

# THE CHAIN OF TORAH

## 40 Generations from Moshe Rabeinu until Rav Ashi

based on the Rambam's Introduction to Mishnah Torah

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	#	Leader of the Generation	Approx. Year
<b>The Early Generations</b>	1	Moshe Rabeinu	2448
	2	Yehoshua	2488
	3	Pinchas	2516
	4	Eli ha'Kohen	2831
	5	Shmuel	2871
	6	David	2884
<b>The Prophets</b>	7	Achiyah ha'Shiloni	2924
	8	Eliyahu	2980
	9	Elisha	3043
	10	Yehoyada	3055
	11	Zecharyah	3067
	12	Hoshe'a	3090
	13	Amos	3110
	14	Yeshayah	3140
	15	Michah	3160
	16	Yo'el	3190
	17	Nachum	3240
	18	Chavakuk	3254
	19	Tzefanyah	3280
	20	Yirmeyah	3288
	21	Baruch ben Neriyah	3350
<b>The Men of the Great Assembly</b>	22	Ezra ha'Sofer (Construction of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Beis ha'Mikdash 3408)	3413
	23	Shimon ha'Tzadik	3442
	24	Antignus Ish Socho	3460
<b>The Pairs</b>	25	Yosi ben Yo'ezer and Yosi ben Yochanan	3500
	26	Yehoshua ben Perachyah and Nitai ha'Arbeli	3560
	27	Yehudah ben Tabai and Shimon ben Shetach	3621
	28	Shemayah and Avtalyon	3722
	29	Hillel and Shamai	3728
<b>The Tana'im</b>	30	Raban Shimon ben Hillel	3768
	31	Raban Gamliel ha'Zaken	3770
	32	Raban Shimon ben Gamliel (Destruction of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Beis ha'Mikdash 3828) Raban Yochanan ben Zakai assumes leadership	3810
	33	Raban Gamliel (of Yavneh)	3833
	34	Raban Shimon ben Gamliel	3881
	35	Rebbi Yehuda ha'Nasi (Rebbi) <sup>2</sup> (Compilation of the Mishnah c. 3948)	3910
<b>The Amora'im</b>	36	Rav, Shmuel and Rebbi Yochanan (Compilation of Talmud Yerushalmi c. 4128) <sup>3</sup>	3979
	37	Rav Huna	4110
	38	Rabah	4150
	39	Rava	4099
	40	Rav Ashi <sup>1</sup> (Compilation of Talmud Bavli c. 4261)	4127

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## FOOTNOTES

1. Rav Ashi compiled the Talmud Bavli together with his student, Ravina (Bava Metzia 86a). Rav Ashi was born at the same time that Rava died (in 4111 or 4113, see Kidushin 72b), in which case there is a gap of at least fourteen years between Rava's death and Rav Ashi's appointment. To counter this problem, the Rambam might well have inserted Rav Papa, who succeeded Rava. Rav Ashi was appointed Rosh Yeshivah in Masa Mechasya before Rav Papa (who was Rosh Yeshivah in Pumbedisa) died in 4132.

2. The Rambam lists among the Chachamim who constituted Rebbi's Beis Din the following eleven Chachamim: Shimon and Gamliel (Rebbi's sons), Rebbi Efes, Rebbi Chanina ben Chama, Rebbi Chiya, Rav, Rebbi Yanai, Bar Kapara, Shmuel, Rebbi Yochanan and Rebbi Hoshaya. (The Rambam notes that Rebbi Yochanan was a child at the time, but since he learned Torah from Rebbi Yanai, he is considered part of the group.) The Ra'avad omits Shmuel, Rebbi Yochanan, Rebbi Hoshaya, Rebbi Yanai and Bar Kapara from the above list, and he replaces them with Levi, Rebbi Bisa and his son Rebbi Chama, and Rebbi Yishmael son of Rebbi Yochanan ben Berokah.

3. Rebbi Yochanan compiled the Talmud Yerushalmi in Eretz Yisrael approximately three hundred years after the destruction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beis ha'Mikdash.