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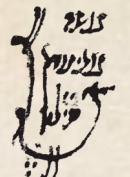
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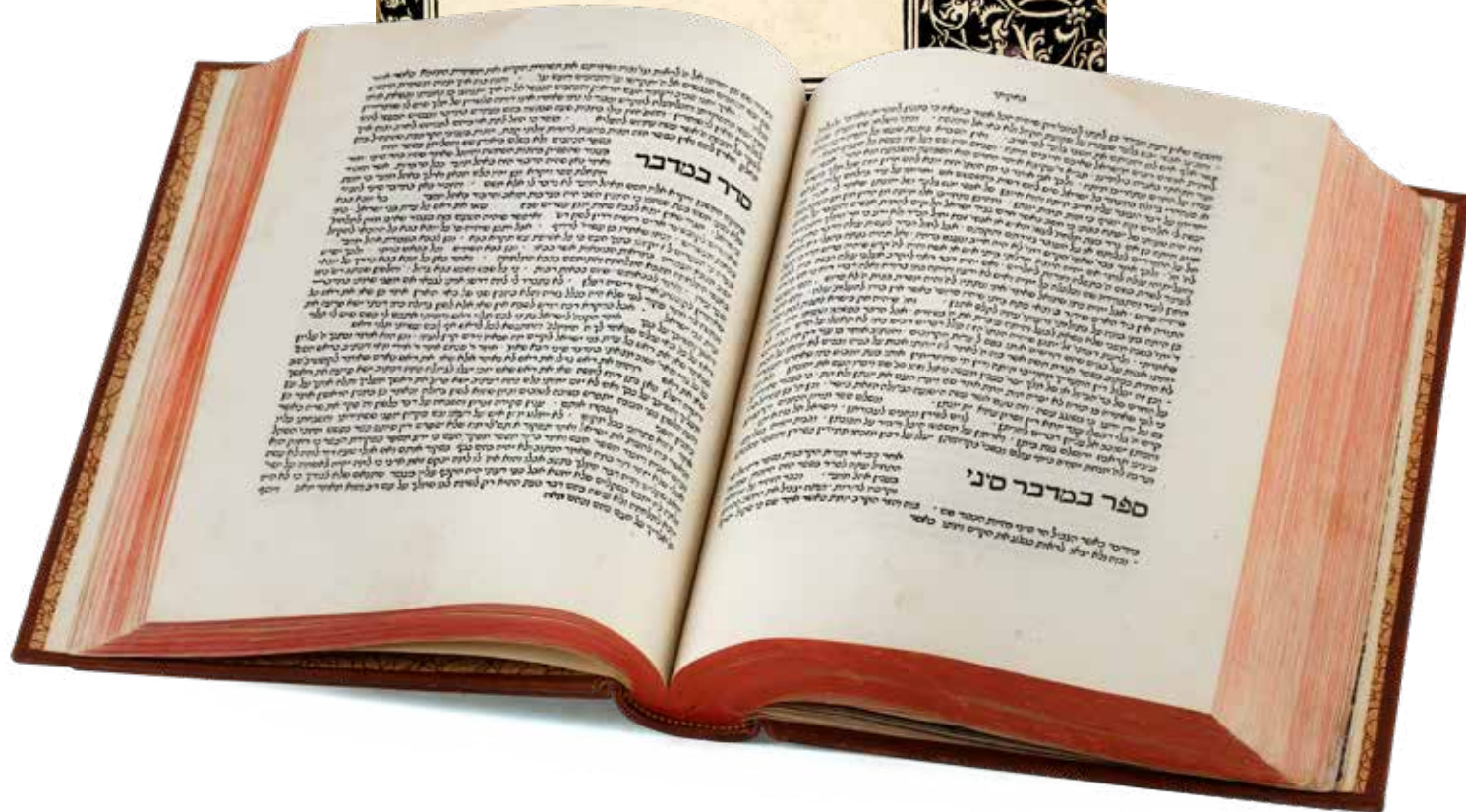
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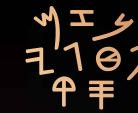
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Order of Prayer for Yom Kippur Katan Prague, circa 1665



PRAYERS

Tefillos and Selichos for Minchah on Erev Rosh Chodesh with Yiddish commentary and translation by Rabbi Nosson Chazan of Prostitz.

This is the first time that the tefillos for Yom Kippur Katan were printed on their own.

Prague, 1665 (?). Size: 18 cm. • **Page Count:** [12] leaves • **Condition:** Several leaves cropped at

bottom margins affecting the bottom line of text, artistic Genazym binding.

The book does not state the exact date it was printed, however we estimated the date based on the fact that it was printed by Rabbi Yehuda Beck in Prague, whose printing press operated between the years 1660-1668.

DISCOVERY!



This rare edition was recorded only once - 340 years ago - in sefer Sifsei Yesheininim by the first Jewish bibliographer, Rabbi Shabsai Meshorer Bass, author of Sifsei Chachamim. He wrote, "Yom Kippur Katan: these are the tefillos said every Erev Rosh Chodesh, printed with commentary and beautiful thoughts in Yiddish. Authored by Nosson Nutta Chazan of Prostitz; Prague Printing, size 4." (Amsterdam, 1680, p. 28b # 20).

However since then it has not recorded in any subsequent bibliography nor is it listed in the National Library, Jerusalem.

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Yom Kippur Katan Prayers

The custom of reciting special prayers on Erev Rosh Chodesh is mentioned already in the sefarim of the Rishonim. However it was the kabbalist Rabbi Moshe Cordova (the Ramak) who initially instituted Yom Kippur Katan, well practiced until today.

The Pri Chadash (Orach Chaim Ch. 417) writes: "There are men of good deeds who fast every Erev Rosh Chodesh... Rabbi Moshe Cordova called it Yom Kippur Katan because it is the day that one would gain atonement for the entire month..."

The custom gained popularity over the years, the Steipler Z"l encouraged to recite the tefillos of Yom Kippur Katan and it is said in his name, that reciting these tefillos have the power to annul difficult decrees.

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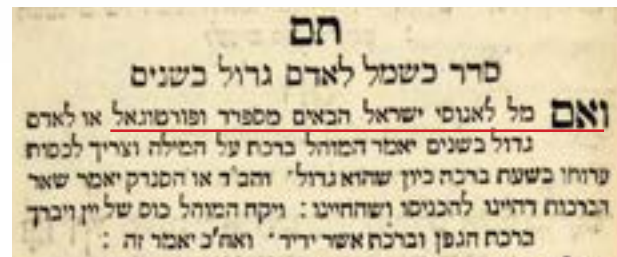
Bris Yitzchak Amsterdam, 1768



List of Mohalim from 1768
At the end of the sefer is a rare listing of mohalim who were active in Amsterdam, as well as those serving the Portuguese congregations throughout the world. Includes Mohalim residing in Surinam, South America, Curacao in the Caribbean, Hamburg, France, as well as the year that they began to serve as mohalim.

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Bris Yitzchak - prayers and tikkun to be recited the night before a bris milah, as well as the order of prayers for bris milah, including piyutim and brachos.
Edited by Yitzchak Hakohen Belinfante, with an approbation of the rabbi of the Sephardic Congregation in Amsterdam, Rabbi Shlomo Shalem.
Amsterdam, 1768. Size: 15 cm • **Page Count:** [2], 17, [1] leaves • **Condition:** Restoration of minor tears. Good condition. New leather binding.



This sefer also includes the procedure of circumcision for "Anusim who came from Spain and Portugal" (p. 12a), circumcision and immersion for converts, the circumcision of slaves and illegitimate children.

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Tefillas Haderech Miniature Abridged Siddur for Travelers Zoltzbach, 1793

Small-format miniature travel siddur, containing sections of common prayers not usually known by heart, for use by travelers, including: Seder Korbanos; V'hu Rachum for Mondays and Thursdays; Hallel; Mussaf; Kiddush Levanah. The title pages and instructions are written in Yiddish. Including 10 pages of handwritten additional prayers, as well as a folded leaf with the psalm "Lamnatzeach" handwritten in the shape of a menorah.

Unknown! Miniature siddur not documented in any bibliography or present in the Jerusalem National Library.
Zoltzbach, 1793. Size: 8.5 cm. • **Page Count:** [31] leaves. 10 Handwritten, 2 Blank, Folded Lamnatzeach. Old binding engraved with owner's name "R' Mordechai Cohen". Good condition.

