

# מפרשי האוצר

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Meforshei HaOtzar User guide

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## Installing the software

Please note: At this time, the software purchase and installation are available only to the Otzar Hachochma customers.

Users who do not yet have the Otzar Hachochma can enjoy the online version at: [Mefo.Otzar.org](http://Mefo.Otzar.org)

### Installation

1. Connect the Otzar Hachochma Drive to your computer (If you have the Otzar Hachochma on your local drive, please connect the Key Drive).
2. Clicking on this link <http://mefo.otzar.org/mefo.zip> will download to your computer a zip file containing the installation files. Once the download is complete the installation files have to be extracted to the root folder in the Otzar drive.
3. Double click on the extracted file Install.exe and chose the option התקנת הגידסא המלאה.
4. Complete the payment process. If you have already paid for it, the installation will start without required payment being requested at this time.
5. Once payment is completed select התחל התקנה and the installation process will begin.
6. Installation will take between 20-30 minuets. Once the installation is completed, press סיים התקנה and a shortcut to run the program will appear on your desktop.

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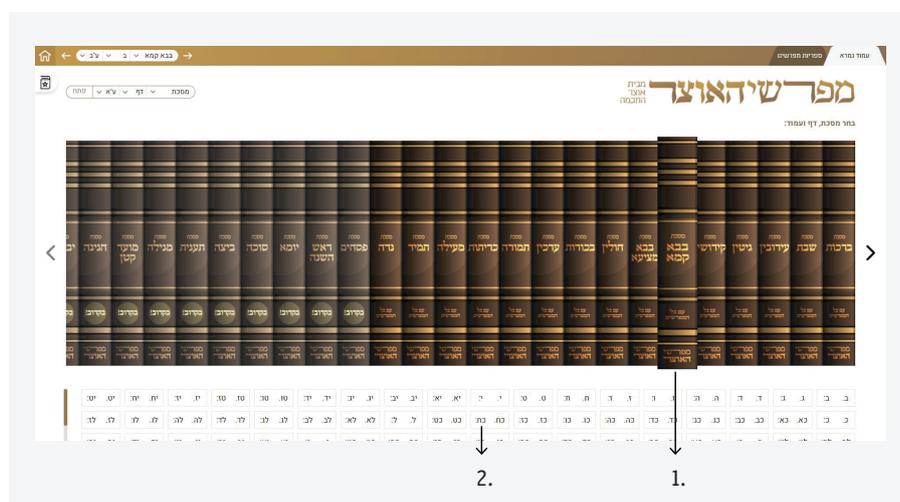
### Loading the software

Double clicking on the software shortcut on the desktop will load the software to the home page.

### Home Page

A virtual Talmud set containing all of Shas. (The Masechetes that are not yet available will appear in a slightly different shade of color and on its cover is written בקרוּב).

### Navigation to the Gemara page



1. select a Masechta.
2. after the Masechta is selected, chose the requested Daf from the bottom table.

Another option to navigate is the direct access bar at the top left hand side of the page, by clicking on the fields with the arrows, you can select a Masechet and a Daf and then click פתח.



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1. The interactive Gemara page.
2. **The results area:** where all the Meforshim dealing with the selected section will be displayed.
3. **The quick navigation bar:** allows the user to navigate through the Gemara pages as well as to any other Masechta.
4. **The search and filter option:** allows the user to filter and search through the results.
5. **The sorting and display options area.**
6. **Tabs:**
  - > **The Gemara Tab:** This tab contains the main content of the Meforshim HaOtzar software, the Gemara page and the Meforshim.
  - > **The Meforshim libraries tab:** This tab contains a variety of options for saving Meforshim, preparing Marei Mekomos pages for Shiurim, printing and designing tools and more. This option is still under development and currently unavailable.

## The interactive Gemara page

### Choosing a section

When you hover with the mouse over the Daf, it will give it a gray background as seen in the following example.



When a section is clicked it will turn a light shade of brown and the Meforshim on that section will be displayed in the right panel.



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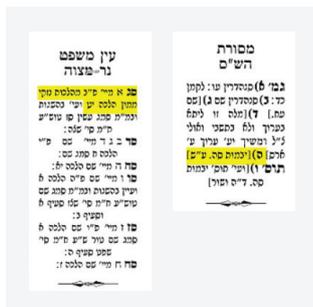
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**Multiple Choice:** this option is currently under development and will be available soon. It will allow the learner to select several page slots together enabling the display to continuously show the Meforshim comments on all of these slots together.

