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OF THE TARGUMIM, THE TALMUD BABLI AND YERUSHALMI, AND THE MIDRASHIC LITERATURE

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PREFACE.

The literature embraced in this Dictionary covers a period of about one thousand years, and contains Hebrew and Aramaic elements in about equal proportions. The older Hebrew elements, which may conveniently be called the Mishnaic, and can in part be traced back to the first, if not to the second, century B. C. E., may be considered a continuation of the Biblical Hebrew—Biblical Hebrew tinged with Aramaisms. It is therefore apt to throw light, more directly than its successor, on many obscure words and passages in the Bible; nevertheless, the material for Biblical exegesis deposited in the later literature is an inexhaustible mine, which still awaits exploitation by sympathetic students. Besides the Mishnah and the Tosefta, the Mishnaic period embraces Sifra and Sifré, Mekhilta, and the older elements preserved in the Gemara, of which the prayers incidentally quoted are a very essential and interesting part.

The later Hebrew elements in the Gemara and in the Midrashim lead down to the fifth and the eighth century respectively, and to a larger degree than the earlier Hebrew sections are mixed with Aramaic elements, and with foreign words borrowed from the environment and reflecting foreign influences in language as well as in thought. The Aramaic portions of the literature under treatment comprise both the eastern and the western dialects.¹ Owing to the close mental exchange between the Palestinian and the Babylonian Jews, these dialects are often found inextricably interwoven, and cannot be distinguished lexicographically.

The subjects of this literature are as unlimited as are the interests of the human mind. Religion and ethics, exegesis and homiletics, jurisprudence and ceremonial laws, ritual and liturgy, philosophy and science, medicine and magics, astronomy and astrology, history and geography, commerce and trade, politics and social problems, all are represented there, and reflect the mental condition of the Jewish world in its seclusion from the outer world, as well as in its contact with the same whether in agreement or in opposition.

¹ For these Aramaic elements the traditional (though admittedly incorrect) term Chaldaic (Ch., ch.) is retained in the Dictionary, wherever the designation is required for distinction from the corresponding Hebrew forms.

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Owing to the vast range and the unique character of this literature, both as to mode of thinking and method of presentation, it was frequently necessary to stretch the limits of lexicography and illustrate the definitions by means of larger citations than would be necessary in a more familiar domain of thought. Especially was this the case with legal and with ethical subjects.

Archæological matters have often been elucidated by references to Greek and Roman customs and beliefs.

The condition of the texts, especially of the Talmud Yerushalmi and of some of the Midrashim, made textual criticism and emendations inevitable, but the dangers of arbitrariness and personal bias had to be guarded against. Happily there were, in most cases, parallels to be drawn upon for the establishment of a correct text, and where these auxiliaries failed, the author preferred erring on the conservative side to indulging in conjectural emendations. For the Babylonian Talmud Raphael Rabbinowicz's Variae Lectiones was an invaluable aid to the author.

The etymological method pursued in this Dictionary requires a somewhat fuller explanation than is ordinarily embodied in a preface.

The Jewish literature here spoken of is specifically indigenous, in which respect it is unlike the Syriac literature contemporary with it, which is mainly Christian, and as such was influenced, not only in thought but also in language, by the Greek and Latin tongues of the religious teachers of a people itself not free from foreign admixtures. Foreign influences came to Jewish literature merely through the ordinary channel of international intercourse. It is for this reason, if for no other, that the Jewish literature of post-Biblical days down to the ninth century may be called original. Hence it is natural to expect that, in extending the horizon of thought, it also extended its vocabulary on its own basis, employing the elements contained in its own treasury.

Starting from such premises, the investigator had to overhaul the laws regulating the derivation of words whose etymology or meaning is unknown from known Semitic roots; every word of strange appearance had to be examined on its merits both as to its meaning or meanings and as to its origin; the temptation offered by phonetic resemblances had to be resisted, and the laws of word-formation common to all other original languages as well as the environment in which a word appears had to be consulted before a conclusion could be reached. The foremost among these laws is that a word is imported into one language from another with the importation of the article it represents or of the idea it conveys. Unless these conditions of importation are apparent, the presumption should be in favor of the home market.

Take e. g. the word סימשא and its dialectic equivalent איסמשא, which means

¹ The attempt to make biliteral roots the basis for radical definitions of stems was found too cumbersome and too much subject to misunderstanding, and was therefore abandoned with the beginning of the third letter of the alphabet.

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(a) a recess, an alley adjoining the market place to which the merchants retire for the transaction of business, also the trader's stand under the colonnade, and (b) an abscess, a carbuncle. The Latin semita, which since Musafia has been adopted as the origin of simta, offers hardly more than an assonance of consonants: a footpath cannot, except by a great stretch, be forced into the meaning of a market stand; and what becomes of simta as abscess? But take the word as Semitic, and which 'recess', 'nook', goes over into 'abscess' in medical language, we have a parallel in the Latin 'abscessus.' How much Latin medical nomenclature may have influenced the same association of ideas among the Jews is a theme of speculation for students of comparative philology or of the physiology of language.

A superficial glance at the vocabulary of this Dictionary will convince the reader that the example here given represents an extremely numerous class. The cases may not always be so plain, and the author is prepared for objections against his derivations in single instances, but the number of indisputable derivations from known Semitic roots remains large enough to justify the method pursued.

We meet with the same stem in the Aramaic, אספריסא. Referring to Lamentations III, 12, 'he has bent his bow and set me (literally: made me to stand) as a mark for the arrow', one Amora is recorded in the Midrash (Lamentations Rabbah a. l.) as having explained kammattara lahets by מבורטא לאספריסא. Another is quoted as saying, 'like the pole of the archers (the Roman palus) at which all aim, but which remains standing.' What is בורטא? The medieval Jewish commentators frankly admit their ignorance. Musafia, however, reads ברטא, maintaining that he had found it in some editions, and refers to Latin parma, explaining isp'risa as sparus, and translating, 'as the shield to the spear.' Ingenious, indeed! But on closer inspection this explanation is beset with intrinsic difficulties. To begin with, parma as shield does not appear in the Talmudic literature again, from which we may infer that it was not generally known to the Jews in their

¹ In fact where Pesahim 50^b has תגרי סימטא, Tosefta Biccurim end, in Mss. Erfurt and Vienna, reads הגרי שמיטה, which is obviously a corruption of שימטה, the pure Hebrew form for the Aramaic סימטא.