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Attached is a manuscript Lamnatzeach in the shape of a Menorah



Pocket Sized Tehillim Rodelheim, 1825

R' Wolf Heidenheim's
First Edition

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This Tehillim is "precisely edited...based on tradition and ancient proofread manuscripts" printed by Rabbi Wolf Heidenheim, renowned scholar who was an expert in Hebrew grammar and invested tremendously to publish the Tanach and prayer books in its greatest accuracy. He established the famous press in Rodelheim where he published many seforim, siddurim and machzorim which became the standard for the Jewish community in Germany.

Sefer Shimush Tehillim is printed at the end of this sefer.
Rodelheim, 1825. Size: 9x10 cm. The width is larger than the length • **Condition:** Good condition. Worn original binding.

Rabbi Wolf Heidenheim (1757-1832) was a master of lashon hakodesh and dikduk and authored fascinating commentary on many piyutim. Gedolei Yisrael among them the Chasam Sofer, commended Heidenheim's efforts. The Chasam Sofer mentions Heidenheim on several occasions, and once wrote, "If not for him, piyutim would have surely been forgotten and no longer recited in our generation" (Shu"t Chasam Sofer, Choshen Mishpat Ch. 79).



Opening Bid \$1,000 • Estimate \$1,500-\$2,000



Tehillim Slavita 1824

Rabbi Moshe Shapira Press

Lot 05



Extremely Rare Edition

Sefer Tehillim divided by days of the week, with the meaning of each chapter inscribed before the beginning of the chapter. Printed without any commentary; intended for the sole purpose of reciting Tehillim.

Includes maamadot and Perek Shirah. Printed by Rabbi Moshe Shapira, Av Beis Din of Slavita and son of Rabbi Pinchas of Koritz. Contains 2 title pages; a general title page, and a separate title page for maamadot.

There is an index of the chapters of Tehillim according to the yearly cycle on page 67a.

It is well known that Chassidic luminaries desired to recite Tehillim from books printed by the venerable rabbinical family of Slavita.

Slavita, 1824. Size: 17.5 cm • Page Count: 68, [2], 68-94 leaves • Condition: Signs of wear on all leaves, margins slightly cropped. Dark stains on bottom margins. New leather binding • Provenance: Rabbi Chaim Schneebalg ז"ל.

סלאוויטא

The Admor, author of Shomer Emunim, wrote: "Every G-d fearing man should endeavor to purchase old printings of sefarim...specifically from the printing presses of Slavita and Zhitomir by the grandsons of the Rabbi of Kortitz, who were very holy printers" (Taharas Hakodesh Ch. 6).

Opening Bid \$40,000 ■ Estimate \$60,000-\$80,000

Lot 06

Tikkun Rabbi Moshe Shapira Press Slavita, 1823



Tikkun Leil Shavuot and Hoshanah Rabbah based on the order of the Shl"ta Hakadosh with the kavanos of the Holy Names as taught by the Arizal.

The title page verso contains the miraculous story written by the Shl"ta of the revelation of the heavenly Maggid to Rabbi Yosef Karo and Rabbi Shlomo Elkabetz (composer of Lecha Dodi) during their intense learning on the night of Shavuot.

This Tikkun Leil Shavuot was the personal copy of the Admor Rabbi Shlomo Friedman of Chortkov, grandson of the Admor Rabbi Yisrael of Chortkov. His stamp appears on the margins of leaf 2a.

Slavita, 1823. Size: 20.3 cm • Page Count: 123, 1, 78 leaves • Condition: Title page margins professionally restored. Stained, but otherwise complete and in good condition. Original leather binding restored. • Provenance: Rabbi Shlomo Freidman. The Admor of Chortkov.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

Shabbos Prayer Book Tikkun Shlomo - Tikkunei Shabbos Amsterdam, 1794

Lot 07

Order of tefillos for Shabbos with the Tikkunei Shabbos of the Arizal, edited by Rabbi Shlomo Zalman London.

Tikkun Shlomo is a Shabbos siddur companion with prayers and instructions from Erev Shabbos until Motza'ei Shabbos. It contains all Tefillos and Zemiros and order of Torah reading, as well as customs and laws. This was a very popular siddur in the past and was published in many editions.

Nice copy with gilded pages. Magnificent original leather binding with silver corner pieces and clasps. Engraved with owner's name: Zelkli ben Rabbi Shimon Munk, and dated with the year of printing, 1794.

Amsterdam, 1794. Size: 16.3 cm • Page Count: [2], 164 leaves • Condition: Good Condition. Broken bottom clasp, minor defects on spine. Preserved in a new case. • Provenance: William L. Gross Collection.

Tefillos & Zemiros for Shabbos



Opening Bid \$1,500 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Manuscript on Parchment

Order of Prayers

Hamburg, 1769

Magnificent manuscript written entirely on parchment in neat calligraphy script with decorative accents, elaborate initials. The title page is designed with an artistic border topped by vases of flowers and flanked on each side with drawings of birds.

Ashmores Haboker = Order of Pre-dawn Prayers includes Selichos and other special prayers, Minchah and Maariv with instructions in Yiddish. The present manuscript is the work of the scribe Chaim ben Rabbi Moshe G”S (presumably Goldschmidt)



of Hamburg and was inscribed in 1769.

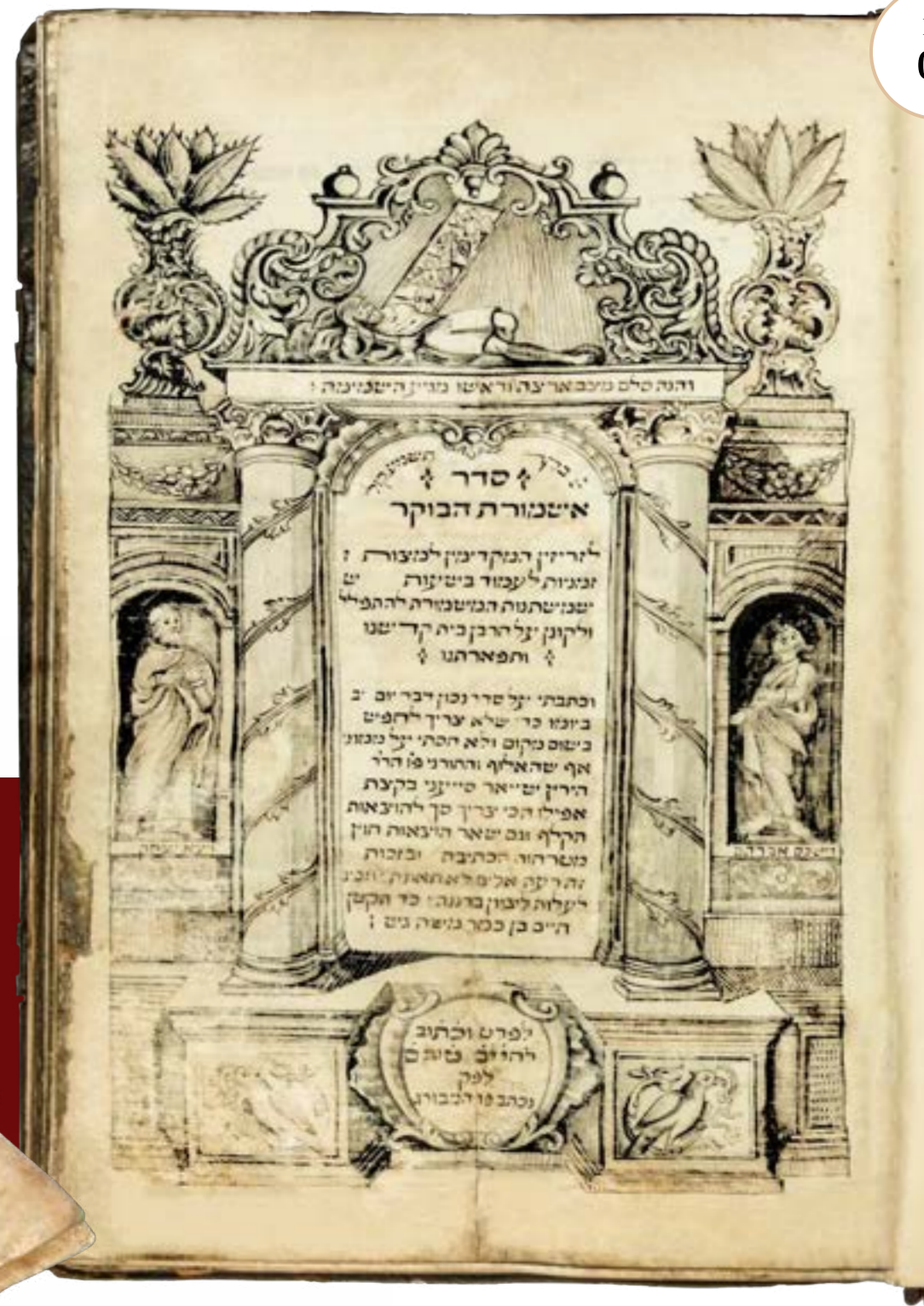
Colophon: “By the hands of the writer, the humble Chaim son of my father Rabbi Moshe G”S shlit”a.

