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According to calculations made by Rabbi Solomon Itzhaki A. Rashi a well-known respected Jewish Scholar , Rebecca was three years old when she married Isaac. For when Abraham came from Mount Moriah, he was informed that Rebecca had been born. He waited for her until she would be fit for marital relations-three years-and then married her. Isaac was at that Time Thirty seven years old; and then did Sarah die. As it is said in Gen Sarah was one hundred and twenty-seven years old. And when he had waited for her three Years, till she was fit for marriage, he took her to wife. And the Sanhedrin says, A daughter, who is of the age of three years and one day, is, by being bedded with a Man, lawfully married. The way they make it seem, as if it is impossible for a girl to pull 1, 2 letters of water. Any three old girl could pull 1, 2 letters of water out of a well. See M Niddah 5: He engendered at sixty, generating fittinglyâ€¦ see Genesis When Isaac fathered Jacob he was sixty years old, symbolizing the full sextet of sefirot from hesed through Yesod, thereby ensuring that Jacob would be complete. Although in Ancient Hebrew marriages girls were recommend to be married at the age of 12, there are laws in the Mishnah that give approval that once betrothed you can have sexual intercourse any-time after the age of three years old. Jacob Neusner is an American academic scholar of Judaism. And if a Levir has had intercourse with her, he has acquired her. And they are laible on her account because of the law [Prohibiting intercourse with] a married woman. And she imparts uncleanness to him who has intercourse with her [when she is menstruating] to convey uncleanness to the lower as to the upper layer. A Commentary on the above verse, in the Book: The girl three years and one day old is deemed capable of sexual relations, which accounts for A, B, and C. E simply goes over familiar ground; since the girl can be acquired as a wife, she also may eat heave-offering. Repeats what is already obvious. But H limits the matter. The girl is not held responsible in a matter of forbidden sexual relations. I is a minor gloss. If the girl is less than three years and one day old, we do not regard the sexual relationship as of legal consequence. The theory is that the tokens of Virginity are restored before that time but not afterword. Translated from the Hebrew with Introduction and Brief Explanatory notes. If she is younger than this, it is as one that puts a finger in the eye. It is permitted to have sexual intercourse with a girl three years and one day old. See also Yebamoth 57b, 60b; Abodah Zarah 37a. When a grown-up man has intercourse with a little girl it is nothing, for when the girl is less than three years old it is as if one puts the finger into the eye, tears come to the eye again and again, so does virginity come back to the little girl under three years. Fogel in his book: Yehudah ha-Nasi accepting the view of R. Chiyya that an idolater conveys the tumah of a zav from the nine years and one day not just one day. When asked about this age, he replies that this is the age at which he is able to cohabit and thus convey the tumah of a zav. In other tractates of the Talmud, these ages, especially for a girl, become extremely relevant, such as in determining what constitutes rape or marriage by cohabitation; I mentioned in here only because how shockingly young it seems to my and probably most 21st century eyes. It is Ravina who argues for age of three for girls, rather than from birth which was put forth by Rav Nachman bar Yitzchack on the previous daf. Ravina contribution is to match age cohabitation with age of zav or niddah tumah capacity. The Biblical woman and child were property, not persons. For the right to marry a pre-pubescent girl, one simply had to pay an agreed sum to her father. In India, child marriage was condemned by law until , although around 80 per cent of the population was still practicing it. Professor Geza Vermes who is well-known and a respected scholar comments that Pre-pubescent girls were allowed to be married. Already Rabbis in the Tannaitic era first to second century ad subscribed to further nuances, and there is no reason to think that all these were invented by them. Even the word betulah, which normally means virgo intact, when used by them could carry the laternal sense of bodily immaturity with the consequential inability to conceive. In Rabbinic terminology this type of virginity in a woman ceased with the physical onset of puberty. The Tosefta, another early Jewish