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combats with the Romans. Furthermore, the sparus is a small hunting spear never used in battle to aim against the warrior's shield. As the entire passage in the Midrash quoted conveys the purpose of the interpreters to explain the Biblical text by means of a popular illustration, the Amora reported to have used this expression would have utterly missed his object, had he employed foreign and unfamiliar words, when he might have used plain words like כמגן לרומה, or their Aramaic equivalents. If, furthermore, it is taken into consideration that editio Buber of Lam. R., in agreement with the Arukh, reads רבנן דתבון אבורין, thus distinctly referring to Babylonian authorities, the supposition of foreign origin for and אספריסא falls to the ground. But, on the other hand, take אספריסא as an 'Ispeel' noun of the stem or, and it means 'that which is to be cloven', i. e. the log, corresponding to the Hebrew בקעה. What is פרמא, or פרמא, again on the assumption that it is a home word? The root ברם like שבה means to divide, to split2, and burma or rather bor'ma is 'the splitter', i. e. the wedge used to split the log. The Amora quoted in the Midrash therefore means to say that Israel, although the target of hostile attacks, is what the wedge is to the log: the wedge is struck, but the log is split. The other Amora quoted expresses the same idea by a different metaphor: 'as the pole of the arrows', and likewise a third, who lays stress on ייציבני, 'he caused me to stand', in the sense of enduring. An analogous expression to פלגיסא is פלגיסא (Pales of פלגיס), with which Targum renders the same Hebrew word (משרה) that forms the subject of comment in the Midrash just referred to (I Samuel XX, 20).

The following lines are intended to give some specimens of such extension of roots, both Hebrew and Aramaic, as have not been recognized heretofore, or, if recognized, have not been applied to their full extent.

Ithpaal or Ithpeel nouns in Aramaean and Aramaicized Hebrew, and Hithpael nouns in Hebrew are too well known to require more than mere mention. Formations like השתרורה ike אתכנער, השתרורה are recognized on their face. Except for the preconceived notions concerning the nature of the Talmudic vocabulary, it would seem no more than natural that the Mishnaic משמלית לבן (Yoma VII, 1) should be an enlargement of אצטלית לבן i. e. an Ithpaal noun of אצטלית לבן in the same Mishnah, meaning 'covering', i. e. a suit of clothes, whereas the plainer form שלית is used for cloak or sheet. From among the vocables reclaimed for the Semitic store on the same principle, one more may be mentioned here. אצטבא or איסטכא is a derivative of אצטבא, and, as such, a phonetic and actual equivalent of the Biblical אַבָּיִר and the meaning of the Hebrew word should be learned from its well-defined Aramaic representative: 'something which restrains the

¹ That Arukh ed. Kohut and Buber in Lam. R. read אספריתא, with ה for ס, cannot be taken into consideration in view of the numerous evidences in favor of אספריסא.

² Compare Targum I Chronicles V, 12, ברם מלכותא, 'a portion of the kingdom' and the particle ברם 'besides', and B'rakhoth 39a פרמינה, 'he chopped them into pieces.'

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flying locks' (Sabbath 57^b), i. e. a hair-band worn, as we further learn from the discussion concerning *ist'ma*, under the hair net or cap. To uncover the אבט (Isaiah XLVII, 2) therefore means to throw off the matron's head-cover and appear as a slave. The variant 'מבט' for 'מבט' in these forms is a common phenomenon in Talmudic orthography.

In connection with this noun formation it may not be out of place to note that Ithpaal or Ithpeel nouns sometimes drop the initial Aleph, in which case they may resume the regular order of consonants, which is inverted in the verb. Thus אַבְּעָדְעָּ (M'naḥoth 41°) is formed from מְצִנוֹלָ (to justify one's self' (compare Genesis XLIV, 16), and means justification, excuse. Another מְצֵנוֹלָ is formed from the root מְבֶּרְעָּ and means split, breaking through, damage (Baba Kamma 56°). מוֹלָ (Giṭṭin 86°) is an Ithpeel noun of מִבְּרִ (בִּיִרְ (בִּיִרְ (בִּיִרְ (בִּירִ (בִּירִ (בִּירְ (בִּירִ (בִּירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירִ (בְּירְ (בְירְ (בְּירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְירְ (בְּירְ (בְּירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְּירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְּירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְּירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְ (בְירְיִם (בְירְ (בְירְיִירְ (בְירְיְיִם (בְּירְיְיְירְיְיִבְּרְיְיִבְיִירְ (בְירְיִבְיּרְיְיִבְי

The enlargement of stems by the prefix w is well known in the Aramaic Shafel, but evidences of this same process are to be met with also in classical Hebrew. We have אָדְּטָה, and אָדְטָה, and אָדְטָה, and אַדְּטָה, and many more. More frequent is the use of the prefix ה for the formation of verbal nouns, as אַדְּבָּה, &c. Such verbal nouns may again become the basis for the formation of nominal verbs, as אַרּבְּלָה, 'to pray', which only by a stretch of the imagination can be explained as a plain Hithpael. So also אַדְרַלָּה, 'to shout' (Ps. LXV, 14; LX, 10; CVIII, 10), is to be taken as a derivative of אַרַלְּהָר, The Talmudic Hebrew offers these formations in abundance, as אַרִּלְּהָר from אַרַלְּהָר (see Abraham Geiger, Die Sprache der Mischnah, § 7).

On this principle of enlarged stems many words in this Dictionary have been regained from foreign origin for Semitic citizenship, e. g. מריס, 'shield', and its derivatives in Hebrew and Aramaic, שחקד and מוכחא (see the Dictionary s. vv.).

A further development of Safel stems consists in formations which for convenience' sake may be defined as 'Ispeel' nouns, of which the aforementioned and אספריסא and אספריסא may serve as examples.