Hamburg, 1769. Size: 30x18 cm • **Page Count:** 58 Pages • **Condition:** Several leaves with signs of use, stains or faded ink, wax drippings (see e.g. leaves 23a, 34a), some words are blurry. Last leaf reinforced. Original leather-coated wooden binding with remnants of clasps. spine reconstructed.

• **Provenance:** Rabbi Carlbach Family Collection; Hamburg-Lakewood.

Large Folio
Parchment

There is an old custom in certain congregations to rise in the pre-dawn hours to pray together and lament upon the destruction of the Holy Temple. This tradition was especially common in Italy, where special groups called *Shomrim Laboker* or *Me’iri Shachar* formed to recite these prayers together before dawn.



Lot
08

The manuscript features an impressive illustration of the three forefathers Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov.

The illustration depicting Avraham is expressed by the caption

“And Avraham arose early [in the morning]”.

The illustration depicting Yitzchak is expressed by the caption

“And Yitzchak went out [to speak in the field]”.

The illustration depicting Yaakov’s dream of the ladder is expressed by the caption

“And behold a ladder is stationed on the earth”.

Contents of manuscript:

- 1) Order of Selichos for the weekday. 2) Order of Selichos for days when Tachanun is not recited. 3) Order of Yom Kippur Katan, including Minchah.
- 4) Weekday Maariv. 5) Prayers for the ill.

Opening Bid \$30,000 ■ Estimate \$40,000-\$60,000

Lot
09



Illustrated Prayer Book for the Chazzan Hamburg, 1829

Handwritten manuscript contains prayers and readings for chazzanim created for the Ezras Achim congregation in the city of Hamburg 1829.

Includes Lecha Dodi, Mizmor Shir L'yom Hashabbos, brachos for the Haftaras, Yekum Purkan, Hanosein Teshua L'melachim, Birkas Hachodesh, Yizkor, brachos for Megillah, and the wording for different Mishebeirachs.

Pages 23-24 have a Yizkor list of members who have passed away. Features rare uniquely

designed paper windows to keep track of donations promised during misheberach upon receiving an aliyah on Shabbos or Yom Tov.

Hamburg, 1820.

Size: 26x22 cm • Page Count: 25 leaves •

Condition: Stains and signs of use. Minor tear with intact text on the first page. Worn original binding with no spine, with green leather sticker stating, "Member of Ezras Achim 1829".
Provenance: Rabbi Carlbach Family Collection; Hamburg-Lakewood.

Opening Bid \$4,000 • Estimate \$7,000-\$10,000



Colorful, illustrated title page in watercolor depicting the images of Moshe, Aharon and two lions. With colorful initials pleasantly decorated.

Title page reads: "Seder Amiros Hachazzan" and then in the center, "This was made in the year 1829". On the bottom "Made by Elchanan Ben Simchah zt"l in Hamburg".



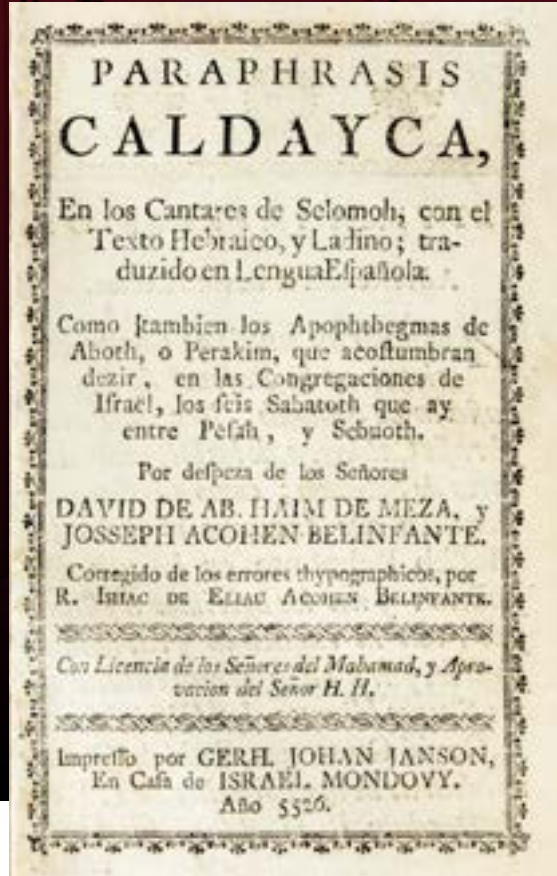
MUSSAR & EMUNAH



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פרק ראשון
מסכת אבות
הם כל דברים אלו הם כל ישראל

Lot
10



Text on title page:
"Paraphrasis Caldayca en los Cantares de Selomoh Con el texto Hebraico, y Ladino; traducido en lengua Espanola. Como tambien los Apophthegmas de Aboth, o Perakim... Corregido de los errores thypographicos, por R. Ishac de Eliahu Acohen Belinfante..."

Pirkei Avos & Shir Hashirim with Spanish Translation Amsterdam, 1766

Pirkei Avos with Spanish translation and Shir Hashirim with Ladino translation by Yitzchak ben Eliyahu Hakohen Belinfante. The title page states that Pirkei Avos was translated so it would be recited on every Shabbos between Pesach and Shavuos. In addition there is a Spanish translation of the

Aramaic targum of Shir HaShirim. The translation is done verse by verse, Mishnah by Mishnah.
Amsterdam, 1766. Johan Janson Printing • Page Count: 112, 109-144 leaves • Condition: Good condition. Antique leather binding with gold embellishments. Defects on spine.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



Lot
11

Ben Hamelech V'hanazir First Edition

Constantinople 1518

Stories and parables conveying lessons of wisdom and mussar presented in the form of a conversation between a king who is immersed in vanities and a nazir who abstains from all pleasures of the world.

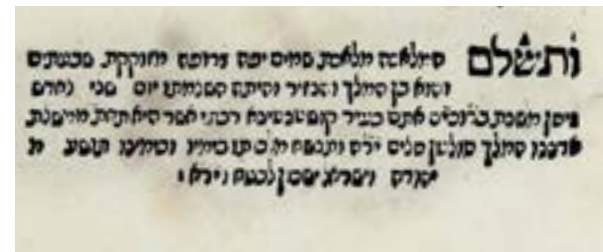
Ben Hamelech V'hanazir is a timeless treasure of mussar and philosophy a book that was adapted into lashon hakodesh by Rabbi Avraham Halevi Chasdai in the 12th century.

Gedolei Yisroel, including Rishonim and Achronim such as the Meiri, Vilna Gaon and Chassidic masters studied and quoted from Rabbi Avraham Chasdai's words of wisdom.

This first edition was printed in Constantinople in 1518 and is exceedingly rare.



Constantinople, 1518. First edition.
Size: 19.5 cm • **Page Count:** [56] leaves • **Condition:** Good condition, minor restorations on the margins only, a few stains • **Bibliography:** Yaari, Constantinople #57.



The printing year and place appear in the colophon:
"The work was completed, a beautiful, heavenly work, pure and refined seven times - Ben Hamelech V'hanazir - and it was completed on the second day of the month of Nissan in the year 1518 in the great city of Constantinople, which is under the kingdom of our master His Highness Sultan Salim, may his kingdom endure in his days, and in our days may Judah and Israel be redeemed and dwell in peace and fear of G-d."

