

TRACTATE AVOT

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Stage	Source	Approx. Years in Office	Mishnah
1.	Hillel the Elder	31 BCE – 9 CE	1:12-14
	Babylonian, remembered as having lived 120 years.		Possibly 2:5-8
2.	Shimon b. Hillel	9 CE	Omitted
	We know nothing about him. Died soon after.		
3.	Shammai	9 – 30 CE	1:15
4.	R. Gamaliel I, the Elder	30 – 50 CE	1:16
5.	R. Simeon b. Gamaliel I	50 – 80 CE	1:17 maybe 1:18
6.	R. Gamaliel II of Jabne The controversial Gamliel, who ex-communicated Eliezer b. Hyrcanus, humiliated R. Joshua b. Hananiah, and established Maariv as obligatory.	80 – 118 CE	Omitted
7.	R. Eleazar b. Azariah The white bearded temporary replacement for Gamliel II.	118 – 120 CE	Omitted in 2. 3:17
8.	R. Gamaliel II of Jabne (again)	120 - 142 CE	Omitted
9.	R. Simeon b. Gamaliel II Restored in Usha after Bar Kokhba.	142 – 165 CE	Omitted
10.	R. Judah I, the Prince Chief redactor of Mishnah.	165 – 220 CE	2:1
11.	R. Gamaliel III We know very little about him. Probably edited the Mishnah.	220 – 230 CE	2:2-4
12.	R. Judah II, Nesia	230 – 270 CE	Too late.
13.	R. Gamaliel IV	270 – 290 CE	Too late.
14.	R. Judah III	290 – 320 CE	Too late.
15.	R. Hillel II Tenuous claim that he established the calendar.	320 – 365 CE	Too late.
16.	R. Gamaliel V	365 – 385 CE	Too late.
17.	R. Judah IV	385 – 400 CE	Too late.
18.	R. Gamaliel VI	400 – 425 CE	Too late.