The same letters, ש, ה, d, and also 7, are used as intensive suffixes. The Biblical משם and ששם have been explained by some as enlargements of רטב (בשב) and ששם respectively. Be this as it may, the Talmudic Hebrew and the Aramaic possess such intensive suffixes. שברס belongs to ברכס, 'to crush, grind, scrape', and the various significations of this enlarged stem and its derivatives can easily be traced back to the fundamental meaning (see Dict. s. v. שברכס I and II). Only to

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¹ See Dictionary s. v. מצחר for an explanation of the misinterpretation which the word has suffered at the hands of commentators.

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one derivative of DDD reference may here be made. The is 'the grinder', i. e. the hopper in the mill, and were it not for the tenacious prejudice in favor of foreign etymologies, no scholar would ever have thought of resorting for the original of afarkheseth to πρόχοος or ἄρπαξ, neither of which has any connection with the grinding process.¹

For words with suffixed ז the reader is referred to אטליזא and אטליזא as specimens. Enlargements by suffixed ז have been recognized in ברקד and אפרקיד. More frequent is the formation by prefixed ז, originally the demonstrative or relative pronoun. In the Dictionary these forms are designated as Difel, Dispeel, or Dithpeel nouns. The well-known דביחא in the form of דביחהו והעוד for 'the wife of' furnishes the key for the explanation of words like אַרְבְּאָרָא, דְּבַּחְבֶּרְא, מְבְּאָרָהְא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, מְבְּאָרָהָא, יshreds of a turban' (Ms. M. מְבִּרְהָא, מְבִּאָרָהָא, מְבִּרְהָא, יshreds of a turban' (Ms. M. מְבִּרְהָא, מְבָּרְהָא, מֹרְרָהָא, and many more.

ל מה מ formative suffix appears in classical Hebrew, as הרגל , כרבול &c. (See Gesenius Thesaurus sub littera ל.) Of Talmudic Hebrew there may be mentioned here בְּבֵל (from ערב ארב (from ערב ארב (from ערב ארב (האַרבּל , אַרבּל (הבל), to sift. Correspondingly the Aramaic ערבלא , ערבלא , ערבלא , ארבל (ערבל , ארבל), to sift, shake, ערבלא , to sift, shake, ערבלארן , to confound (compare the metaphor in Amos IX, 9), and ערבלארן , mixed multitude.

It would have been superfluous to refer here to that well-known enlargement of stems by suffixed 5, were it not that even for so common a utensil as a sieve foreign languages have been ransacked, and arb'la or arb'la has been found in the Latin cribellum. The enlarged stem ארבל finds a further extension in סרבל, for which verb and its derivatives the reader is referred to the Dictionary itself.

Reduplications of entire stems or of two letters of triliteral stems are well known. But there appear also reduplications of one letter employed for enlargement. אלשמה בוגלתא, אלגלתא הברבא, גלגלתא אונלתא, which may be explained as contractions, find a counterpart in דוש , thresher or grist-maker, which is a reduplication of or ששו.

¹ This ποσπακ has nothing in common with απαξ = δδράρπαξ, άρπάγιον), 'the waterclock', which appears in Gen. R. s. 4. In Kelim XIV, 6, and XXX, 4, where a metal harpax and a glass harpax are respectively mentioned, the Arukh has preserved the correct reading απακ where the editions have απακτοσημέν. The latter reading has misled the commentators into identifying the word with ποσπακ, and it forced Maimonides, who realized the difficulty of a 'glass hopper', to assume the meaning of a hopper-shaped vessel, a funnel,

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signifying to talk against, murmur. בַּסְבַּס, apocopated בָּסְבָּ, is a transposition of סכסר, interchanges with לשלשת in the nouns שלשול and לשלשתא, with their Aramaic equivalent שלשות , and in the contracted forms לשישית and השישית.

It need scarcely be said that these outlines of Talmudic etymology by no means exhaust the subject. They have been given a place here for the purpose of showing the basis upon which the work has been constructed, and as a justification of the author's deviation from the views hitherto prevailing on the subject under consideration.

A few remarks on foreign words in the literature which for the sake of brevity is here called Talmudic, may not be out of place in this preface.

The intercourse between the Jews of the Talmudic ages with Greek and Latin speaking gentiles was not only that of trade and government, but also of thought and ideas. Along with the apostles and teachers of young Christianity, and even before their time, Jewish champions of religion and morality lectured in the private rooms of princes and princesses, noblemen and matrons. Instances of intimate association of prominent Jewish teachers with emperors, kings, philosophers, and scholars and their families are related in the Talmudic records in numbers large enough to account for the adoption of words like philosophy, astrology, epilogue, &c., not to speak of such terms as were borrowed by the Jews together with the objects or ideas which they represent. A footstool was called hypopodion, a tablet pinax; the profligate gourmand's emetic taken before meals, or rather between one stage of the banquet and the other, was called by its jocular name ἀποχοτταβίζειν (to play the cottabus), and adopted in the general medical sense; and so forth.

This accounts for the large number of Greek and Latin vocables in the so-called Jerusalem Talmud grown up under the Greco-Roman influences of the Cæsars, and more still in those Targumim and Midrashim which were compiled in the Byzantine empire. The Agadah, taking its illustrations from the daily environment, speaks of Cæsar, Augustus, duces, polemarchi, legiones, matrona, schola, &c., while in legal discussions the institutions of the governments, in so far as they influenced or superseded the Jewish law, had to be called by their foreign names. Agoranomos and agronomia, angaria and parangaria, epimeletes, epitropos, bulé, and innumerable other terms were embodied in the Jewish vocabulary, although not always dislodging their Hebrew or Aramaic equivalents.

Owing to copyists' mistakes and acoustic deficiencies of transmission in distant ages and countries in which these foreign words were but vaguely understood, the student has on this point to contend with a vast number of corruptions and glossators' guesses at interpretation. In most cases, however, these corruptions are recoverable through the medium of correct or differently corrupted parallels.

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¹ See Jastrow, Transposed Stems, Drugulin, Leipzig 1891, and the Dictionary under the respective words.