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code of law, claims in the name of Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus late first century ad that such a woman would continue to count as a virgin even after she had conceived and borne children without prior menstruation (Niddah 1: To understand these statements, we must remember that in the InterTestamental and early rabbinic age, pre-puberty marriage was generally permitted. In fact rabbis seriously debated whether bloodstains found after the wedding night in nuptial bed of a minor, i. Riss also makes mention that in first century parents married off their daughters who were pre-pubescent to much older men. What is interesting is she does not mention once that Rabbis or anyone higher up in authority speaking against such marriages. In stark contrast to the legal positions and social expectations of the first century, here the rights and responsibilities of man and woman are upheld as equal. In this case, the mohar would be compensation to the girl for the loss of her virginity. In contrast to the marriageable girl betula , the Alma refers to a girl in puberty capable of conception. Girls could in fact already be given marriage long before actual physical maturity, perhaps even as young as five years old cf. For instance King Agrippa s C. However, these rules were not only applicable to a minor daughter given in marriage by her father, since his right to do so is expressly mentioned in the Torah Exodus XXI 7; Deuteronomy XXII Most women marry quite young, usually soon after the onset of menstruation, which of course, heralds fertility. Men typically marry later in their twenties, or even thirties and this most men are older than their wives. That is understandable, considering the practice of multiple wives and marriage just after puberty for girls. Encyclopedia of the Jewish Diaspora: Minor girls were betrothed by their fathers by Kidushin, a legally binding commitment even before they came of age, and usually began living with their husbands-occasionally much older than them- at the age of puberty. Respected Rabbi Isaac Klein in his book: So in other words no matter what the age of the girl, once the parents gave the go ahead, the girl had to choose the husband, she had no choice in the matter. The physical factor related only to the consummation of the marriage. Hence, there was usually a waiting period between the agreement and the consummation. It is logical to assume that when a boy and a girl reached the age of puberty, and the sex urge demanded satisfaction, ancient society deemed marriage to be the answer. In time, other elements became factor in marriage: First, marriages were customarily arranged by parents, as soon as children passed puberty. This meant that there were few unattached girls: Infant mortality rates were high, perhaps as high as 50 percent. So women typically had two pregnancies for every one child who reached age five. Since the economic survival of the household depended on the production of able-bodied children, women married immediately after puberty and were pregnant or nursing for a relatively large portion of their life. In most traditional societies Jewish and Non-Jewish , marriages were arranged between families, with only the most perfunctory consultation with the couple to-be, and often involved complex financial arrangements such as dowries and trousseaus. In the middle ages the age at marriage seems to have been around puberty throughout the Jewish world. A girl aged twelve and a half was already considered an adult in all respects. Some girls were mothers by age twelve or thirteen. Polygamy was practiced only by men who could afford more than one wife. It was common for a prepubescent girl to marry a man who was old enough to be her grandfather. Their first husbands were often in their late teens. Normally, there was neither bride price nor dowry, but a groom was expected to provide wedding jewelry and seven goats for the wedding festivities. Occasionally, the bridegroom was far older than the bride. Krasner says that betrothal took place at the age of eight or nine, now keep in mind earlier we provided evidences that once a girl was betrothed the husband can engage with her sexually: Jewish girls typically married at age eleven or twelve and boys at about thirteen or fourteen. In Germany and France, Christian girls typically married at twelve or thirteen, and boys were usually in their late teens or twenties. Robinson,] Volume 1 page 33 34 [2] The Zohar: Volume two, page [The Zohar 1: Commentary edited by Jacob Neusner page 83 [5] The Mishnah: Tabony [16] Encyclopedia of the Jewish Diaspora: Goldberg page [27] The History of the Jewish People: Sarnapage volume 1 page 83 Advertisements.

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Girls were usually betrothed before they reached puberty – majority of the time the marriage would have consummated when the girl reached puberty and that was usually between the ages of 8, 9 or older, Note: In this article I will mostly quote Scholarly sources to prove that marriage in ancient Israelite times took place at a very young age, sometimes the girls who were married off were pre-pubescent. There was no law against a pre-pubescent girl being married off. Actually as you will read further, you would come to realise that the Mishnah gave approval for a Man to have intercourse to a betrothed girl, anytime after the age of three years old. According the calculations made by Rabbi Solomon Itzhaki A. Rashi a well-known respected Jewish Scholar , Rebecca was three years old when she married Isaac. For when Abraham came from Mount Moriah, he was informed that Rebecca had been born. He waited for her until she would be fit for marital relations-three years-and then married her. Do focus carefully on the words: Isaac was at that Time Thirty seven years old; and then did Sarah die. As it is said in Gen Sarah was one hundred and twenty-seven years old. And when he had waited for her three Years, till she was fit for marriage, he took her to wife. And the Sanhedrin says, A daughter, who is of the age of three years and one day, is, by being bedded with a Man, lawfully married. The way they make it seem, as if it is impossible for a girl to pull 1, 2 letters of water. Any three old girl could pull 1, 2 letters of water out of a well, is not rocket science. I have a challenge for you people, if it is impossible for a three-year old to pull out 1, 2 liters of water – bring me some solid proof evidence that a 3-year-old girl could not do that. See M Niddah 5: He engendered at sixty, generating fittingly – see Genesis When Isaac fathered Jacob he was sixty years old, symbolizing the full sextet of sefirot from hesed through Yesod, thereby ensuring that Jacob would be complete. Although in Ancient Hebrew marriages girls were recommend to be married at the age of 12, there are laws in the Mishnah that give approval that once betrothed you can have sexual intercourse anytime after the age of three years old. Jacob Neusner is an American academic scholar of Judaism. And if a Levir has had intercourse with her, he has acquired her. And they are laible on her account because of the law [Prohibiting intercourse with] a married woman. And she imparts uncleanness to him who has intercourse with her [when she is menstruating] to convey uncleanness to the lower as to the upper layer. A Commentary on the above verse, in the Book: Edited by Jacob Neusner, it says: Presumably should not be apply to M. E simply goes over familiar ground; since the girl can be acquired as a wife, she also may eat heave-offering. Repeats what is already obvious. But H limits the matter. The girl is not held responsible in a matter of forbidden sexual relations. I is a minor gloss. If the girl is less than three years and one day old, we do not regard the sexual relationship as of legal consequence. The theory is that the tokens of Virginity are restored before that time but not afterward. Translated from the Hebrew with Introduction and Brief Explanatory notes. If she is younger than this, it is as one that puts a finger in the eye. It is permitted to have sexual intercourse with a girl three years and one day old. See also Yebamoth 57b, 60b; Abodah Zarah 37a. When a grown-up man has intercourse with a little girl it is nothing, for when the girl is less than three years old it is as if one puts the finger into the eye, tears come to the eye again and again, so does virginity come back to the little girl under three years. Here is what is said: Yehudah ha-Nasi accepting the view of R. Chiyya that an idolater conveys the tumah of a zav from the nine years and one day not just one day. In other tractates of the Talmud, these ages, especially for a girl, become extremely relevant, such as in determining what constitutes rape or marriage by cohabitation; I mentioned in here only because how shockingly young it seems to my and probably most 21st century eyes. It is Ravina who argues for age of three for girls, rather than from birth which was put forth by Rav Nachman bar Yitzchack on the previous daf. Ravina contribution is to match age cohabitation with age of zav or niddah tumah capacity. The Biblical woman and child were property, not persons. For the right to marry a pre-pubescent girl, one simply had to pay an agreed sum to her father. In India, child marriage was condemned