Opening Bid \$18,000 ■ Estimate \$30,000-\$50,000

Ohr Hashem Rabbi Chasdai Crescas

First Edition. Ferrara, 1555

Ohr Hashem by Rabbi Chasdai Crescas on the fundamentals of religion and faith.

Rabbi Chasdai Crescas (circa 1340-1410) was born in Barcelona, Spain and was a disciple of the Ran, close friend of the Rivash, and spiritual master of Rabbi Yosef Albo who cited Rabbi Chasdai's teachings in his Sefer Ikrim. Rabbi Chasdai made it his mission to defend his Jewish brethren in a Christian-Jewish debate. In this sefer, he strongly opposes Greek philosophy, specifically the theories of Aristotle.

Gedolei Yisrael who lived in the era of the Spanish

Expulsion were outspoken in their praises of his works. Rabbi Yaakov ben Chaviv writes in his sefer Ein Yaakov: "Pleasant words, sweeter than honey, are written in the sefer Ohr Hashem compiled by Rabbi Chasdai" (Ein Yaakov, Megillah3a).

Ferrara, 1555. First edition.

Size: 19.5 cm • **Page Count:** [132] leaves • **Condition:** Good condition, small tears on t.p. and margins, professionally restored. Title page with decorative border, printer's emblem from Avraham ben Oshaki is printed on the title page and on the last leaf. Leather binding.



Lot
13

Sefer on Emunah
from the Rishonim

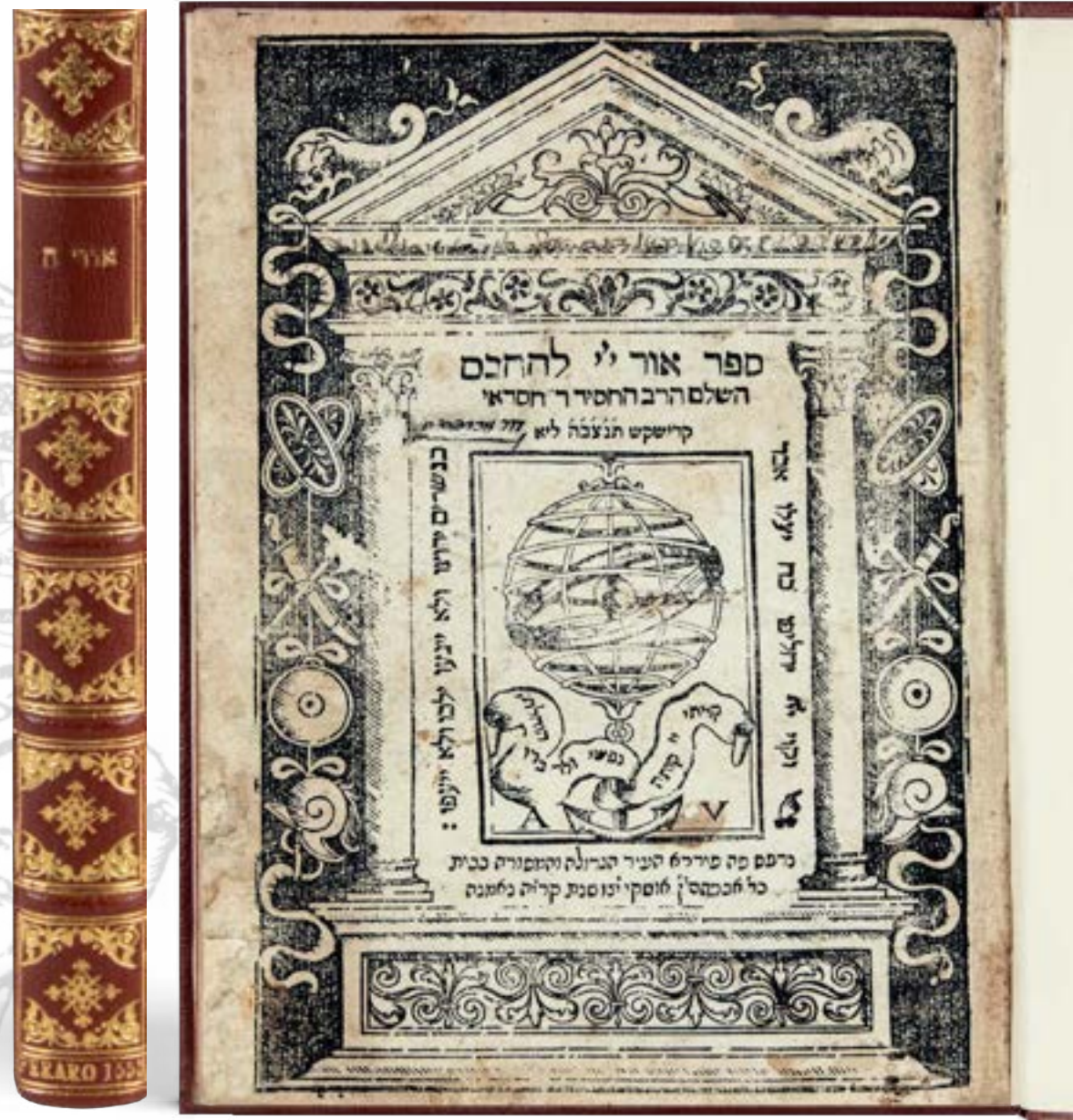
Avkas Rochel

Rimini, 1526

Exceptionally Rare!



Lot
12



Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$10,000

Wondrous lessons on Emunah and Geulah; discusses topics including the birth pangs of Mashiach, the war of Gog U'Magog, future redemption, the eternity of the soul and words of mussar and comfort by Rabbi Machir ben Rabbi Yitzchak Sar Chessed.

Rabbi Machir ben Rabbi Yitzchak Sar Chessed's family traces its lineage back to the Kingdom of Dovid, and the father Rabbi Yitzchak Sar Chessed was among those expelled from France in 1306.

The author's name does not appear in the sefer but Sefer hakabbalah attributes Avkas Rochel to Rabbi Machir (see Seder Hachachamim V'Koros Hayamim, Oxford, 1888, p. 105). The Rema's glosses on Sefer Yuchsin indicate that the author lived in the late 13th - early 14th century.



Printer's Emblem

A printer's emblem, also referred to as a mark, device, emblem or insignia is a symbol used as a trademark by early printers starting in the 15th century in order to clearly assign the book to the press.

Avkas Rochel was printed by the famous Jewish printer Gershom Soncino whose printer's emblem of a fortress surrounded by verses from the Scriptures appears upon the entire last page. Soncino began using this emblem while printing in the city of Rimini.

This was the final book printed by the Soncino family in Italy.

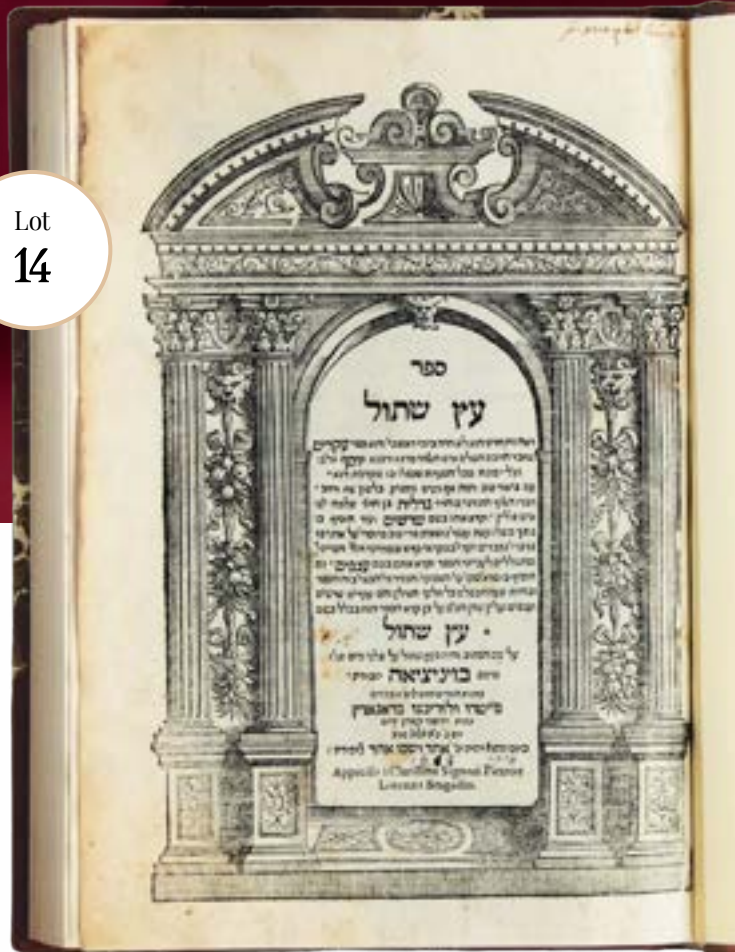
Very rare copy. No copy in the Jerusalem National Library.