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אנדוכתרי) אנדוכתרי (אנדכתרי), Gittin 20°, not recognized by the commentators, and probably no longer understood by the Babylonian Rabbis, who received the word from Palestine together with the legal subject with which it is connected, fortunately finds a parallel in a worse copyist's corruption in the Jerusalem Talmud, namely (Yer. Gittin IV, 45°), and both in אנטרקטא (Treatise Abadim, ed. Kirchheim, ch. IV). A combination of these corruptions together with an examination of the subject under discussion leads to vindicta or vindicatio(-nis) (see Révue des Études Juives, 1883, p. 150). It should be said, however, that this is one of the worst corruptions the author has met with.

Another class of corruptions owes its existence to the natural tendency to adapt foreign words to the organic peculiarities of the people. The people pronounced Andrianos or Andrinos more easily than Hadrianos; unkeanos was more congenial than okeanos, agard'mos and agromos are popular mutilations of agoranomos; and agromos are organic transformations of lectica; although the correct forms Hadrianos, okeanos, &c. are by no means infrequent (see Collitz, The Aryan Name of the Tongue, in 'Oriental Studies', Boston, 1894, p. 201, note).

Otherwise the foreign consonants are transliterated as faithfully as can be expected with national organic peculiarities as different as the Aryan and the Semitic. Transpositions of rd and dr, frequent even in Hebrew or Aramaic homewords, or sch for x (chs), need hardly surprise any one. Thus הרדבלא and so side by side with אדרבלים, for hydraulis; דוכסוסטוס stands for xenium; דוכסוסטוס for dyschistos, and so forth.

As to vowels, the Greek η and the Latin \hat{e} are, as a rule, represented by , the Greek or by , or , whereas the Greek ev frequently appears as . The Greek v and the Latin u keep their place as midway between vowels and consonants, so that they may be transcribed by , , or z. The last is especially the case in diphthongs, so that בולבשם is met with alongside of בולושס, and בולבשם for βουλεύτης.

Short vowels, except in cases of heavy accumulations of consonants, are most frequently ignored. This omission of vowels, congenial as it is to the Semitic spirit, means a loss of soul to the Aryan words, and offers difficulties not easily overcome.

The laws of transliteration of Greek and Latin loanwords are exhaustively treated in Samuel Krauss, "Griechische und Lateinische Lehnwörter in Talmud, &c." (Berlin, S. Calvary & Co., 1898). It is to be regretted that the proclivity to find Latin and Greek in words indisputably Semitic has led the author into a labyrinth of fatal errors.

Persian words are now and then encountered in the Talmud as remnants of the first period after the Babylonian exile, when the new Jewish commonwealth was organized under the Persian empire, and more still as modern arrivals of the time when Babylonia grew to be the centre of Jewish lore.

Arabic elements of direct importation, barring explicit linguistic references, came along with Arabic objects of trade, but there should be a considable reduction

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from the number hitherto accepted in Talmudic lexicography. The Hebrew and Aramaic of the Talmudic period had little to learn from a people which after the close of the Talmudic era became the world's teacher.

The difficulties besetting the study of Talmud and Midrash will be overcome in the degree in which modern scholars will take it up for philological and archæological purposes as adjuncts of those who are too much engrossed in its practical and doctrinal side to allow themselves time for what seems to them unessential. But even what has been heretofore rediscovered, as it were, thanks to the labors of Leopold Zunz, Samuel Loeb Rapaport, Heinrich Graetz, Zacharias Frankel, Michael Sachs, Solomon David Luzzatto, Abraham Geiger, M. Joel, Joseph Perles, Alexander Kohut, and a host of others, is enough to prove the marvellous familiarity of the Rabbis with the events, institutions, and views of life of the world outside and around their own peculiar civilization. What is more, we have been familiarized with the philosophical impartiality and sober superiority with which they appreciated what was laudable and reprehended what was objectionable in the intellectual and moral condition of the 'nations of the world', as they called the gentile world around them; kings and empires, nations and governments, public entertainments and social habits, they reviewed through the spy-glass of pure monotheism and stern morality.

In conclusion, the author begs to state his indebtedness to Jacob Levy's Targumic and Neo-Hebrew Dictionaries, where an amount of material far exceeding the vocabularies of the Arukh and Buxtorf's Lexicon Hebraicum et Chaldaicum is accumulated, which alone could have encouraged and enabled the author to undertake a task the mere preparation for which may well fill a lifetime.

Thanks are also rendered here for the munificent subventions which enabled the author to publish a work by its nature requiring great pecuniary sacrifices. To the list of subscribers mentioned on the title sheet of the first volume, the following should be added: Mr. Emanuel Lehman, Mr. Louis Stern, the Honorable Isidor Straus, the Honorable Oscar S. Straus, all of New York, and Judge Mayer Sulzberger of Philadelphia (additional subscription). It gives the author considerable pleasure to place among the subscriptions a gift of the school children of the Congregation Rodef Shalom of Philadelphia, on the occasion of the seventieth birthday of its Rabbi Emeritus.

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The religious sentiments inspiring the author at the completion of his labors of five and twenty years are too sacred to be sent abroad beyond the sanctuary of heart and home.

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Hebrew or Aramaic Abbreviations

in Talmud and Midrash, including abbreviations of the most frequently occurring names of Rabbis.