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John Johnson Mishnah Heb. Both a collection of oral tradition and an edited work of redactors ca. All subsequent Jewish legal thinking takes M as the point of departure, including both Talmuds, which adopt M as the organizing principle. Central to the religious thought of rabbinic Judaism is the myth that not only were the Scriptures divinely inspired, but also the Oral Torah a body of spoken material passed on from generation to generation. The Oral Torah was said to be handed down by the Scriptural heroes, the prophets, and finally to the rabbis who created the corpora we call early rabbinic literature. Content M is divided into six orders *sedarim*, or divisions, each with a number of tractates 62 total, roughly based on topical content. The six divisions are as follows: Topics include, among others: Shabbat the Sabbath Exod Lev 12; ritual importance of the hands see also, Matt His answer brought together Talmudic data to form an historical outline of the period. He assumes that the oral Torah derives directly from Moses. Until the latter half of the 20th century, a long prehistory for the Mishnaic halakha was assumed, either tracing it back to Sinai Hoffman, The First Mishna or to the exilic study of Scripture Frankel, Darkhe. The traditional account holds that Rabbi Judah edited M, using as his main source, the previous Mishnah of Rabbi Meir. Not until the work of Saul Lieberman and J. Epstein did the study of M take a critical turn and leave the domain of Judaic theology and enter a more structured discipline for an overview of the transition, consult Neusner, Modern Study. Epstein, working from a predominately literary- critical examination of the document itself, largely dispensed with the tradition. Although, however difficult wading through the rabbinic traditions is, they cannot be so easily dismissed. For example account has to be made of the two references in the 4th century Christian, Epiphanius, where it is remarked that among the Jews the traditions of the elders are called *deuteroiseis*. Akiva, one to Rabbi Judah, and the fourth according to the sons of the Hasmoneans *Adversus haereses*, The New Testament also provides evidence of these oral traditions before the redaction of M. For example, in Matt Some have attempted to connect the origin of M with biblical interpretation. That is to say, in contrast to the Oral Torah being given alongside the written at Sinai, these theories posit that the Oral Torah began as exegetical traditions upon the Bible. Jacob Lauterbach *Rabbinic Essays*, " posited that the midrashic method of teaching was prior, in which the teaching followed and always cited the biblical text. Only later, during the Maccabean period, when qualified teachers were scarce, did the mishnaic method arise wherein Jewish law was promulgated without reference to biblical texts. Within M itself, three groups of halakhot are visible: Jaffee explores the ways in which oral performance of texts early mishnahs in public settings affected the transmission of the written versions of those texts. Further, how do the interpretive traditions associated with the written texts grow into an independent corpus requiring ideological legitimation i. Language and Style M is written almost entirely in what is called Mishnaic Hebrew. A few scattered sentences in Aramaic exist and include some sayings from early rabbis as well as quotes from documents of *realia* e. Mishnaic Hebrew differs from biblical Hebrew in both grammar and vocabulary. Further, some biblical Hebrew words take on new meanings or become technical terms in rabbinic parlance. More detailed descriptions and bibliography can be found in Stemberger, Introduction, " ; Bokser and Goodblatt in Neusner, *Study of Ancient Judaism II*, 63"70 and " , respectively. For lexicons, the easiest for English readers is still that of Jastrow *Dictionary of the Targumim*, etc. Date and Dating The following relative chronology of rabbinic documents is generally agreed upon in the field e. M is the first text in the rabbinic canon ca. The sequence for those writings concerned with, in a broad sense, commenting upon M, is the *Tosefta* between ca. As for the sequence of writings taking their starting point with Scripture, dating and sequence is less certain. These writings, called *Midrash*, took a different approach from the aforementioned. In contrast, they sought to unite Scripture here,

