SAGES..GREAT TEACHERS OF TORAH

Sages are considered to be great men who have studied the torah all their lives. These men must be over seventy years old. They are the grey hair men we are to give honor to, spoken of in scripture. **Lev. 19:32** "Stand up in the presence of a person with **gray hair**, show respect for the old; you are to fear your God; I am ADONAI.

Prov. 20:29 The pride of the young is their strength; the dignity of the old is **gray hair**.



1Sam. 12:2 "And now, here is the king walking before you, but I am old and **gray**, and behold my sons are with you. And **I have walked before you from my youth even to this day**.

Examples are: Rabbi Hillel, Rabbi Shammai, Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai, Rabbi Akiba ben Joseph (15-135CE), Rabbi Judah Ha-Nasi (135-219CE), Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki (1040-1105CE), Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon (1135-1204CE), and Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman (1194-1270CE). They are well known because of their writings, whether in books, talmud, or otherwise.

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