisrael* is his composition on the practical Halachos and local *minhagim* for around the year.]
- Ma'amar Mordechai:** R. Mordechai Karmi, France, 1749 - 1825.
- Machzor Vitry:** A combination of material on the prayers and Halacha. It is understood to have been compiled by a student (or students) of Rashi°.
- Machtzis HaShekel:** R. Shmuel Kellin, Boskovitz (Moravia), 1724 - 1806. [*Machtzis HaShekel* is his commentary to the *Magen Avraham*°.]
- Magen Avraham:** R. Avraham HaLevi (Avli) Gombiner, Poland, ~1637 - 1683. [*Magen Avraham* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*° - volume *Orach Chayim*.]
- Maggid Mishneh:** *Rabbeinu* Vidal di Toulousa, Spain, 1300 - ~1370.
- Maharal:** R. Yehudah Loewe, Prague (Bohemia), ~1519 - 1609.
- Maharam (of Rottenburg):** *Rabbeinu* Meir ben Baruch, Germany, ~1213 - 1293.
- Mahari Veil:** *Rabbeinu* Yaakov Veil, Germany, early 1400's. [Some say he died before 1456.]
- Maharik:** *Rabbeinu* Yosef Kolon, France and Italy, ~1420 - 1480.
- Maharil:** *Rabbeinu* Yaakov HaLevi (Siegel) Mullen, Germany, ~1360 - 1427.
- Maharshal:** R. Shlomo Luria, Poland, ~1510 - ~1574.
- Maharsham:** R. Shalom Mordechai Shvadron, Poland, 1835 - 1911.
- Me'iri:** *Rabbeinu* Menachem ben Shlomo of the house of Meir, France, 1249 - ~1315. [His composition on the Gemara is also called "*Beis HaBechirah*".]
- Mishmeres Shalom:** R. Shalom of Kaidonov, Poland, 1858 - 1925. [*Mishmeres Shalom* is his composition on Halacha and *minhagim*.]
- Mishnah Berurah:** R. Yisrael Meir HaKohen, Poland and Lithuania, ~1839 - 1933. [*Mishnah Berurah* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*° - volume *Orach Chayim*.]

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- Mor U'Ketzi'ah:** R. Yaakov Emden [son of the *Chacham Tzvi*^o], Germany, 1697 - 1776. [*Mor U'Ketzi'ah* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*^o - volume *Orach Chayim*.]
- Mordechai:** *Rabbeinu* Mordechai ben Hillel, Germany, ~1250 - ~1305.
- Nimukei Yosef:** *Rabbeinu* Yosef ibn Chaviv, Spain, 1300 - ~1370. [*Nimukei Yosef* is his commentary to the Rif^o.]
- Ohr Zarua:** *Rabbeinu* Yitzchak ben Moshe of Vienna, ~1190 - ~1260. [*Ohr Zarua* is his composition on Halacha.]
- Olas Shmuel:** R' Shmuel Leib of Prague, Poland, ~1800 (died 1827). [*Olas Shmuel* is his responsa.]
- Orchos Chayim:** a composition on Halacha, ~1300. [It resembles the *Kol Bo*, and some say both were written by *Rabbeinu* Aharon HaKohen (of France).]
- Pri Chadash:** R. Chizkiyah de Silva, Italy and Israel, 1659 - 1698. [*Pri Chadash* is his commentary to parts of the *Shulchan Aruch*^o.]
- Pri Megadim:** R. Yosef ben Meir of Frankfurt, ~1727 - 1792. [*Pri Megadim* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*^o, based off of the pre-existing major commentaries.]
- Pri Yitzchak:** R. Yitzchak Blazer, Russia, Poland, and Israel, 1837 - 1907. [*Pri Yitzchak* is his responsa.]
- R. Akiva Eiger:** Posen (Poland), 1761 - 1837.
- R. Avraham (of Prague):** Bohemia, early 1500's.
- R. Betzalel Stern:** Slovakia and Australia (and others), 1911 - 1989. [*Betzeil HaChochmah* is his responsa.]
- R. Moshe Feinstein:** Russia and U.S., 1895 - 1986. [*Igros Moshe* is his responsa.]
- R. Moshe Isserles:** Poland, ~1525 - 1572. [His "*hagahos*" ("emendations") to the *Shulchan Aruch*^o are often referred to simply as "the *Rema*".]
- R. Moshe Shternbuch:** South Africa and Israel, born ~1925. [*Mo'adim U'Zmanim* is his collection of essays on the *Yamim Tovim*, and *Teshuvos VeHanhagos* is his responsa.]
- R. Ovadiah Yosef:** Israel (and Iraq and Egypt), born 1920. [*Yabia Omer* is his responsa.]
- R. Shlomo Kluger:** Poland, ~1784 - 1869. [*HaElef Lecha Shlomo* is his responsa.]
- R. Shmuel Vosner:** Hungary and Israel, born 1913. [*Shevet HaLevi* is his responsa.]
- R. Tzvi Pesach Frank:** Lithuania and Israel, 1874 - 1960. [*Mikra'ei Kodesh* is his collection of essays on the *Yamim Tovim*.]
- R. Yaakov Chaim Sofer:** Iraq and Israel, 1870 - 1939. [*Kaf HaChayim* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*^o - mostly volume *Orach Chayim*.]
- R. Yitzchak Abouhav:** Spain (and Portugal), 1433 - 1493.
- R. Yitzchak Yaakov Weiss:** Poland, Rumania, England and Israel, 1902 - 1989. [*Minchas Yitzchak* is his responsa.]
- Ra'avad:** *Rabbeinu* Avraham ben Dovid, Provence, ~1120 - 1198.
- Ra'avyah:** *Rabbeinu* Eliezer ben *Rabbeinu* Yoel HaLevi, Germany (& France), ~1140 - ~1220.
- Rabbeinu Chananel:** Kairouan (Tunisia), ~975 - ~1050.
- Rabbeinu Tam** (grandson of Rashi): *Rabbeinu* Yaakov ben Meir Tam, France, ~1100 - ~1171.
- Rabbeinu Yerucham:** Provence and Spain, 1270 - ~1345.
- Rabbeinu Yoel HaLevi** (father of the Ra'avyah^o): Germany (& France?), ~1140 - 1225.
- Rabbeinu Yonah:** "of Gerona" (Spain) [France in his youth], 1200 - 1263.