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the Hebrew Bible, or Old Testament with rabbinic teaching and thought. Thus, 1 for Exodus, we have Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael and Mekhilta de Rabbi Simeon ben Yohai both rabbis lived in the 2nd century, but the texts are certainly later, and Mekhilta de Rabbi Simeon later than the former as well as Sifra and Sifre see, Strack and Stemberger, Introduction, The date of, and the ability to date, isolated material within M remains of utmost importance for critical biblical studies and the history of Judaism during the time of Jesus and early Christianity. Neusner often states the maxim even in the title of one book “What we cannot show, we do not know. However, the undeniable fact remains that early rabbinic literature has much to teach the student of New Testament about the world of the Gospels. What is still missing, though attempts have been made, is an appropriately critical methodology in using these materials. Instone-Brewer makes a valiant effort at bringing the traditions of the rabbis to New Testament scholarship and he is aware of the complex issues in dating rabbinic material. Most prominently, against much previous scholarship e. The questions in his historical assumptions revolve around the following: For instance, he accepts references to the Temple and the Temple cult as criteria for dating. Further, while clearly aware of problems in dating rabbinic traditions, he moves forward with uncritical and, as of yet, unverifiable assumptions. The conflict here is clearly represented on the first page: He also relies heavily on attributions to specific rabbis for dating purposes. Much more care needs to be used when dealing with the pre period. Moreover, on pages 33-4 Instone-Brewer discusses his second most important method for dating traditions—logical precedence. This History of the Mishnaic Law isolates the various periods of development in Jewish law, including the period of pre and showed how important the final redactors were in the final product of M. It will serve as a useful sourcebook and introduction to rabbinic literature in relation to the New Testament. Unlike the New Testament and other early Christian literature, the rabbinic corpus has reached us as a nearly homogeneous whole. Though there is disagreement among particular rabbis, all have been brought together at the same table, in the same document. Individuality in rabbinic literature hardly exists—everyone speaks about the same things, in the same way, using the same rhetorical patterns and logic. The way forward for students of the New Testament in approaching rabbinic literature is to read those texts on their own terms and respecting their own contexts. While doing so, exploring common traditions within both the New Testament focus has been primarily upon the Gospels; however, see Tomson in New Testament and Rabbinic Literature, “, for approaching Paul with these questions and rabbinic literature can help us understand both texts more clearly. Unsatisfying is the project of trying to determine literary dependence in either direction. New Series I, “ However, much comparative material does exist and is giving scholars new insights into, and appreciation for, the intertextuality of the New Testament and rabbinic writings. New Testament students and scholars are greatly benefitted by the ongoing project: The project gathers a vast amount of material from Pseudepigrapha, Josephus, Philo, DSS, and rabbinic literature, all of which shed light upon the gospels compare Instone-Brewer. Therefore, when comparative material exists, it is imperative that both are studied side by side. When looking at two different, but similar things, both become illuminated. Throughout the Gospels an undercurrent of anti-Samaritanism is felt e. The same background is present in M, but much more outspoken, particularly in terms of ritual purity. Instead, M puts Samaritans consistently on the same plane as Gentiles. In any matter in which they [the Samaritans] are suspected, they are not believed. Though the gospels come to us in Greek, Jesus and his followers would have more often spoke Hebrew and Aramaic. Many of these have parallels in rabbinic literature. This language sounds peculiar to us, but is commonplace to the rabbis. Though Haggadah is relatively sparse in M, much of what is found can also be found in the Gospels. For instance, compare Mark 13 with m. The House of Meeting will be for fornication. Galilee will be laid waste and Gablan will be made desolate; and the people of the frontier shall go about from city to city with none to show pity on them. The wisdom of the Scribes will be degenerate and those who fear sin will be despised, and truth will be absent. Young men will shame the elders, and the elders shall rise up before the children. For instance, compare Luke For transgressions that are between man and God the Day of Atonement effects atonement, but for transgressions that are between a man and his fellow the Day of Atonement effects atonement only if he has

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appeared his fellow. Text, Editions, and Translations Manuscript evidence for M falls into two major categories: Palestinian and Babylonian text types. Since the Talmuds took up a version s of M and commented upon it, they are intricately linked. The text types do exhibit some mutual influence. Isolated M mss i. The oldest available textual witnesses to M are fragments from the Cairo Genizah, the earliest of which are ca. Of complete mss, MS Kaufman is most important ca. Teachers and students will find most useful: These volumes include text with critical apparatus, German translation, introductions, and commentary in the footnotes. Secondly, The Institute for the Complete Israeli Talmud has also been undertaking a critical edition, but with much work remaining: A number of critical editions of individual tractates have appeared for a list, see Stemberger, Introduction, 4. The easiest and most widely used due to it being complete, the Hebrew is pointed by H. Yalon , and accessible, having been reprinted many times is that of Chanoch Albeck, Shishah Sidre Mishnah, 6 volumes. Finally, most editions of the Talmud include a M text, since it is structured around and comments upon M. Complete one-volume English translations include the classic Danby translation , as well as a more recent one by Neusner , both entitled The Mishnah.

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Jacob Neusner: A history of the Mishnaic law of purities. Parts (Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity, Vol) xviii ; xviii ; xviii ; xviii ; xxii, pp. Leiden: E. J. Brill, Guilders Parts of Professor Neusner's commentary to the Mishnah of the Order Tohorot 'Purities' were published in In the short time of a year and a half he has now managed to complete a further five volumes.

