

The Mishnah & the Gemara

MISHNAH

- The first and basic part of the Talmud
- Written in Hebrew
- Contains a written collection of traditional laws handed down orally from teacher to student
- Compiled over a period of about 350 years (from 200 B.C. to A.D. 135)
- For many Jews, the Mishnah ranks only to the Hebrew Scriptures in importance.



GEMARA

- The second part of the Talmud
- Written in Aramaic
- Is a commentary on the Mishnah
- Contains:
 - Historical information
 - Legal reports
 - Sermons
 - Legends
 - Ethical teaching
 - Other lore of the Jewish rabbis