| אברחם אבינו=א"א | בר בר חנא=בב"ח | בשם רבי , בשם רב בש"ר | זה שאמר הכתוב=זש"ה |
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| אר אפשר==א"א | במת דברים אמורים=בד"א | גזר דיון={גז"ר | חכ"א≕ח"א |
| אשת איש=א"א | בית חלל=ב"ח | גזירה שוה=גז"ש | חול חמוער=חח"מ |
| אי אמרת בשלמא=אא"ב | בית המקדש=ב"ה | גמילות חסרים=ג"ח | חס ושלום=ח"ו |
| אלא אם כן=אא"כ | בעל חבית=ב"ה | גילוי עריות≔ג"ע | חכמים אומרים=חכ"א |
| איכא בינייתו=א"ב | ברוך הוא=ב"ה | גן עדן≔ג"ע | חוצה לארץ≔ח"ל |
| אי בעית אימא=אב"א | בית חלל אומרים=בח"א | גז"שׁ⊫ג"ש | า"ซ==fifteen |
| ארכא דאמרר≔א"ד | בית הכנסת=בה"כ | רבר אחר=ר"א | רש אומררם≔ר"א |
| אדם הראשון=אדת"ר | בית הכסא=בח"כ | דאמרי אינשי=דא"א | ה"ר"ו |
| אי חכי≔א"ח | בח"מ } | דברי הכל=ד"ה | רום חכפורים= |
| מוה"ע=א"ה | בית המדרש: בהמ"ד | דברי סופרים=ד"ס | יתות=יו"ד ת"א |
| (אומרים) אומר או' | ברכת המזון בהמ"ז | ייביר רביביי | מ"ז=בט"ר |
| אומות העולם=אוה"ע | בית המקדשבהמ"ק | דברי ,דבר תורח=ד"ת | רדר חוברגו=י"ח |
| אחר כך=אח"כ | בין השמשות=בה"ש | יהוה=ה', read ארני | שמונה עשרה = י"ח (bene- |
| ארץ ישראל=א"י | h"-1 | חקב"ה=חב"ח | dictions) |
| אב"א=ארב"א | בשר ודם={בו"ד | הכא במאי עסקינן=הב"ע | רום טוב-ר"ט |
| אמן יחא שמיה רבה=א' יהש"ר | בן זכאי=ב"ז | תיכי דמי=ח"ד | ירות=ריר, read אדני |
| אם כן א"כ | בזמן הזת=בזח"ז | דוא חל"ן=ח"ח | רצר חרע ביצח"ר |
| אמר, אמר לחם, אמר לובא"ל | בעל חוב=ב"ח | חרא הוא דכתיב=הח"ר | יצר טוביצ"ט |
| אמרו לו , ליה &c. | בעלי חיים==ב"ח | וורי זו , חורי זה—ה"ז | יהר רצון מלפניך=יר"מ (prayer) |
| יה למ"ה למ"ה (in bene- | בני ישראל-ב"י | הות לתו, חות לית=ה"ל | כל אתר ואתר=כאו"א |
| dictions) | בהמ"ק=ביהמ"ק | חות ליה למימר=הל"ל | כחו גדול==כ"ג |
| in אלחינו מלך חעולם=אמ"ה | ברכת כהנים=ב"כ | הלכה למשח מסיני—הלמ"מ | ×"≒5) |
| benedictions) | בכל מקום=בכ"מ | הנר מילר=ה"מ | כדאמרי אינשי= כדא"א |
| אר נמר=א"נ | מרני מזונות=במ"מ (in | היך מאי דאת אמר=חמד"א | כ"ג=בח"ג |
| את , את עצמה , את עצמו=א"ע | benediction) | המוציא מחבירו עליו המע"ה | כר האר גונא==כה"ג |
| עצמן | במה מצינו—במ"מ | הראיה | כנסת הגדולה=כח"ג |
| את על גב=אע"ג | בנותן טעם בנ"ט | חכר נמר=ח"נ | כמה וכמה—כו"כ |
| • | בעל חבית=בע"ה | ח"מ≔חנ"מ | כל זמן=כ"ז |
| אף על פר={אע"פר | בעל כרחו=בע"כ | P"F) | כל כד בכ"כ |
| אפרלוׄ—אפר׳ | בעל פה≔בע"פ | הכי קאמר= הק"א | כל מקום בכ"מ |
| ארן צריכרן ארן צריך=א"צ &c. | בורא פרי=ב"פ (in benediction) | חקדוש ברוך הוא=חקב"ה | כולר עלמא_כ"ע |
| אמר קרא=א"ק | וו) בורא פרי האדמה=בפת"א (in | יארן צריך לומר=ואצ"ל | כר פלרגר=ב"ם |
| אשר קדשנו במצותיו =אקב"ו | benediction) | ואם תאמר=בא"ת | כל שכן בכ"ש |
| וצונו (in benedictions) | בורא פרי חעץ=בפח"ע (in | יגו $=$ וגומר $=$ גו c . | לישנא אחרינאל"א |
| אמר רב, אמר רבי=א"ר | benediction) | וחד אמר=רת"א | לא הרו דברים מעולם בלחד"מ |
| אתי שפיר=א"ש | בפני נכחב ובפני=בפ"נ ובפ"נ | (ורנ"א | לשון הקדשבלה"ק |
| אל תיקרי=א"ת | נחתם | וחכמים אומרים= | לשון הרע לה"ר |
| אם חומצי לומר-את"ל | בפני עצמו—בפ"ע | ורש אומרים בור"א | לא כל שכן=לכ"ש |
| בני אדם=ב"א | בר רב, בר רבי, בן רבי=ב"ר | יכולו=וכיליה ,וכולו=&c. | למה לרּ≔ל"ל |
| יר בא"ר (in bene- | ברכת המזון=ברחמ"ז | וכי תימא=יכ"ת | לא מיבעיא=ל"מ |
| dictions) | (כן רבי) ברבי שמעון=בר"ש | זו, את זו, זה את זה=וא"ז | (המוציא) לחם מן הארץ בלמ"ה |
| בכא בתרא=ב"ב | בית שמאי≔ב"ש | זכרונם ,זכרונו) זכור לשוב=ז"ל | (benediction) |
| בר בר=ב"ב | בית שמאי אומרים=בש"א | (לברכת | למה חרבר דומה בלמח"ר |
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לעה"ב בא= לעוח"ב | לא צריכא≔ל"צ לא קשרא=ל"ק לא שנו ,לא שנא=ל"ש לא תעשה≔ל״ת מאר ארכא למימר=מא"ל מבעוד יום=מבע"י מאן דאמר=במ"ד (מה) מאר דאת אמר=מר"א מדבר תורה=מד"ת מנח"מ=בח"מ מלאכר חשרת=מח"ש מן התורה=מה"ת משא ומתן-מו"מ מוצאר מוצאר שבת במוצ"ש שבתות מאר טעמא==מ"ט משל למה הדבר דומה-מלה"ד מצות לא תעשה=מל"ת מכל מקום=מ"מ מלך מלכי המלכים=ממ"ה ממה נפשך—ממ"נ מה נפשך=מ"נ מנא הנר מילר=מנח"מ מר סבר=מ"ס מצות עשה-מ"ע מעשים טובים מע"ט מעשר ראשון במע"ר מעשר שני-מע"ש מערב שבת=מע"ש משה רבינו עליו השלום=מרע"ה מוצ"ש=מ"ש מאר שנא=מ"ש מה שאין כן=משא"כ משום הכר=מש"ה מתן תורה=מ"ת