American Academy of Religion vice president and program chair, 1969; president, 1974 , Phi Beta Kappa. The Sacred Books of Judaism: An Anthology of the Yerushalmi and Judaism and Scripture: Learning with the Living Talmud study guide , Mentor, History of Judaism, Data Guide, The Parthian Period, , 2nd revised edition, , Volume 2: The Early Sasanian Period, , Volume 3: Later Sasanian Times, Development of a Legend: Judaism in the Secular Age: The Way of Torah: The Masters, , Volume 2: The Houses, , Volume 3: There We Sat Down: The Tradition, , Volume 2: From Politics to Piety: Invitation to the Talmud: Chapters One through Eleven, , Volume 2: Chapters Twelve through Thirty, , Volume 3: Literary and Historical Problems, , Volume 4: Commentary, , Volume 5: Literary and Historical Problems, , Volume 6: Mishnah-Tosefta, , Volume 7: Sifra, , Volume 8: Literary and Historical Problems, , Volume 9: Commentary, , Volume Literary and Historical Problems, , Volume Makhshirin, , Volume Zabim, , Volume Yadayim, , Volume The Mishnaic System of Uncleanness: Its Context and History, First Century Judaism in Crisis: The Academic Study of Judaism: Talmudic Judaism in Sasanian Babylonia: Between Time and Eternity: The Glory of God Is Intelligence: Hullin, Bekhorot, Volume 4: Arakhin, Temurah, Volume 5: The Mishnaic System of Sacrifice and Sanctuary. Yebamot, , Volume 2: Ketubot, , Volume 3: Nedarim, Nazir, , Volume 4: Sotah, Gittin, Qiddushin, , Volume 5: The Mishnaic System of Women, Erubin, Pesahim, Volume 3: Sheqalim, Yoma, Sukkah, Volume 4: The Mishnaic System of Appointed Times. Jewish Learning and the New Humanities, Torah, Pharisees, and Rabbis, , Fourth Series: Problems of Classification and Composition, , Fifth Series: Revisioning the Written Records of a Nascent Religion, The Talmud of the Land of Israel: Abodah Zarah, , Volume Horayyot; Niddah, , Volume Shebuot, , Volume Introduction, Taxonomy, , Volume Qiddushin, , Volume Sotah, , Volume Baba Qamma, , Volume Baba Mesia, , Volume Baba Batra, , Volume Sanhedrin; Makkot, , Volume Ketubot, , Volume Nedarim, , Volume Nazir, , Volume Gittin, , Volume Hagigah; Moed Qatan, , Volume Yebamot, , Volume 9: Hallah, , Volume Orlah; Bikkurin, , Volume Sukkah, , Volume Besah; Taanit, , Volume Megillah, , Volume Erubin, , Volume Yoma, , Volume Sheqalim, , Volume Ancient Israel after Catastrophe: Torah from Our Sages: Baba Qamma, Volume 2: Baba Mesia, Volume 3: Baba Batra, Sanhedrin, Makkot, Volume 4: The Mishnaic System of Damages. Texts, Contents, and Contexts, , Third Series: The Three Stages in the Formation of Judaism, The Foundations of Judaism: Exegesis in Formative Judaism, Volume 2: From Scroll to Symbol in Formative Judaism. The Talmud of Babylonia: From Mishnah to Scripture: Our Sages, God, and Israel: The Jewish War against the Jews: In Search of Talmudic Biography: Parashiyot One through Thirty-three; Genesis 1: Parashiyot Thirty-four through Sixty-seven; Genesis 8: Parashiyot Sixty-eight through One Hundred; Genesis The Public Side of Learning: The Integrity of Leviticus Rabbah: Israel and Iran in Talmudic Times:

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While the English term heifer means a young cow that has not had a calf, the Bible Num. The Bible prescribes that the red cow be without blemish Heb. The first of these requirements applies also to burnt offerings Lev. The second regulation, which applies to all sacrifices Lev. The third stipulation applies also to the calf whose neck is broken to atone for the bloodguilt of the unidentified manslayer Deut. Unlike ordinary sacrifices, which could be slaughtered only at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting Lev. Not slaughtered in the camp are likewise the scapegoat Lev. The red heifer was more like an ordinary sacrifice than these, however, in that some of its blood was sprinkled seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting Num. In the other two rites there was no sprinkling of blood at the sanctuary. The red heifer ritual resembled the purification of the recovered leper in that cedar wood, crimson stuff, and hyssop were used in the preparation of the purificatory substances in both rites. While it was the blood of a bird that was mixed with these in the purification of the leper, these were combined with the ashes of the red heifer in the purification of persons and objects defiled by a corpse. Like the bull used in the induction of Aaron and his sons Ex. In the red heifer ritual the greater part of the blood as well was burned outside the camp Num. In all of these rituals the performance of certain acts outside the camp clearly indicates a degree of ritual impurity that somehow threatens the holiness of the sanctuary itself. In the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy the Israelite community is often pictured as an armed camp. The area outside the camp is the sphere of uncleanness to which lepers, gonorrhoeal persons, and those defiled by contact with the dead are sent Num. Excrement likewise was to be buried outside the camp Deut. The stoning to death of the man who gathered sticks on the Sabbath also took place outside the camp Num. The Book of Leviticus Lev. The law of the red heifer addressed to Moses and Aaron Num. Some modern commentators suggest that Eleazar was given the role so as not to defile Aaron the high priest. The ashes were gathered by a ritually clean man Num. The gatherer of the ashes could evidently be a layman as could also the slaughterer of a freewill offering Lev. Both the priest and the gatherer became unclean until evening, as did a person who carried the carcass of an animal from a species that is forbidden for food and as did a person who ate or carried the carcass of a permissible animal that was not properly slaughtered Lev. The ashes of the red heifer were combined with spring water Heb. The mixture was applied by dipping into it and sprinkling This defilement was acquired by touching a corpse, a grave, or a human bone, or by being under the same roof with any of these. That the priest, the gatherer of the ashes, the sprinkler The second explanation means that the red heifer caused uncleanness because of its association with death. The first explanation finds its analogy in the defiling of the hands by sacred scrolls Yad. In addition, the red heifer has not yet come into contact with the dead during the time of its preparation. Furthermore, the assumption that the red heifer defiles because of its association with human death ignores the distinction between the seven days of uncleanness consequent on contact with the dead Num. Baumgarten elaborates on the first explanation by showing that normality results from equilibrium. On the one hand, the dead are the most potent source of defilement. On the other hand, the ashes of the heifer with their ability to reverse that defilement are equally potent. As a result, those who come into contact with the ashes, which are especially holy, have subverted the equilibrium required for normality and are therefore impure. The apparent paradox as to how the red heifer purifies the defiled and defiles the pure is no paradox. Too much sanctity is dangerous and leads to impurity. The same conception underlies Rabban Yohanan b. The ancient of sanctity though, conveys a lesser impurity than corpse contagion. The uncleanness of the red heifer is only until evening, but it affects the priest, the gatherer, the lustrator, whoever touches the water of lustration, and indeed the man who is purified by it from the more severe defilement. Thus, after his purification from the latter by the application of water of lustration, he, like the lustrator, must wash his clothes, bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening Num. The