Rimini, 1526. Gershom Soncino Press. **Size:** Approximately 19 cm • **Page Count:** [18] leaves • **Condition:** Complete, assembled from 2 incomplete copies. Several stains and slight professional restoration of several page margins. New leather binding.

Opening Bid \$25,000 ■ Estimate \$40,000-\$60,000

Fundamentals of Faith

Lot
14



Sefer Ha'ikarim with Eitz Shasul Commentary Venice, 1618

The Foundational Principles of Judaism by Rabbi Yosef Albo with the commentary of Rabbi Gedalyah Lipshitz's Eitz Shasul.

Rabbi Albo bases the Jewish belief on three principles of faith: The existence of G-d, the fact that Torah is from Heaven, and the concept of reward and punishment.

This edition with rare extra 2 leaves which include the post-printing writings of Rabbi Gedalyah and were added to just a few copies.

Includes important approbations by the Maharshah, Maharam of Lublin, Shlah Hakadosh and Kli Yakar.

Venice, 1618. First edition with commentary of Eitz Shasul. **Size:** 28.5 cm • **Page Count:** 146 leaves • **Condition:** Censors erases Minor stains, light restorations. New half leather binding.

Eitz Shasul is the primary commentary on Sefer Ha'ikarim.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Lot
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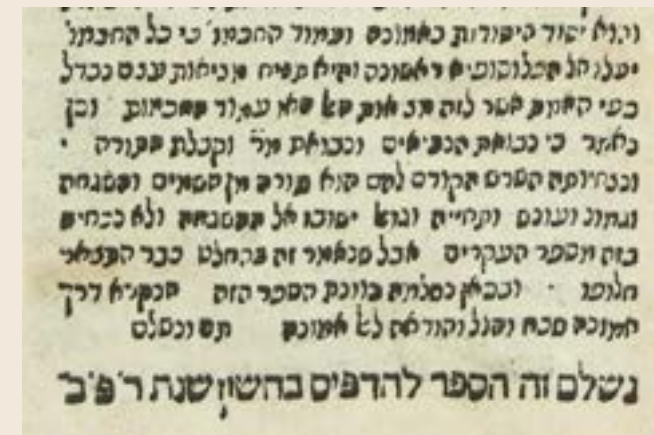
Discussions on topics of emunah, and commentaries on Agaddos Chazal by Rabbi Avraham Bibago.

Rabbi Yitzchak Abarbanel was greatly influenced by Rabbi Avraham Bibago's writings and cites his sefer frequently. Rabbi Shlomo Elkabetz, author of Lecha Dodi, likewise mentions him in his writings.

Chacham Rabbi Avraham Bibago was one of the great Spanish rabbis during the period of the Expulsion and thereafter. He served as Rosh Yeshivah in Saragossa in northeast Spain, and he was renowned as an exceptional orator whose fiery lectures drew many from his generation back to Torah and mitzvos. He debated religious polemics with Christian scholars, defending the Jewish faith frequently and once appeared in a public debate with a Christian scholar before King John II of Aragon.

Constantiople, 1522. First edition. **Size:** 25.5X18.5 cm • **Page Count:** 102 leaves • **Good Condition** • **Bibliography:** Yaari, Constantinople 94.

Opening Bid \$15,000
Estimate \$20,000-\$30,000



Colophon reads: "This sefer was completed for print on Cheshvan, 1522"

Derech Emunah. First Edition Constantiople, 1522

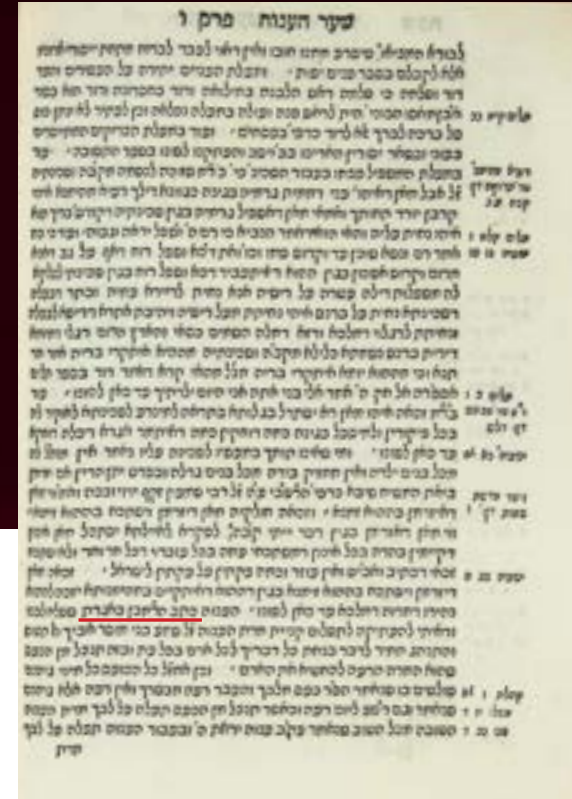
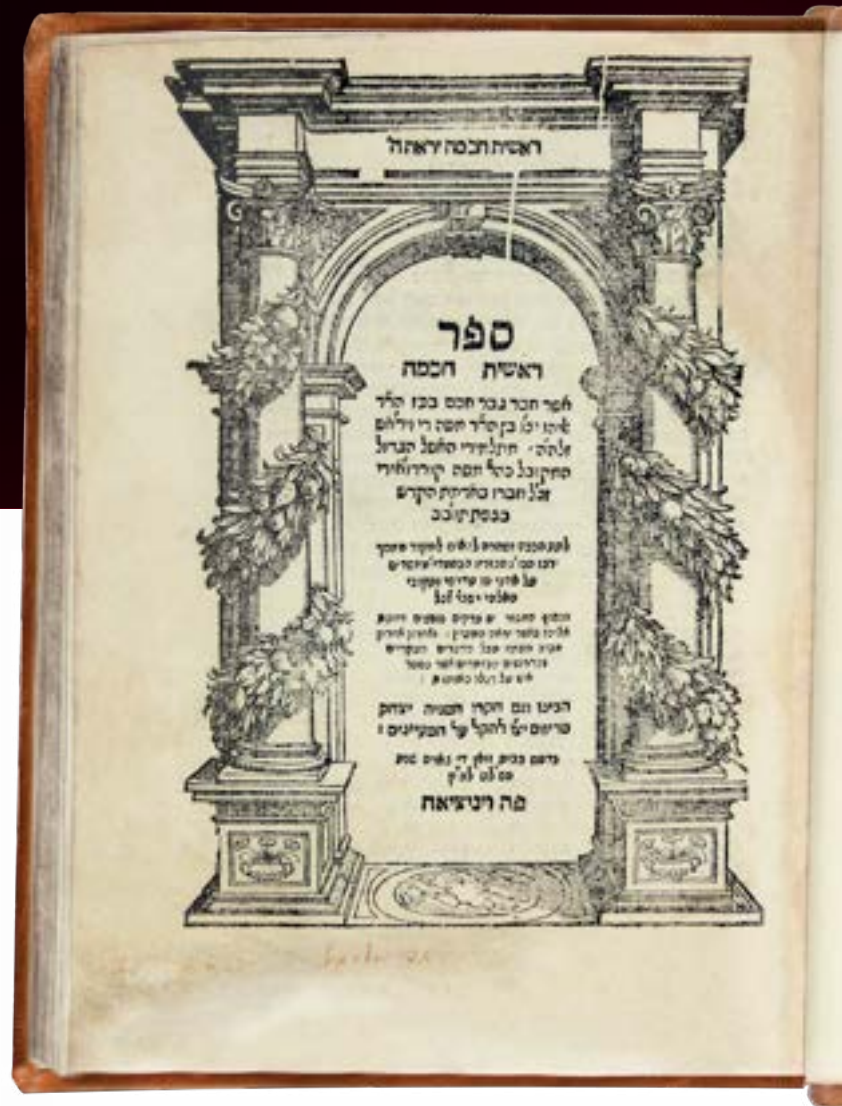
THE PATH to FAITH



