Rabbinic Times
Texts– Unit 5
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Chart I – The Tannaim (all dates CE)

First Generation, ca 10-90 CE

School of Hillel	Sineon ben Gamliel I
School of Shammai	Yohanan ben Zakkai
Akaviah ben Mahalalel	Hanina ben Dosa
Gamleil I	Eliezer ben Jacob I
	Nehuniah ben Ha-Kana

Second Generation, ca 90-130 CE

Eliezer ben Hyrcanus	Tarfon
Joshua ben Hananiah	Hananiah ben Teradion
Eleazar ben Zadok I	Judah ben Batyra
Ishmael	Ben Azzai
Akiva ben Joseph	Ben Zoma
Eleazar ben Azariah	

Third Generation, ca 120-140 CE0

Meir	Nehemiah
Simon ben Yohai	Eleazar ben Shammua
Yose ben Halafta	Simon ben Gamliel II
Judah ben Hai	Eliezer ben Yose
Eliezer ben Jacob II	Joshua ben Qarha
Yohanan Ha-Sandlar	Eliezer ben Zadok II

Fourth Generation, ca 140-200 CE

Judah the Prince	Ishmael ben Yose
Symmachus	Simon ben Eleazar
Eleazar ben Simon	Nathan
Yose ben Judah	Eleazar Ha-Kappar

Fifth Generation, ca 200-225

Gamliel III	Simon ben Halafta
Hiyya the Elder	Levi bar Sisi
Bar Kappara	Huna

Chart II – Orders and Tractates of the Mishnah

Zeraim – Agricultural Laws

Berachot	Benedictions
Pe'ah	Gleanings of the Field
Demai	Doubtfully Tithed Produce
Kilayim	Forbidden Mixtures
Shevi'it	Sabbatical Year
Terumot	Priestly Portions
Ma'aserot	Tithes for the Levites and the Poor
Ma'aser Sheini	Tithe to Be Eaten in Jerusalem
Hallah	Dough Offering
Orlah	Fruit of Young Trees
Bikkurim	First Fruits

Mo'ed – Holy Occasions, Festival

Shabbat	Sabbath
Eruvin	Extension of Shabbat Limits
Pesachim	Passover
Sheqalim	Half-Shekel Offering
Yoma	Day of Atonement
Sukkah	Sukkot
Besah	Festival Laws
Rosh Hashanah	New Year
Ta'anit	Fast Days
Megillah	Purim and Torah Reading
Mo'ed Qatan	Intermediate Days of Festivals
Hagigah	Festival Sacrifices

Nashaim – Women, Marriage Laws

Yevamot	Levirate Marriage
Ketubot	Marriage Contracts
Nedarim	Vows
Nazir	Nazirites
Sotah	Suspected Adulteress
Gittin	Divorce
Qiddushin	Marriage

Nezikin – Damages and Civl Law

Bava Qamma	Damages
Bava Metzia	Civil Law
Bava Batra	Property Law
Sanhedrin	Courts and Penalties
Makkot	Flagellation
Shevu'ot	Oaths
Eduyot	Legal Traditions
Avodah Zara	Idolatry
Avot	Ethics of the Fathers
Horayot	Erroneous Court Decisions

Qodashim – Sacrifices

Zevahim	Animal Offerings
Menuhot	Meal Offerings
Hullin	Slaughter of Food Animals
Bekhorot	Firstborn Animals
Arukhim	Vows of Valuation
Temurah	Substitution of Offerings
Keritot	Penalty of Excision
Me'ilah	Misappropriation of Offerings
Tamid	Daily Sacrifices
Middot	Dimensions of the Temple
Kinim	Bird Offerings

Tahorot – Purification Rituals

Kelim	Impurity of Vessels
Ohalot	Impurity Through Overshadowing
Nega'im	Skin Diseases
Parah	Red Heifer
Tahorot	Ritual Purification
Miqva'ot	Ritual Baths
Niddah	Menstrual Impurity
Makhshirim	Liquids Rendering Food Susceptible to Impurity
Zavim	Bodily Fluxes
Tevul Yom	Ritual Impurity Between Immersion and Sunset
Yadayim	Impurity of the Hands
Uqsin	Impurity of Parts of Plants

Reading #1

Since 1989 I have been arguing that much of the Tosefta precedes the Mishnah and serves as its basis. The question naturally arises, how can Tosefta been a source of the Mishnah, if the Tosefta, in essence, is a wide-ranging commentary on and supplement to the Mishnah? But the better question to ask is, to which text do these Tosefta passages respond?

A new answer to this query is that the Tosefta often comments on a Mishnah, but not our Mishnah. Careful examination of paragraph after paragraph of Mishnah and Tosefta shows that the Tosefta sometimes quotes a phrase from some other text and explains it, but the quotation, although similar to the Mishnah, does not match word for word.

Judith Hauptman, The Tosefta as a Commentary on an Early Mishnah, 2005