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burning of the red heifer with its blood, the crimson that was combined with it, and the red color of the animal itself may allude to the power of blood to overcome the power of death which threatens both the sanctity and the existence of the Israelite camp cf. While blood is mostly a source of purity, innocent blood that has been shed is a pollutant. In such a case, the red of the heifer might be seen as symbolic of the sin cf. David Sperling 2nd ed. The accepted opinion in talmudic law is that a cow which has been mounted by a bull may not be used for the ritual Par. The Mishnah specifies that the cow be at least three or four years old; younger than three is termed "calf " Heb. Meir asserts that theoretically the animal may be aged. In practice, he explains, a younger one is more likely to fulfill the other biblical specifications Par. Some of the rites connected with the red heifer were instituted by the Pharisees in order to refute the view of the Sadducees. The Sadducees claimed that only those who were in a state of complete ritual purity were entitled to burn the heifer. As a result, the priest who was assigned to burn the heifer was deliberately rendered unclean and afterward immersed himself Par. This procedure was not carried out without opposition. Zakkai , who told him to immerse himself. The priest answered rudely, and the story continues that as a punishment the Sadducee died three days later Tosef. In reference to another law, R. Yose recommended being less strict, saying, "Do not give the Sadducees an opportunity to cavil at us" Par. According to the Mishnah, only the high priests could be qualified Par. Some talmudic authorities Yoma 42b; Sif. Meir in all of Jewish history only seven heifers were burned, but according to the rabbis there were nine Par. If two hairs of the animal were not red, it was invalid. Although it was impossible to prepare the ashes of the red heifer after the destruction of the Temple, its use did not cease with the destruction, since there was still a supply of the ashes. As late as the amoraic period, those who had become ritually unclean through contact with the dead still used to cleanse themselves with it see Nid. Gilat, Mishnato shel R. Hyrcanus , ; Neusner , ff. Even after it ceased entirely, however, the rabbis still regarded its regulations as of importance in teaching a profound lesson. It is one of the laws about which "the evil inclination and the gentile nations" deride the Jews and weaken their religious loyalties Num. Even Solomon, the wisest of men, was baffled by it Eccles. It is even stated that the reason was not revealed to Moses himself Eccles. Several homiletical interpretations of the red heifer are given, one being that it was to atone for the sin of the golden calf, so that the mother "the red heifer" should purify the defilement caused by her offspring, the golden calf PR Nevertheless, the rabbis of the talmudic period never really solved these problems Urbach, see bibl.

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Mishnaic law of purities. Parts and Part 11 with tractate Tohorot (not to be confused with the Jacob Neusner: A history of the Mishnaic law of purities.