REISHIS CHOCHMAH

סמע בני
מוסר אביך

First Edition
Venice, 1579



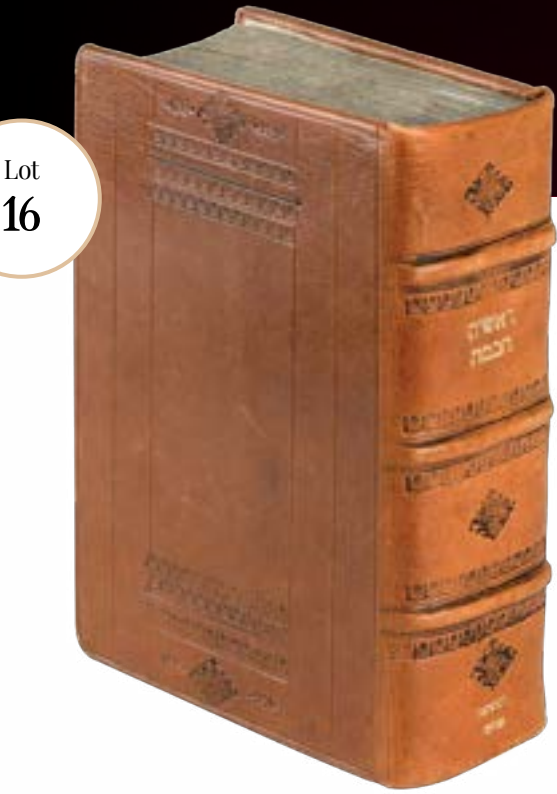
First Edition of Iggeres HaRamban

The world-famous Iggeres HaRamban first appeared in print in this edition Reishis Chochmah, Shaar Ha'Anavah Ch. 6 (leaves 355b-356a).

Iggeres HaRamban is full with mussar and teaching sent by the Ramban from the city of Acco to his son Rabbi Nachman in Catalonia, Spain. The letter focuses primarily on the supreme attribute of humility, which is why the author of Reishis Chochmah included it in his unit on humility in this landmark mussar sefer.

Rabbi Shlomo Algazi writes: "He informed his son that on the day he reads this letter, the heavens will answer all that he requests. Those who recite it regularly will surely be spared from many trials and are guaranteed to enter Olam Haba".

Lot
16



A foundational work of mussar outlining the path to sanctity and repentance by the saintly kabbalist Rabbi Eliyahu di Vidash, prime disciple of the Ramak. Gedolei Yisrael and tzaddikim throughout the ages emphasized the importance of studying sefer Reishis Chochmah daily, and "fortunate is the man who learns this every day and establishes a regular study session in it, as a spark of sanctity and purity will surely shine in him" (Shem Hagedolim, Ch. Reishis Chochmah). The Admor Rabbi Shmelke of Nikolsburg wrote in the name of the Maggid of Mezritch: "Be sure to learn from

sifrei mussar every day, **and especially the holy sefer Reishis Chochmah**, from which you should not sway" (Toras Hamaggid, p. 1). **Venice, 1579.** First edition. **Size:** 19.2 cm • **Page Count:** 8, 421, [32] leaves. [32] end leaves include a detailed index by the scholar and proofreader Rabbi Yitzchak Gershon. The index part is bound separately. Its margins were expanded in an artistic restoration work, to fit the size of the book itself. • **Condition:** Complete, impressive copy. New leather bindings.

Opening Bid \$10,000 • Estimate \$15,000-\$20,000

Sefer Reishis Chochmah Abbreviated



Lot
17

Tapuchei Zahav First Edition. Mantua, 1623

Tapuchei Zahav, written by Rabbi Yechiel Mili encompasses an outline and summary of the classic mussar sefer Reishis Chochmah by Rabbi Eliyahu di Vidash.

Along with his summary of Reishis Chochmah, Rabbi Yechiel also presents an anthology of prayers; Iggeres HaRamban (second edition); lessons by Rabbi Yehuda Hachassid and Rabbi Yosef Gekatillia; Orchos Chaim by the Rosh; the song 'Bar Yochai' and more.

This sefer was printed in a small format, "So every man can carry it with him, and it should restore his soul, even on a boat or wagon" (Author's Introduction).

Mantua, 1623. First edition. **Size:** Small format: 13 cm • **Page Count:** [4], 132 leaves • **Condition:** Good condition, attractive leather binding with minor restorations to the binding.

Opening Bid \$5,000 • Estimate \$7,000-\$10,000

Lot
18



Ohr Amim by Rabbi Ovadia Sforno First Edition. Bologna, 1537

The Sforno's composition on faith and philosophy was written to refute the teachings of Aristotle, whose philosophies are contrary to Torah and Jewish faith. In his preface, Rabbi Ovadia Sforno inscribes that Aristotle's philosophical teachings were universally accepted and ingrained into public conscience, and therefore he was authoring this work to prove Aristotle's ideas to be wrong. Rabbi Ovadia Sforno regarded Ohr Amim to be an important work. He further translated this work into Latin and sent it as a gift to King Henry II of France, who was an avid collector of religious works.

Rabbi Ovadia Sforno (1478-1550) is one of the illustrious commentators on the Torah and a genius who was well-versed in both religious and secular wisdoms. His beloved commentary on Torah was universally accepted by all Jewish congregations and is printed in many sets of Chumashim. He was likewise a famous physician who was termed 'The Master of Healers' in his generation.

Bologna, 1537. First edition. **Size:** 21 cm • **Page Count:** 64 leaves • **Condition:** Good condition. New leather binding. • **Provenance:** Lunzer-Valmadonna Collection.

Opening Bid \$3,000 • Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

Menoras Hamaor with Nefesh Yehuda Commentary Amsterdam, 1700

Menoras Hamaor by Rabbi Yitzchak Abuhav with the first printed edition of the Nefesh Yehuda commentary by Rabbi Moshe Frankfurter of Amsterdam.

Menoras Hamaor is one of the fundamental works of Jewish ethics, and it is widely learned around the Jewish world.

Rabbi Moshe Frankfurter (1672-1762) was a famous dayan in Amsterdam and the great-uncle of the Chasam Sofer of Pressburg. He is famous for Zeh Yenachameinu, a comprehensive work on the Mechilta, Mikra'os Gedolos Kehillas Moshe, and his Ba'er Heitev on Choshen Mishpat. His commentary Nefesh Yehuda, was his very first published work, and it was printed when he was only 28 years old!

Amsterdam, 1700. First printing of Nefesh Yehuda. **Size:** 16 cm • **Page Count:** 330 leaves • **Condition:** Worn antique leather binding; spine engraved with gilded designs. • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection.

Opening Bid \$1,000 • Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Lot
19



Illustrated title page

First sefer printed in Jerusalem!



Lot
20

Avodas Hakodesh by The Chida Jerusalem, 1841

Sefer Avodas Hakodesh by the Chida, Rabbi Chaim Yosef David Azzulai.

This sefer includes seven separate essays on halachah, customs, mussar, teshuvah, prayers and segulos.

This is one of the most important anthologies of the Chida's sefarim, and many of the prayers instituted into our regular prayers were first written by the Chida in these sefarim.

The preface to this anthology features a historical introduction by the first Jerusalemite printer Rabbi Yisrael Beck in which he tells of his journey ascending to Eretz Yisroel, the establishment of his press in Tzfas, and its closure in the wake of the Syrian Peasant Revolt...

Jerusalem, 1841. Yisrael Beck Press. **Size:** 15 cm • **Page Count:** [4] 111 leaves • **Condition:** Original binding. Good condition. Two title pages • **Bibliography:** S. Halevi, Sifrei Yerushalayim Harishonim #1.

Opening Bid \$6,000 • Estimate \$8,000-\$10,000

Tanach

Rabbi Menashe ben Israel

Amsterdam, 1635



Chacham Rabbi Menashe ben Israel (1604-1658) was among the leading rabbinical figures in 17th century Europe, a scholar and a statesman. Born in Portugal to a family of anusim (Marranos), he endeavored greatly to draw the descendants of anusim back to Judaism and public observance of mitzvos. He promoted dialogue between Jews and Christians and sought to explain the tenets of Judaism through an array of books that he authored and published in several languages. In 1655, he led a delegation of Jews to England and remained there for two years, planting seeds for the reinstatement of the Jewish community in England after their expulsion.



