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HA-MEIRI R. Solomon ben Menahem
RAVYAH R. Eliezer ben Joel ha-Levi
REY R. Isaac ben Samuel of Dampierre

C. Thirteenth Century

RAMAH R. Meir ha-Levi Abulafia
RAMBAN Rabbenu Moshe ben Nahman (Nahmanides)
R. Moses of Coucy
Author of Sefer Mitzvot Gadol.
MAHARAM R. Meir ben Baruch of Rothenburg

D. Fourteenth Century

RASHBA R. Solomon ben Abraham Adret
Author of Torah ha-Bayit.
ROSH R. Asher ben Jehiel
Author of Piskei ha-Rosh.
R. Jacob ben Asher
Author of Turim

E. Fifteenth Century

RIBASH R. Isaac ben Sheshet Perfet
TASHBEZ R. Simeon ben Zerah Duran
MAHARIK R. Joseph ben Solomon Colon
R. Obadiah ben Abraham of Bertinoro (c. 1450-1520) (Commentary on Mishnah)

F. Sixteenth Century

R. Joseph Caro (Joseph ben Ephraim Caro - 1488-1575)
Author of Beit Yosef and the Shulhan Arukh (1565), the authoritative codification of halakhah to this present day. Caro used Alfasi, Maimonides, and Asher ben Jehiel as the "pillars of halakhic decision."
REMA R. Moses Isserles (Moses ben Israel Isserles)
Author of Darkhei Moshe.
MAHARSHAL R. Solomon Luria
R. Ya'akov Polak
Father of the hilukim or pilpul method (dialectical casuistic method).

II. The Period of the Aharonim ("later" scholars) (16th century-1800)

R. Yom-Tob Lipmann Heller (1579-1654) (Commentary on Mishnah)
MAHARSHA R. Samuel Eliezer Edels
MAHARAL R. Judah Loew of Prague
GAON OF VILNA R. Elijah ben Solomon Zalman
MAHARAM OF R. Meir ben Gedaliah of Lublin

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III. The Period of the Abrogation of Jewish Judicial Autonomy (A.D. 1800-1948)