נוסתא אחרינא=ב"א (gloss) מי חכי≔נ"ח (v. תנ"ה) נותן טעם=נ"ט נטילת ידים={נט"ר ר'ר (נפקא מינהבנ"מ סלקא דעתך=ס"ד סלקא דעתך אמינא=סר"א סבירא ליה ,סבר ליה=ס"ל ספר תורה=ס"ת בורת, עובדי, עובד אַלילים בע"א על אחת כמח וכמח באכ"ו על גבר ,על גבשע"ג על דבר ,על דבר=ע"ד עם הארץ=ע"ה עליו השלום בע"ה עולם הבאשעה"ב עולם הזהשעה"ז עין הרעשעה"ר עה"ב≔עוה"ב עה"ז≔ערה"ז עבורה זרח=ע"ז על רדר=ב"ע"ר [ערו"ט ברב יום טוב= ער"ט ∫ ער כאן=ע"כ של כורחו ,על כורחד &c. עובד כוכבום ומזלות בעכו"ם, עבורת ,עובדי

על מנתשע"מ

על פי=ע"פ

note)

על שם=ע"ש

ערב שבת≔ע"ש

פעם אחת=פ"א

עובדי , עובד עבורה זרה בעע"ז

(קאמר) קא אמר ליה=קא"ל קדש הקדשים בקח"ק קריאת התורה=קה"ת קל וחומר= קיימא לן=קי"ל (קמשמע) קא משמע לן=קמ"ל קריאת שמע-ק"ש רבנו ,רבן ,רבי ,רביבר ר׳ אלעזר, ר׳ אליעזר=ר"א ר׳ אליעזר בן יעקב=ראב"י ר׳ אלעזר בן עזריה ראב"ע רבונו של עולם=רבש"ע רבן גמליאל=ר"ג ראש השנה=ר"ה רב הונא=ר"ח רח"ר=ד"ח רשות היתיד=רה"י רשות הרבים=ברח"ר רוח הקדש=רוח"ק רב זירא=ר"ז ראש תרש=ר"ח ר׳ תנרנא=ר"ת ר' מרפון=ר"מ יוסי ,ר' יותנן ,ר' י**תוש**ע—ר"י ר' ישמעאל רבן יוחנן בן זכאי=ריב"ז ר' יהושע בן לוי=ריב"ל ריש לקיש≔ר"ל ר' מאַרר≔ר"מ רב נחמך, ר׳ נחמרה=ר"נ ר' עסיבא=ר"ע עררן שם = ע"ש (glossator's רב פפא=ר"פ רב ששת , ה' שמעון=ר"ש ר׳ שמעון בן אלעזר=רשב"א תלמוד תורה=ת"ת | רבן שמעון בן גמליאל=רשב"ג |

רשב"ג אמר—רשבג"א | צריכא למימר, צריך לומר—צ"ל (ר"ש ב"י רשב"ד ישמעון בן לקיש: ∕־ רשב"ל (ר׳ שמעון בן מנסיא=רשב"מ שפיכות דמיםשש"ד שפיר דמי≔ש"ד שחכל נהית בדברוששהנ"ב (in benediction) שיר השירים-שה"ש שומר חנם ש"ח שטר חובשטט"ח שמע מרנה=ש"מ שנאמר=שנ' שמונה עשרה ש"ע (benedictions) שוה פרוטה ש"פ שפיכות דמים=שפ"ד שלית צבור= ש"ע (שומר שכיר=ש"ש שם שמים=ש"ש שומע תפלה ש"ת (benediction) תח"מ=ת"ח תפלת הדרך=ת"ח תחיית המתים=תה"מ , תלמיד חכם = ת"ח תלמידי תכמים תלמוד לומר=ת"ל תניא נמי חכי=תנ"ה תנא קמא=ת"ק תנו רבנן=ת"ר תא שמע=ת"ש תקיעה שברים תקיעה בתש"ת

List of Abbreviations.

a.=and.

a. e. and elsewhere.

a. fr.=and frequently.

a. l.=ad locum.

a. v. fr.=and very frequently. Ab .-- Aboth (Mishnah).

Ab. d'R. N.=Aboth d'Rabbi Nathan (a late Talmudic treatise).

Ab. Zar.=Abodah Zarah (Talmud). abbrev.=abbreviated or abbreviation. add.=additamenta(Hosafah to Pesik.R.) B. N.=Beth Nathan (quoted in Rabadj.=adjective. adv.=adverb.

in Rabbinowicz Variæ Lectiones). Alf.=Alfasi (Hilkhoth Rabbenu Alfasi). Am.=Amos.

Ar.=Arukh (Talmudic Lexicon by R. Nathan Romi).

Ar. Compl.=Arukh Completum ed. Alexander Kohut, Vienna 1878-85. Arakh.=Arakhin (Talmud).

art.=article. B. Bath.=Baba Bathra (Talmud), v. Kel.

b. h.=Biblical Hebrew. B. Kam.=Baba Kamma (Talmud), v. Kel. B. Mets.=Baba M'tsi a (Talmud), v. Kel.

binowicz Variæ Lectiones). Bab.=Babli (Babylonian Talmud).

Ag.Hatt.=Agadoth hat-Torah (quoted | Bart.=Bartenora, Bertinora (commentary to Mishnah). beg .= beginning.

Beitr.=Beiträge zur Sprach- und Alter- | c.=common gender.

thumsforschung, by Michael Sachs, Berlin 1852-54, 2 vols, v. Berl. a. Hildesh.

Bekh.=B'khoroth (Talmud). Ber.=B'rakhoth (Talmud).

Berl. Berliner (editor of Targum Onkelos).

Berl. Beitr.=Berliner Beiträge zur Geographie und Ethnographie Babyloniens, Berlin 1884.

