

GETTING THE MOST FROM THE "TALMUD NAVIGATOR"

The "Talmud Navigator" attempts to organize the גמרא by tagging the building blocks of the סוגיא according to type and hierarchy. It is an ideal tool for the beginner to grasp the flow of the Sugya, and for the seasoned learner to use for review and self test.

Talmud Navigator pages are comprised of the following three sections:

1. **COLUMNS א-ב**: Graphic symbols, classifying each segment of the Gemara. (A key to these symbols appears on top of each page.)
 - This section shows the flow of the sugya in a meaningful graphic presentation. The columns form an hierarchal presentation of the order of the discussion, from right to left. For example, an answer in column ו relates to a question in column ה, whether the question appears on the previous line or whether it appeared many lines before.

Note also the following:
Column א = The Daf
Column ב = Notations for **Mishnah (מ)**; **Gemara (ג)**; and **'headlines' (<)**.
2. **'מאן דאמר'**: The Tana or Amora who is the source for each statement of the Gemara.
3. **מימרא**: The text of the Gemara, color-schemed. The scheme is generally as follows:
 - Statements – blue
 - Questions and Challenges – yellow
 - Answers – green
 - Disputants – red