Structure[edit] The term "Mishnah" originally referred to a method of teaching by presenting topics in a systematic order, as contrasted with Midrash , which followed the order of the Bible. As a written compilation, the order of the Mishnah is by subject matter and includes a much broader selection of halakhic subjects, and discusses individual subjects more thoroughly, than the Midrash. Each masechet is divided into chapters peraqim, singular pereq and then paragraphs mishnayot, singular mishnah. In this last context, the word mishnah means a single paragraph of the work, i. The six orders are: Zeraim "Seeds" , dealing with prayer and blessings, tithes and agricultural laws 11 tractates Moed "Festival" , pertaining to the laws of the Sabbath and the Festivals 12 tractates Nashim "Women" , concerning marriage and divorce, some forms of oaths and the laws of the nazirite 7 tractates Nezikin "Damages" , dealing with civil and criminal law, the functioning of the courts and oaths 10 tractates Kodashim "Holy things" , regarding sacrificial rites, the Temple , and the dietary laws 11 tractates and Tohorot "Purities" , pertaining to the laws of purity and impurity, including the impurity of the dead, the laws of food purity and bodily purity 12 tractates. In each order with the exception of Zeraim , tractates are arranged from biggest in number of chapters to smallest. Hillel the Elder organized them into six orders to make it easier to remember. The historical accuracy of this tradition is disputed. It is not known whether this is a reference to the Mishnah, but there is a case for saying that the Mishnah does consist of 60 tractates. The current total is 63, but Makkot was originally part of Sanhedrin , and Bava Kamma , Bava Metzia and Bava Batra may be regarded as subdivisions of a single tractate Nezikin. Reuvein Margolies â€ posited that there were originally seven orders of Mishnah, citing a Gaonic tradition on the existence of a seventh order containing the laws of Sta"m scribal practice and Berachot blessings. These include the laws of tzitzit , tefillin phylacteries , mezuzot , the holiday of Hanukkah , and the laws of conversion to Judaism. These were later discussed in the minor tractates. Margolies suggests that as the Mishnah was redacted after the Bar Kokhba revolt , Judah could not have included discussion of Hanukkah, which commemorates the Jewish revolt against the Seleucid Empire the Romans would not have tolerated this overt nationalism. Similarly, there were then several decrees in place aimed at suppressing outward signs of national identity, including decrees against wearing tefillin and tzitzit; as conversion to Judaism was against Roman law, Judah would not have discussed this. Mishnah, Gemara, and Talmud[edit] Rabbinic commentaries on the Mishnah from the next four centuries, done in the Land of Israel and in Babylonia , were eventually redacted and compiled as well. In themselves they are known as Gemara. The books which set out the Mishnah in its original structure, together with the associated Gemara, are known as Talmuds. Unlike the Hebrew Mishnah, the Gemara is written primarily in Aramaic. Content and purpose[edit] The Mishnah teaches the oral traditions by example, presenting actual cases being brought to judgment, usually along with the debate on the matter and the judgment that was given by a notable rabbi based on halakha , mitzvot , and spirit of the teaching "Torah" that guided his decision. In this way, it brings to everyday reality the practice of the mitzvot as presented in the Torah, and aims to cover all aspects of human living, serve as an example for future judgments, and, most important, demonstrate pragmatic exercise of the Biblical laws, which was much needed since the time when the Second Temple was destroyed 70 CE. The Mishnah does not claim to be the development of new laws, but rather the collection of existing traditions. It is thus named for being both the one written authority codex secondary only to the Tanakh as a basis for the passing of judgment, a source and a tool for creating laws, and the first of many books to complement the Tanakh in certain aspects. Oral Torah Before the publication of the Mishnah, Jewish scholarship and judgement were predominantly oral, as according to the Talmud, it was not permitted to write them down. The oral traditions were far from monolithic, and varied among various schools, the most famous of which were the House of Shammai and the

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House of Hillel. The Rabbis were faced with the new reality of Judaism without a Temple to serve as the center of teaching and study and Judea without autonomy. It is during this period that Rabbinic discourse began to be recorded in writing. According to the Mevo Hatalmud[citation needed] many rulings were given in a specific context, but would be taken out of it; or a ruling was revisited but the second ruling would not become popularly known. To correct this, Judah the Prince took up the redaction of the Mishnah. If a point was of no conflict, he kept its language; where there was conflict, he reordered the opinions and ruled; and he clarified where context was not given. The idea was not to use his own discretion, but rather to examine the tradition as far back as he could, and only supplement as required. The accumulated traditions of the Oral Law, expounded by scholars in each generation from Moses onward, is considered as the necessary basis for the interpretation, and often for the reading, of the Written Law. Jews sometimes refer to this as the Masorah Hebrew: The resulting Jewish law and custom is called halakha. While most discussions in the Mishnah concern the correct way to carry out laws recorded in the Torah, it usually presents its conclusions without explicitly linking them to any scriptural passage, though scriptural quotations do occur. For this reason it is arranged in order of topics rather than in the form of a Biblical commentary. In a very few cases, there is no scriptural source at all and the law is described as Halakha leMoshe miSinai, "law to Moses from Sinai". The Midrash halakha , by contrast, while presenting similar laws, does so in the form of a Biblical commentary and explicitly links its conclusions to details in the Biblical text. These Midrashim often predate the Mishnah. The Mishnah also quotes the Torah for principles not associated with law , but just as practical advice, even at times for humor or as guidance for understanding historical debates. Rejection[edit] Some Jews did not accept the codification of the oral law at all. Karaite Judaism , for example, recognised only the Tanakh as authoritative in Halakha Jewish religious law and theology. It vehemently rejected the codification of the Oral Torah in the Mishnah and Talmud and subsequent works of mainstream Rabbinic Judaism which maintained that the Talmud was an authoritative interpretations of the Torah. Karaites maintained that all of the divine commandments handed down to Moses by God were recorded in the written Torah without additional Oral Law or explanation. As a result, Karaite Jews did not accept as binding the written collections of the oral tradition in the Midrash or Talmud. The Karaites comprised a significant portion of the world Jewish population in the 10th and 11th centuries CE, and remain extant, although they currently number in the thousands. Tannaim The rabbis who contributed to the Mishnah are known as the Tannaim, [12] [13] of whom approximately are known. The period during which the Mishnah was assembled spanned about years, or five generations, in the first and second centuries CE. Judah the Prince is credited with the final redaction and publication of the Mishnah, [14] although there have been a few additions since his time: One must also note that in addition to redacting the Mishnah, Judah the Prince and his court also ruled on which opinions should be followed, though the rulings do not always appear in the text. Most of the Mishnah is related without attribution *stam*. This usually indicates that many sages taught so, or that Judah the Prince ruled so. The halakhic ruling usually follows that view. Sometimes, however, it appears to be the opinion of a single sage, and the view of the sages collectively Hebrew: As Judah the Prince went through the tractates, the Mishnah was set forth, but throughout his life some parts were updated as new information came to light. Because of the proliferation of earlier versions, it was deemed too hard to retract anything already released, and therefore a second version of certain laws were released. The Talmud records a tradition that unattributed statements of the law represent the views of Rabbi Meir Sanhedrin 86a , which supports the theory recorded by Sherira Gaon in his famous *Iggeret* that he was the author of an earlier collection. There are also references to the "Mishnah of Rabbi Akiva ", suggesting a still earlier collection; [16] on the other hand, these references may simply mean his teachings in general. Another possibility is that Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Meir established the divisions and order of subjects in the Mishnah, making them the authors of a school curriculum rather than of a book. Authorities are divided on whether Rabbi Judah the Prince recorded the Mishnah in writing or established it as an oral text for memorisation. The most important early account of its composition, the *Iggeret Rav Sherira Gaon* Epistle of Rabbi Sherira Gaon is ambiguous on the point, although the Spanish