Chamishah Chumshei Torah, Nevi'im and Kesuvim, meticulously edited and proofread by the famed distinguished Rabbi and scholar, Menashe ben Israel. This was one of the first editions of Tanach to be printed in Amsterdam.

In his preface, Rabbi Menashe ben Israel attests that he meticulously proofread each word, as well as the nekudos and even the taamim (cantillation marks) of this edition.

Nice copy, complete, includes the chart listing the

“Haftaros According to all Customs”.

Each volume features a title page with a copperplate artistic border.

Amsterdam, 1631-1635 Size: 22 cm • **Page Count:** [1], 369; 124, [1] leaf • **Good condition** • **Additional Info:** Antique leather binding with new spine Owner's name engraved in center of binding. T.D. The order in this edition is Torah, then Kesuvim and lastly Nevi'im • **Bibliography:** Alfei Menashe #24. Ginzei Yisrael #35 • **Provenance:** William L. Gross collection.

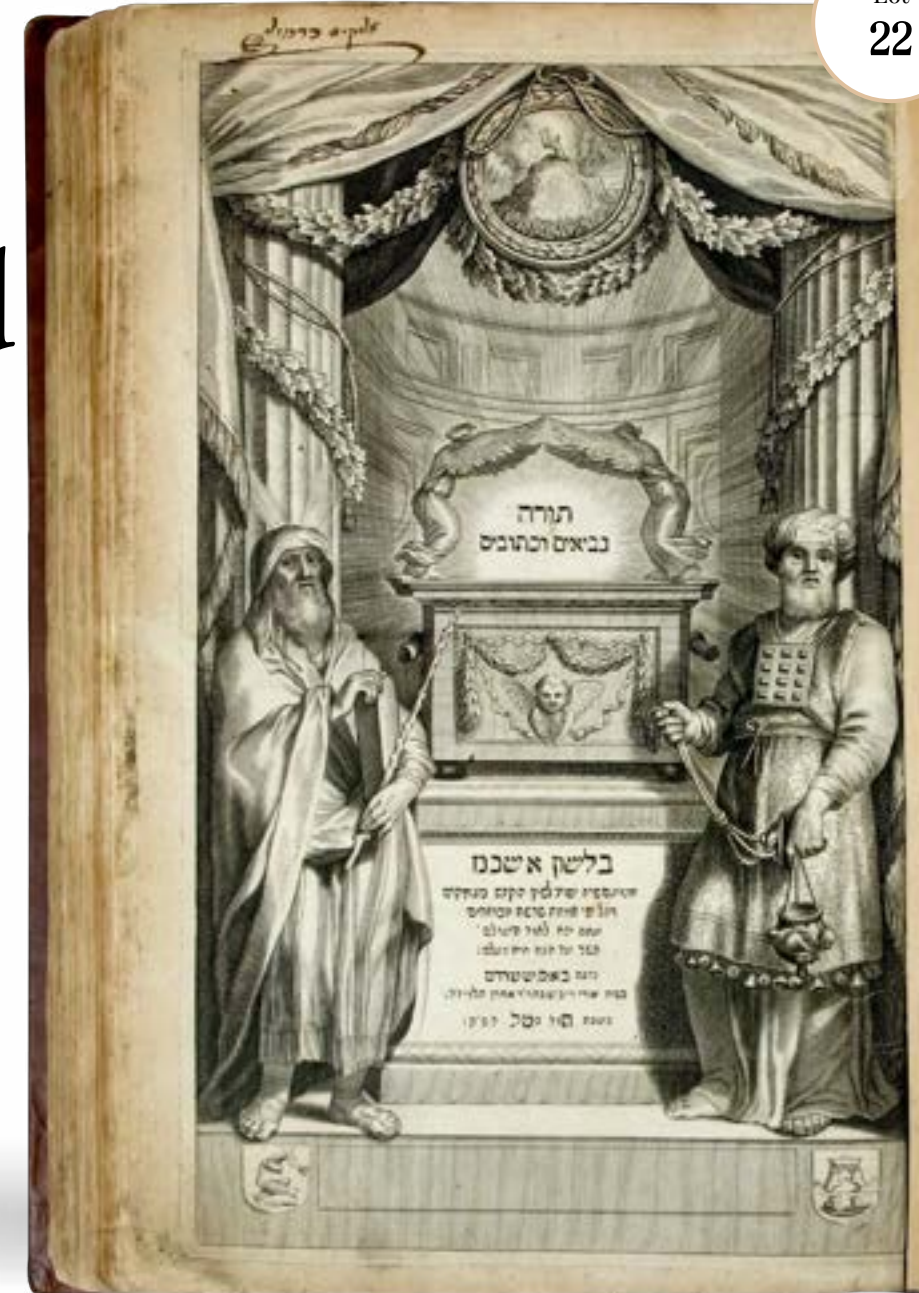
Opening Bid \$3,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

First Tanach Translated into Yiddish

Amsterdam 1676



Complete set with all title pages



Torah, Nevi'im and Kesuvim “translated, elucidated and explained” in Yiddish by Rabbi Yekusiel Blitz. This Tanach, renowned as Tanach Blitz, was the very first Tanach translated into Yiddish.

The present item includes a full set complete with all title pages. The first title page is impressively decorated with copperplate illustrations.

In his preface, the printer writes that his motive in translating the Tanach into Yiddish was so “Ashkenazic [Jews] should be as well-versed in Tanach as their Sephardic [brethren], who already published several editions of Tanach with translations into their native language, and to ensure that Jews are able to respond to questions and refute the challenges posed by the Christians regarding Tanach.”

In addition to this landmark translation, this Blitz Edition of

Tanach is also the first contain include Toaliyos HaRabag on Nevi'im and Kesuvim with their Yiddish translation.

Five title pages, the first general title page impressively illustrated. Separate title pages for Torah, Nevi'im Rishonim, Nevi'im Achronim and Kesuvim. Title pages are separately dated 1676, 1678 and 1679.

Amsterdam, 1676-1679

Size: 32 cm • **Page Count:** [7], 63, [1], 64-857: 18 leaves • **Condition:** The page featuring the printing license awarded by the King of Poland in Latin, is both a shorter and narrower page. Minor tear on margin of first title page and slight signs of use in margins. New leather binding • **Additional Info:** Uri and Weibush Halevi Press • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

The Court of Prague's Oath Chumash

Lot 23



Historical Chumash on which Jewish witnesses in the Czech Court of Law would place their hands and swear their statements to be true.

Attached to the Chumash is a document with the signature of Rabbi Elazar Fleckeles, Av Beis Din of Prague, in German. In which he confirms the book's authenticity to be used in court. In the document he is described as "Chief Rabbi and legalist of Jews in Prague".

Rabbi Elazar Fleckeles (1754-1826) was the Raavad of Prague, author of Shu"t Teshuvah Me'Ahavah and the prime disciple of the Noda BeYehuda. In the course of his Rabbinical duties, he corresponded with Sir Karl Fisher regarding the issue of swearing over a Bible in a secular court (see Shu"t Teshuvah Me'Ahavah Vol. 1 Ch. 26).

Vienna, 1804 Page Count: 74; 72; 53; 62; 70 leaves • **Condition:** Several miniscule holes on margins. Original binding
 • **Additional Info:** Chamishah Chumshei Torah with Targum Onkelus and Rashi's commentary; Chamesh Megillos and Haftaros. Fascinating historic item! • **Provenance:** William L. Gross collection

Four official government documents are attached to this Chumash. One of the documents written in German is from the Gaon Rabbi Eliezer Fleckeles Raavad of Prague authorizing the authenticity of this Chumash for the courts. Another document is signed by Karl Fisher, Emperor Franz Josef's chief censor and reviewer of Jewish printed works. Fisher affirms that this book is the "Bible of the Jews" and worthy of being used in a court of law + 2 others related documents.