### Marei Mekomos

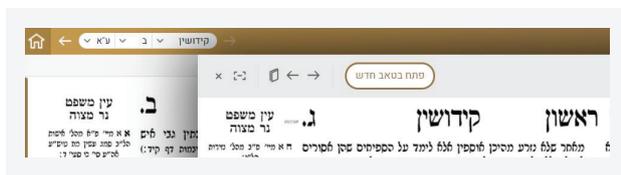
The עין משפט and נר מצוה contain active links.



By clicking on a Marei Makom will lead the learner to the desired source page - Gemara, Mishna, Yerushalmi, Rambam, Shulchan Aruch and more.



When its linked to a Masechta already available on the Meforshei HaOtzar, by clicking פתח בטאב חדש you have the option to open the page in a new tab to view it on the main screen and see the Meforsheim and all available options.



opening it in a new tab will get the page on the main screen to appear with all of the available options, Meforshim and active links.

### The Meforshim panel

After clicking on the selected section, the Meforshim on this section will be displayed on the right side of the screen.

### Display layout

We can "play" with the screen distribution of the software to increase the space given to the Gemara page when studying the page itself, as well as to reduce it

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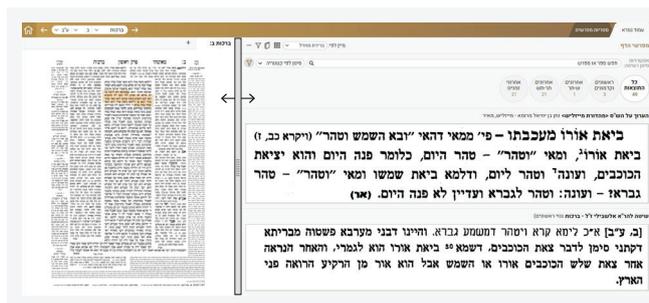
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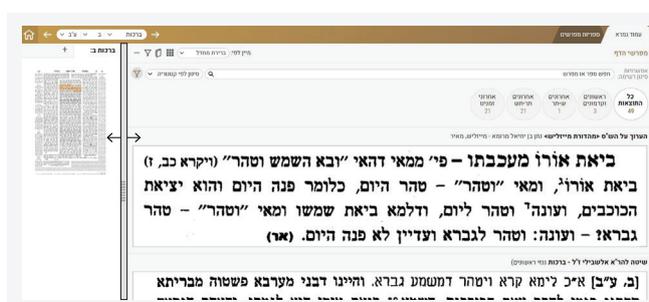
and give more space to the Meforshim view panel.



By pressing the left mouse button when the mouse cursor is on the buffer line and dragging it the user can change the Gemara - Meforshim ratio.



Drag it to the right to minimize the Meforshim panel and give the Gemara view more space.



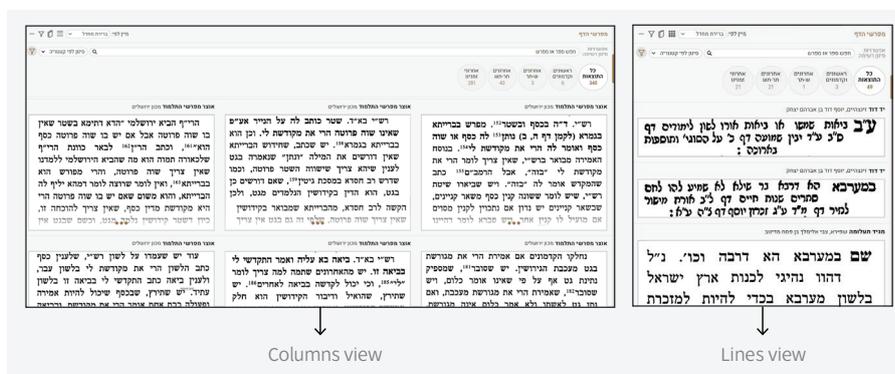
Drag it to the left to minimize the Gemara panel and give the Meforshim panel more space.

## Regular view

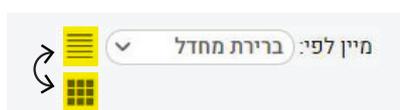
Each line contains the results presented by showing the name of the book, author and the relevant slot.

## Columns / Lines view

Each line contains two or three depending on the width of the screen. Columns view will present more Meforshim on the screen at once.



Click on the columns icon to change to Columns view and the icon will change to 'lines', clicking on it will change it back to lines view.