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- Radvaz:** R. Dovid (ben Shlomo) ibn Avi Zimrah, Spain, Egypt, & Israel, ~1473 - 1573.
- Rambam:** *Rabbeinu* Moshe ben Maimon (also called "Maimonides"), Spain and Egypt, ~1135 - 1204. [His composition on Halacha, called *Yad HaChazakah* or *Mishneh Torah*, is often referred to simply as "the Rambam".]
- Ramban:** *Rabbeinu* Moshe ben Nachman (also called "Nachmanides"), Spain (and later Israel), 1194 - ~1270.
- Ran:** *Rabbeinu* Nissim ben Reuven, Spain, ~1320 - ~1380.
- Rashba:** *Rabbeinu* Shlomo ben Avraham ibn Aderes, Spain, ~1235 - 1310.
- Rashbam:** *Rabbeinu* Shmuel ben Meir, France, 1085 - 1176.
- Rashi:** *Rabbeinu* Shlomo "Yitzchaki" (ben Yitzchak), France, 1040 - 1105.
- Rif:** *Rabbeinu* Yitzchak "Alfasi" ("of Fez" - and later Spain), 1013 - 1103. [His ruling-oriented Gemara collection, called *Sefer HaHalachos*, is often referred to simply as "the Rif".]
- Ritva:** *Rabbeinu* Yom Tov Ashbili, Spain, ~1250 - ~1330.
- Rivash:** *Rabbeinu* Yitzchak ben Sheishes, Spain and (Northern) Africa, 1326 - 1408.
- Rokeiach:** *Rabbeinu* Elazar ben Yehudah, Germany, ~1160 - 1230.
- Rosh:** *Rabbeinu* Asher ben Yechiel, Germany and Spain, ~1250 - 1327.
- Sefer Ha'Aruch:** *Rabbeinu* Nassan, student of *Rabbeinu Chananel*^o, ~1030 - 1106. [*Sefer Ha'Aruch* is his Talmudical "dictionary".]
- Sefer HaMinhagim:** *Rabbeinu* Yitzchak of Tirna (Austria), ~1400. [Other books of *minhagim* are also called by this name, but this seems to be the one most commonly quoted.]
- Sefer HaTerumah:** *Rabbeinu* Baruch (ben Yitzchak), Germany, 1140 - 1202. [*Sefer HaTerumah* is his composition on Halacha.]
- Sha'ar HaTziyun:** Part of the *Mishnah Berurah*^o; dedicated to citing sources, and to brief explanations.
- Sha'arei Teshuvah:** R. Chaim Mordechai Margalios, Poland, ~1770 - 1820. [*Sha'arei Teshuvah* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*^o - volume *Orach Chayim*.]
- Shevus Yaakov:** R. Yaakov Reischer, Prague (Bohemia) and Germany, ~1670 - 1733.
- Shibolei HaLekket:** *Rabbeinu* Tzidkiyah ben Avraham (the doctor), Italy, early/mid 1200's. [*Shibolei HaLekket* is his Halacha collection.]
- Shiltei HaGiborim:** *Rabbeinu* Yehoshua Bo'az, Italy, died 1557. [*Shiltei HaGiborim* is his commentary to the Rif.]
- Shulchan Aruch:** The *Beis Yosef*^o's composition on Halacha. It is divided into the same volumes and *simanim* as the *Tur*^o, but with each *siman* organized into *se'ifim*.
- Smag:** *Rabbeinu* Moshe of Kutzi (France), ~1200 - 1260. [*Sefer Mitzvahs Gadol* is his composition on the Mitzvahs.]
- Smak:** *Rabbeinu* Yitzchak of Korbil, France, ~1200 - ~1280). [*Sefer Mitzvahs Kattan/Katzar* is his composition on the Mitzvahs, also called "*Amudei Golah*".]
- Taz:** R. Dovid (HaLevi) Siegel (son-in-law of the Bach^o), Poland, ~1585 - 1667. [*Turei Zahav* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*^o.]
- Terumas HaDeshen:** *Rabbeinu* Yisrael Isserlan, Germany (and Austria), ~1390 - 1460. [*Terumas HaDeshen* is his "responsa", although the main (first) set are "made-up" questions.]

Tosafos: Collection of commentary material on the Gemara, composed by authorities of France and Germany, during the twelfth to fourteenth centuries.

Tur: *Rabbeinu* Yaakov ben Asher (son of the Rosh^o), Spain, ~1280 - ~1345. [The *Arba'ah Turim* is his composition on Halacha. It is divided into four volumes: *Orach Chayim*, *Yoreh Dei'ah*, *Even HaEzer*, and *Choshen Mishpat*; and each volume is divided into hundreds of *simanim*.]

Yad Efrayim: R. Efrayim Zalman Margalios, Poland, 1761 - 1828. [*Yad Efrayim* is his commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch*^o (and its commentaries).]