Bets.-Betsah (Talmud). B'huck.=B'hukkothay (a pericope). Bicc.=Biccurim, Bikkurim (Mishnah bot.=bottom of page. [and Tosefta). B'resh.=B'reshith (name of a pericope). B'shall.=B'shallah (name of a pericope).

Cant.=Canticum (Song of Songs). Cant. R.=Canticum Rabbah (Midrash | fr.=from. Shir hash-Shirim or Hazitha). ch.}=Chaldaic. Chron.=Chronicles, Book of. cmp.=compare (mostly referring to association of ideas). comment.=commentary or commentaries. comp.=compound or composed. contracted or contraction. contrad.=contradistinguished. corr .= correct. corr. acc .= correct accordingly. corrupt.=corruption. Curt. Griech. Etym.=Curtius Griechische Etymologie. Dan.=Daniel, Book of. Darkhe Mish.=Frankel, Hodegetica in Mishnam, Leipzig 1859 (Hebrew). def.=defining or definition. Del.=Delitzsch, Friedrich. Del. Assyr. Handw. = Delitzsch Assyrisches Handwörterbuch, Leipzig 1896. Del. Proleg. = Delitzsch Prolegomena eines neuen Hebräisch-Aramäischen Wörterbuchs &c. Dem.=D'mai (Mishnah, Tosefta a denom .= denominative. [Y'rushalmi). Der. Er.=Derekh Erets (Ethics, a late Talmudic treatise, Rabbah [the great], Zuta [the small]). Deut.=Deuteronomy, Book of. Deut. R .= Deuteronomy Rabbah (Midrash Rabbah to Deut.). diff. = different interpretation or differ. differently interpreted. dimin.=diminutive. Du.=Dual. ed .= edition or editions (current editions, opposed to manuscripts or especially quoted editions). Ed .= Eduyoth (Mishnah and Tosefta). ellipt.=elliptically. Erub .= Erubin (Talmud). esp .= especially. Esth=Esther, Book of.

Rabbah to Esther).

Rabbah to Sh'moth).

Ex. R.=Exodus Rabbah (Midrash

Fl.=Fleisher, appendix to Levy's Tar-

gumic or Talmudic Lexicon.

Ex.=Exodus, Book of.

expl.=explained.

explan.=explanation. Ez.=Ezekiel, Book of.

foreg .- foregoing. freq .= frequently. Fr.=Friedman (edition). Frank.=Frankel, v. Darkhe, and M'bo. Gem =G'mara. Gen.=Genesis, Book of. gen. of=genitive of. Gen. R.=Genesis Rabbah (Midrash Rabbah to B'reshith). Ges. H. Dict.=Gesenius Hebrew Dictionary, 8th German edition. Gitt.=Gittin. Gloss .= Glossary. Hab.=Habakkuk, Book of. Hag.=Haggai, Book of. Hag.=Ḥăgigah (Talmud). Ḥall.=Ḥallah (Mishnah, Tosefta and Y'rushalmi). Hif.=Hifil. Hildesh. Beitr.=Hildesheimer Beiträge Hithpa,=Hithpaël. Hithpo .= Hithpolel. Hor.=Horayoth (Talmud). Hos=Hosea, Book of. Huck .= Hukkath (a pericope). Hull .= Hullin (Talmud). $in tens. \!\!=\!\! in tensive.$ introd.=introduction (פתרחתא). Is .= Isaiah, Book of. Isp .= Ispeel. Ithpa = Ithpaal. Ithpe.=Ithpeel. Jer .= Jeremiah, Book of. Jon .= Jonah. Jos .- Josephus. Josh = Joshua, Book of. Jud .= Judices, Book of Judges. K.A.T. = Keilinschriften und das Alte KAT Testament by Schrader (second edition), Giessen 1883. Kel.=Kelim (Mishnah and Tosefta, the latter divided into Baba Kamma, M'tsi a, and Bathra). Ker.=K'rithoth (Talmud). Keth.=K'thuboth (Talmud). Kidd.=Ķiddushin (Talmud). Esth. R.=Esther Rabbah (Midrash Kil=Kilayim (Mishnah, Tosefta and Talmud Y'rushalmi). Kin.=Kinnim (Mishnah). Koh.=Koheleth, Book of Ecclesiastes. Koh. Ar. Compl. = Kohut in Aruch Completum. Koh. R.=Koheleth Rabbah (Midrash Rabbah to Ecclesiastes). 1. c.=loco citato or locum citatum. Lam.=Lamentations, Book of.

Lam. R. = Lamentations Rabbah (Midrash Rabbah to Lam.; Ekhah Rabbathi). Lev.=Leviticus, Book of. Lev. R.=Leviticus Rabbah (Midrash Rabbah to Leviticus, Vayyikra M. Kat .= Mo'ed Katon (Talmud). Maas. Sh .= Ma'aser Sheni (Mishnah, Tosefta, and Talmud Y'rushalmi). Maasr.=Ma'asroth (Mishnah, Tosefta, and Talmud Y'rushalmi). Macc.=Maccoth, Makkoth (Talmud). Maim.=Maimonides. Makhsh.=Makhshirin (Mishnah and Tosefta). Mal.=Malachi, Book of. marg. vers .= marginal version. Mass.=Massekheth (Treatise). Mat. K .= Matt'noth K'hunnah (commentary to Midrash Rabbah). zur Geographie Palestinas, Berlin M'bo=Frankel, Introductio in Talmud Hierosolymitanum. Breslau 1870 (Hebrew). Meg.=M'gillah (Talmud). Meil.=M'ilah (Talmud). Mekh.=M'khilta (a Midrash to portions of Exodus). Men.=M'nahoth (Talmud). Mic.=Micah, Book of. Midd.=Middoth (Mishnah). Midr.=Midrash. " Sam.=Midrash Samuel. Till.=Midrash Tillim (Midrash to Psalms, Shoher Tob). Mikv.=Mikvaoth (Mishnah and Tosefta). Mish.=Mishnah. "N. or Nap.=Mishnah, editio Napolis. " Pes.=Mishnah, editio Pesaro. Mishp.=Mishpatim (name of a peri-Ms.=Manuscript. [cope). " F.=Manuscript Florence. " н.= Hamburg. " K.= Karlsruhe. " M.= Munich. " 0.= Oxford. " R.= Rome. Mus.=Musafia (additamenta to Arukh). Nah.=Nahum, Book of. Naz .= Nazir (Talmud). Neg.=N'ga'im (Mishnah and Tosefta, also a subdivision in Sifra). Neh.=Nehemiah, Book of. Neub. Géogr.=Neubauer Géographie du Talmud, Paris 1868. Ned .= N'darim (Talmud). Nidd.=Niddah (Talmud). Nif.=Nifal. C

r.=root or radix.