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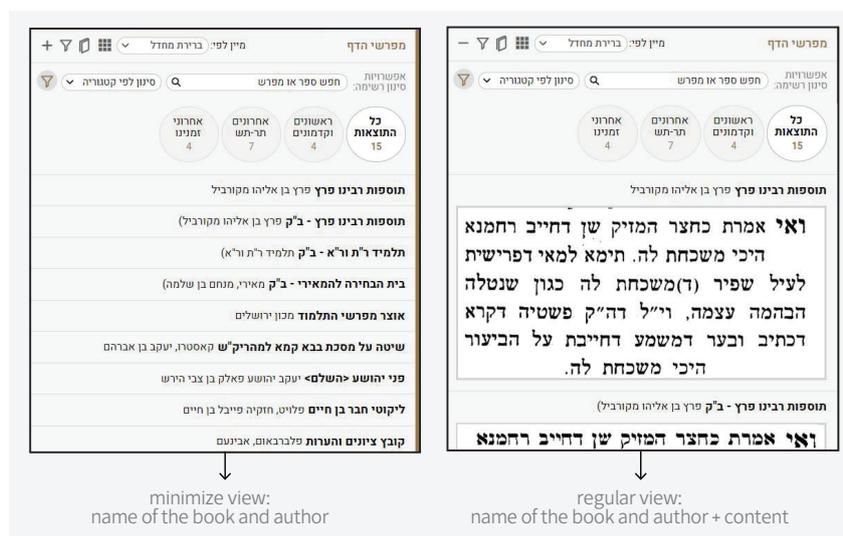
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To optimize columns view, you must increase the width of the Meforshim panel and reduce the Gemara page view as we discussed above.

## Minimize view

Clicking on the Minus icon  will minimize the list to the name of the books and authors **without the content**.



Clicking on the Plus icon  will return to the regular view with the contents.

## Information about the books

When you stand with the mouse cursor (without clicking) on one of the Meforshim items, on the left side will pop up three icons.



**1. Show the book cover:** to see bibliography details like author, place, year of printing etc.



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2. **Show full page:** to see the full page where the result was found not only the slot.



3. **Add to favorites:** to make the book a preference and always display it at the top of the list of results.

## Filtering options

You can filter the results to get the most relevant for your needs.

Filtering options are under the filter icon,  and you can show/hide them by clicking on the icon. (hiding is recommended on small size screens).

### Filter by generations

The circled list dividing the Meforshim by generations: clicking on a specific 'generation' will filter the results to only the meforshim from the selected generation.

Clicking on the  circle will bring it back to the full list.



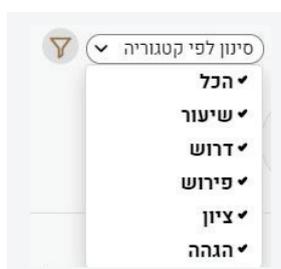
### Search a Meforsh

Searching for books or authors can be done by typing its name in the search box, without scrolling through the list.



### Filtering by categories

You can filter the list by the following categories:



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**שיעור** - A Meforesh that is not a Peirush "by definition" but deals with the סוגיא, or from a general halakhic aspect, similar to the style of שיעורים accepted in the yeshiva world.

**דרוש** - A Meforesh that brought on this passage דרש או סוד that is not in the simple way of explaining the Gemara (except for Meforshim that deal with the אגדה).

**פירוש** - A Meforesh that deals directly with the commentary of the Gemara and its מפדשיים, a תירוץ for Kusha Etc.

**ציון** - a Meforesh that does not interpret the words of the Gemara and its commentators and does not bring מקורות from other sources, but merely shows a place for reference elsewhere.

**הגהה** - a commentary that does not deal with the interpretation of the Gemara and its commentaries, but with the הגהות of the wording.

The default is to display everything, but when it comes to a segment of an issue that many Meforshim have discussed and gone through, filtering by category will maximize the specifications of your needs.

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## **Printing**

The printing option is currently unavailable.

## **Virtual keyboard**

The Meforshei HaOtzar software hardly requires the use of a keyboard. Most of the options have been made available to users by scrolling menus and buttons.

This software is very convenient for touch screen users.

However, users who do not have Hebrew letters on their keyboard and want to use the filtering option associated with searching the book names can use the virtual keyboard available in the Windows operating system as it is also supported by this software.

To easily access the virtual keyboard without unnecessary browsing, type OSK in the Windows search box.

## Ideas for improvement?

The Meforshei HaOtzar software from Otzar Hachochma is based on the extensive knowledge and experience we have accumulated in decades of in-depth study in this field as well as many welcomed suggestions for improvement offered by our users.

As an enterprise run by Beit Midrash and implemented for Beit Midrash learners, we would love to hear your feedback about ways to improve the software to make it even more convenient and accessible.

**All comments and/or questions are always welcomed and encouraged, please email:  
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