**Rabbi Chaim Friedlander** - 1923 Poland – 1986 Bnei Brak
Spiritual administrator of Ponevez Yeshiva, and student of Rabbi Eliyahu Eliezer Dessler. Author of fifteen ethical and philosophical works *Sifsei Chayim* and one of the *Compilers of Strive for Truth*.

**Rabbi Avraham Danzig** – 1748 -1820 was a rabbi, posek (legal decisor) and codifier, best known as the author of the works of Jewish law called "**Chayei Adam**" and "Chochmat Adam." He is sometimes referred to as "the Chayei Adam".

**Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg** – 1923 – 1999 Baltimore was an Orthodox Jewish rabbi, Talmudist, and rosh yeshiva (dean) of Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland. Rabbi Weinberg also served as a leading rabbinical advisor and board member of a number of important Haredi and Orthodox institutions such as Torah Umesorah, Agudath Israel of America and the Association for Jewish Outreach Programs.

**Rabbi Gedalia Schorr** - (27 November 1910 – 7 July 1979 was a prominent rabbi and rosh yeshiva. He was regarded[2] as the "first American Gadol" (Torah giant), an expression coined by Rabbi Aharon Kotler. Indeed, Rabbi Meir Shapiro, the famed rosh yeshiva of Chachmei Lublin, remarked that Rabbi Schorr had the most brilliant mind he ever encountered in America, and one of the most brilliant in the entire world. He said this when Rabbi Schorr was only nineteen years old. R Schorr was the Rosh Hayishiva of Torah Vadaas, a member of the Agudath Israel, and author of Ohr Gedalyahu.

**Ramban** (Nachmanides) - (1194–1270) - was a leading Torah scholar of the middle ages who authored commentaries on Torah and the Talmud. He was a posek who wrote responsa and stand-alone works on Halachic topics, as well as works on mysticism, science and philosophy. Ramban's commentary on the Torah often critiques earlier commentaries and incorporates kabbalistic teachings. He was born in Gerona, Spain, where he established a large yeshiva which produced hundreds of disciples who became leaders of Spanish Jewry. In 1267, at the age of 72, he immigrated to the Holy Land, where he settled in Akko (Acre)

**Rabbi Yehuda Loew (Maharal**) – (1512 – 17 September 1609[1]), was an important Talmudic scholar, Jewish mystic, and philosopher who, for most of his life, served as a leading rabbi in the cities of Mikulov in Moravia and Prague in Bohemia.

**Rabeinu Bechaye** 1255–1340 - He is considered by Jewish scholars to be one of the most distinguished of the biblical exegetes of Spain. He was a pupil of Rabbi Shlomo ibn Aderet (the Rashba). In his biblical exegesis, Bahya took as his model Ramban, who was the first major commentator to make extensive use of the Kabbalah as a means of interpreting the Torah. He discharged with zeal the duties of a darshan in his native city of Zaragoza, sharing this position with several others.

**Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler** - (1892 – 30 December 1953) was an Orthodox rabbi, Talmudic scholar, and Jewish philosopher of the 20th century. He is best known for being the mashgiach ruchani ("spiritual counselor") of the Ponevezh yeshiva in Israel and through collections of his writings published posthumously by his pupils.