Nithpa.=Nithpaël. Num.=Numeri, Book of (Numbers). Ob.=Obadiah, Book of. Ohol.=Ohŏloth (Ahiloth, Mishnah and Tosefta). onomatop.=onomatopoetic. opin .= opinion. opp.=opposed. Orl.='Orlah (Mishnah, Tosefta and Y'rushalmi). oth.=other, another, others. P. Sm. = Payne Smith, Thesaurus Syriacus. Par.=Parah (Mishnah and Tosefta). Par.=Parashah, referring to Sifra. part.=participle. Perl. Et. St. = Perles Etymologische Studien, Breslau 1871. pers. pron -- personal pronoun. Pes.=P'sahim (Talmud). Pesik.=P'sikta d'R. Kahana, ed. Buber. " R = P'sikta Rabbathi (ed. Friedman). " Zutr.=P'siķta Zutrathi, ed. Buber. Pfl.=Löw, Aramäische Pflanzennamen, Leipzig 1881. phraseol.=phraseology. Pi.=Piël. $\left. \begin{array}{c} pl. \\ Pl. \end{array} \right\} = plural.$ pr. n.=proper noun. pr.n.f.=proper noun of a female person. pr. n. m.=proper noun of a male person. pr. n. pl.=proper noun of a place. preced .= preceding. " art.=preceding article. w.= word. prep .= preposition. prob.=probably.

pron = pronoun.

prop.=properly.

prov.=a proverb.

q. v.=quod vide.

Prov.=Proverbs, Book of.

Ps.=Psalms, Book of.

R.=Rab, Rabbi, or Rabbenu. " O.=Targum Onkelos. Num. R.=Numeri Rabbah (Midrash R. Hash.=Rosh hash-Shanah (Talmud). $\mathbf{Y} =$ Y'rushalmi (or Jo-Rabbah to Numbers, B'midbar Rab- | R.S.=Rabbenu Shimshon (commentary nathan). to Mishnah). Targ. II=Targum Sheni (to Esther). Rabb. D. S .= Rabbinowicz Dikduké Tem .= T'murah (Talmud). Sof'rim (Variæ Lectiones &c., Munich Ter.=T'rumoth (Mishnah, Tosefta and 1867-84). Y'rushalmi). Rap.=Rapaport, Erekh Millin (Tal-Toh.=Tohăroth (Mishnah and Tosefta). mudic Cyclopedia, first and only Tosaf.=Tosafoth (Additamenta to Talvolume). mud Babli). ref .= referring, reference. Tosef.=Tosefta. Ruth R.=Ruth Rabbah (Midrash Rab-" ed. Zuck .=Tosefta editio Zuckerbah to Ruth). mandel, Pasewalk 1881. S.=Sophocles, Greek Lexicon of the Treat.=Treatise (tractatus, Massekheth, Roman and Byzantine Periods, one of the appendices to Talmud Boston 1870. Babli). s.=section (Parashah). Trnsf.=Transferred. s. v.=sub voce. trnsp=transposed or transposition. Sabb .= Sabbath (Talmud). Ukts.='Uktsin (Mishnah and Tosefta). Sam.=Samuel, Book of. usu.=usually. Schr.=Schrader, v. KAT. v = videSef. Yets=Sefer Y'tsirah (Book of Var.=Variant. Creation, a Cabalistic work). var. lect .= variatio lectionis. Shebi.=Sh'biith (Mishnah, Tosefta, and Ven.=Venice. Y'rushalmi). vers.=version. Shebu =Sh'buoth (Talmud). Vien .= Vienna. Shek.=Sh'kalim (Mishnah, Tosefta and w.=word. Y'rushalmi, also a pericope in P'sikta). Wil.=Wilna. Sm. Ant.=Smith, Dictionary of Greek ws.=words. and Roman Antiquities, Third Ameri-Y .= Y'rushalmi (Palestinean Talmud). can Edition, New-York 1858. Yad,=Yadayim (Mishnah and Tosefta). S'mah.=S'mahoth, Treatise (Abel Rab-Yalk.=Yalkut (Collectanea from Tal-[bathi). Snh.=Sanhedrin (Talmud). mudim, Midrashim &c.). Sonc.=Soncino. Yeb .= Y'bamoth (Talmud). Sot .= Sotah (Talmud). Y'lamd.=Y'lamdenu (a lost book, corsub.=subaudi. responding to Tanhuma, quoted in Succ.=Succah (Talmud). Arukh). suppl.=supplement(Hosafah) toPesikta Zab.=Zabim (Mishnah and Tosefta). Rabbathi. Zakh.=Zakhor (a pericope in P'sikta). Taan.-Ta'ănith (Talmud). Talm .= Talmud. Zeb.=Z'bahim (Talmud). Tam.=Tamid (Talmud). Zech.=Zechariah, Book of. Zeph.=Zephaniah, Book of. Tanh.=Midrash Tanhuma. Zuck,=Zuckermandel, v. Tosef. ed. Bub. = Midrash Tanhuma Zuckerm.=Zuckermann Talmudische (enlarged), edited, from manuscripts, by Buber, Wilna 1885. Münzen und Gewichte, Breslau 1862.

Targ.=Targum.

By the designation (Talmud) are meant Mishnah, Tosefta and G'mara of Talmud Babli and, eventually, Talmud Y'rushalmi. By (Mishnah and Tosefta) or (Mishnah, Tosefta, and Y'rushalmi) is meant a Talmudic treatise in the collection of Mishnah &c., to which no discussions in either G'mara or respectively in the Babylonian are extant.