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recension leans to the theory that the Mishnah was written. However, the Talmud records that, in every study session, there was a person called the tanna appointed to recite the Mishnah passage under discussion. This may indicate that, even if the Mishnah was reduced to writing, it was not available on general distribution. This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. February Textual variants[edit] Very roughly, there are two traditions of Mishnah text. One is found in manuscripts and printed editions of the Mishnah on its own, or as part of the Jerusalem Talmud. The other is found in manuscripts and editions of the Babylonian Talmud ; though there is sometimes a difference between the text of a whole paragraph printed at the beginning of a discussion which may be edited to conform with the text of the Mishnah-only editions and the line-by-line citations in the course of the discussion. Robert Brody, in his *Mishna and Tosefta Studies* Jerusalem , warns against over-simplifying the picture by assuming that the Mishnah-only tradition is always the more authentic, or that it represents a "Palestinian" as against a "Babylonian" tradition. Manuscripts from the Cairo Geniza , or citations in other works, may support either type of reading or other readings altogether. Printed editions[edit] The first printed edition of the Mishnah was published in Naples. There have been many subsequent editions, including the late 19th century Vilna edition, which is the basis of the editions now used by the religious public. Vocalized editions were published in Italy, culminating in the edition of David ben Solomon Altaras , publ. The Altaras edition was republished in Mantua in , in Pisa in and and in Livorno in many editions from until These editions show some textual variants by bracketing doubtful words and passages, though they do not attempt detailed textual criticism. The Livorno editions are the basis of the Sephardic tradition for recitation. As well as being printed on its own, the Mishnah is included in all editions of the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds. Each paragraph is printed on its own, and followed by the relevant Gemara discussion. However, that discussion itself often cites the Mishnah line by line. While the text printed in paragraph form has generally been standardized to follow the Vilna edition, the text cited line by line in the Gemara often preserves important variants, which sometimes reflect the readings of older manuscripts. The nearest approach to a critical edition is that of Hanoch Albeck. Oral traditions and pronunciation[edit] A traditional setting of the last passage of the first tractate, Berakhot , which describes how scholars of the Talmud create peace in the world. Problems playing this file? The Mishnah was and still is traditionally studied through recitation out loud. Jewish communities around the world preserved local melodies for chanting the Mishnah, and distinctive ways of pronouncing its words. Many medieval manuscripts of the Mishnah are vowelized, and some of these, especially some fragments found in the Genizah , are partially annotated with Tiberian cantillation marks. Otherwise, there is often a customary intonation used in the study of Mishnah or Talmud, somewhat similar to an Arabic mawwal , but this is not reduced to a precise system like that for the Biblical books. In some traditions this intonation is the same as or similar to that used for the Passover Haggadah. Recordings have been made for Israeli national archives, and Frank Alvarez-Pereyre has published a book-length study of the Syrian tradition of Mishnah reading on the basis of these recordings. Most vowelized editions of the Mishnah today reflect standard Ashkenazic vowelization, and often contain mistakes. The Albeck edition of the Mishnah was vowelized by Hanokh Yalon, who made careful eclectic use of both medieval manuscripts and current oral traditions of pronunciation from Jewish communities all over the world. The Albeck edition includes an introduction by Yalon detailing his eclectic method. Two institutes at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have collected major oral archives which hold among other things extensive recordings of Jews chanting the Mishnah using a variety of melodies and many different kinds of pronunciation. See below for external links. The reason that the Talmud is not usually viewed as a commentary on the Mishnah, is because it also has many other goals, and can get involved in long tangential discussions. However, the main purpose of the Talmud is as a commentary on the Mishnah. In , Maimonides Rambam published a comprehensive commentary on the Mishnah.

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matters of Mishnaic interpretation (it is among Neusner's many virtues that he more than anyone has made us all conscious of this), but, in my opinion, much stronger evidence is required for the startling conclusion that when-ever our sources state that someone or some-thing is unclean the reference is for the purpose of eating ordinary food.

Chapter 9 : What has the author T Jacob written

T. Jacob has written: 'Cantonments in India' -- subject- s -: British, History, Military bases.