Opening Bid \$4,000 ■ Estimate \$6,000-\$8,000



Lot 24

Chumash Ohr Hachaim

Shapira Edition
Zhitomir, 1860

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With Siddur for
Shabbos Nusach
Sefard

Chamishah Chumshei Torah in five magnificent volumes with the commentary of the Ohr Hachaim Hakadosh on Chumash and his Rishon L'Tziyon commentary on Megillos. Each volume contains a siddur with the Shabbos prayers in Chassidic nusach Sefard.

Printed by the grandsons of the Rabbi of Slavita, Rabbi Chanina Lipa and Rabbi Yehoshua Heschel Shapira.

The Chumash contains: Targum Onkelus, Targum Yonasan Rashi, Baal Haturim, Toldos Aharon, Ohr Hachaim of Rabbi Chaim Ben Attar, and Nachal Kedumim of the Chida. The Haftaros and Megillos include the Chida's Nachal Sorek commentary, and the Megillos also have the Ohr Hachaim's Rishon L'Tziyon.

The end of each volume includes the Shabbos prayers in nusach Sefard along with a 26 year calendar listing the precise moment of the new moon. (Sefer Shmos does not have a calendar)

All volumes were printed in 1860 except for Sefer Shmos which was printed in 1854.

- 1. Bereishis. 343; 17, [1] leaves.
- 2. Shmos. [2], 328, 333-356, 32, 28 leaves.
- 3. Vayikra. 270, 29, [1] leaves.
- 4. Bamidbar. 246, 17, [1] leaves.
- 5. Devarim. 296, 17, [1] leaves.

Zhitomir, 1854-1860

Size: 26 cm • **Condition:** All volumes except for Shmos have an additional title page, printed partially in red ink. • **Additional Info:** Five magnificent volumes bound in impressive new half-leather binding with matching case.

Opening Bid \$10,000 ■ Estimate \$15,000-\$25,000



Ramban on the Torah — Naples — 1490

The Ramban's commentary is one of the fundamental commentaries on the Torah.
“One who learns Chumash with Rashi without learning Ramban is as one who learns Gemara with Rashi without Tosfos.”
(Rabbi Yosef Zundel of Salant, quoting his rebbi Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin)

The Chasam Sofer writes that the Ramban's commentary is
“The foundation of belief and root of faith”
(Shu”t Chasam Sofer Vol. 6 Ch. 61). In his will, he instructed his children to learn the Ramban's commentary together with their own children.



פירוש התורה לרב רבינו משה בר' נחמן זלה"ה גירונדי זצ"ל

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חכמה מפיארה · כמוס עמה חתג באזכרה · ברמוז בדבור כתיב ובאמירה · כאש
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יבילנו מיוס עברה · יחסכני מסגיאות ומכל חטא ועבירה · יודריכני בדרך יסרה
ויסתח לנו סערי אורה · ויזכנו ליוס הבסורה כרכתי מה נאוו על ההרי רגלי מנסר
מסמייע סלום מכסר טוב מסמייע יסיעה אומר לכיון מלך אלדיך כרוכה אמרתך
מאד ועבדך אהבה כדקתך כדק לעולם ותורתך אחת כדק עדותיך לעולם הביכני
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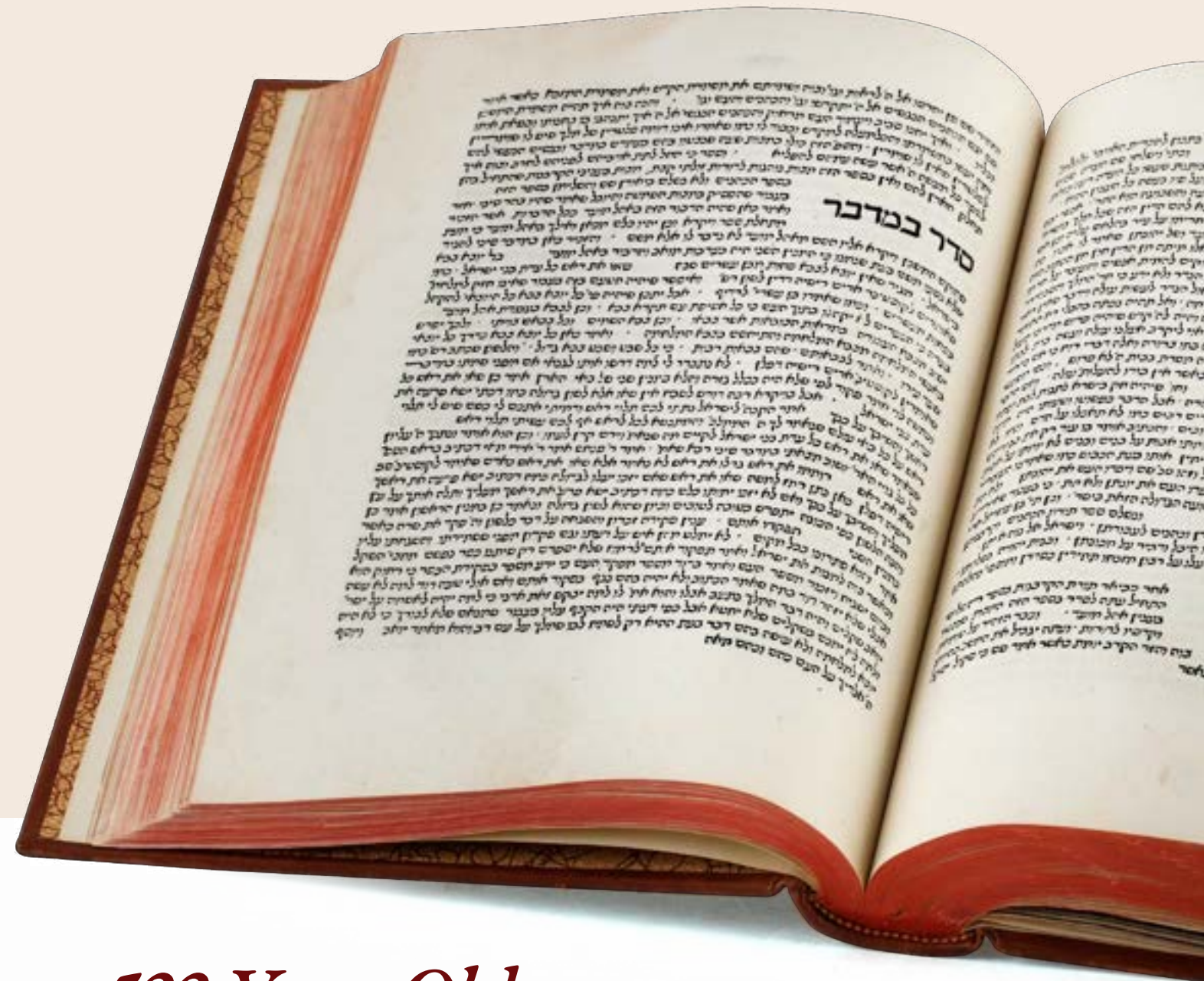
Incunable

Ramban's Commentary on the Torah

Naples 1490

Commentary on the Torah by Rabbeinu Moshe ben Nachman of Gerona, zt"l. The Ramban's commentary on the Torah contains explanations in pshat and kabbalah and is embedded with principles of emunah and foundations in Jewish beliefs. The first leaf opens with the Ramban's preface which is encased in an ornate lattice border adorned with leaves and flowers, and depictions of angels and a lion. The base of the title page features an empty round medallion, intended for the owner to inscribe his name. Printed at the press of the famous Jewish printer Joseph Gunzenhauser of the city of Gunzenhausen, Bavaria (Germany) who was one of the pioneers of the Jewish Italian press. He founded his printing press in 1487 and

operated it until his passing in 1490. The press continued under his son Azriel for another two years. **Naples, 1490.** Joseph son of Jacob Ashkenazy Gunzenhauser Press. **Size:** 27x20 cm • **Page Count:** [242] leaves. Printed in a single column with three types of letters of Spanish-Italian type. The commentary appears in Rashi script, while titles and opening words are in block letters. Opening words are decorative, and page titles present the names of the respective parshah • **Bibliography:** Yakirson. Catalog of Hebrew Incunabula. Vol. 1 pp. 249-254 A K. Offenberg, Hebrew Incunabula in Public Collections, Nieuwkoop 1990, no. 98. Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod Incunabula #43 • **Provenance:** Private Collection New York.



533 Years Old

The Ramban's Letter To His Son From Jerusalem

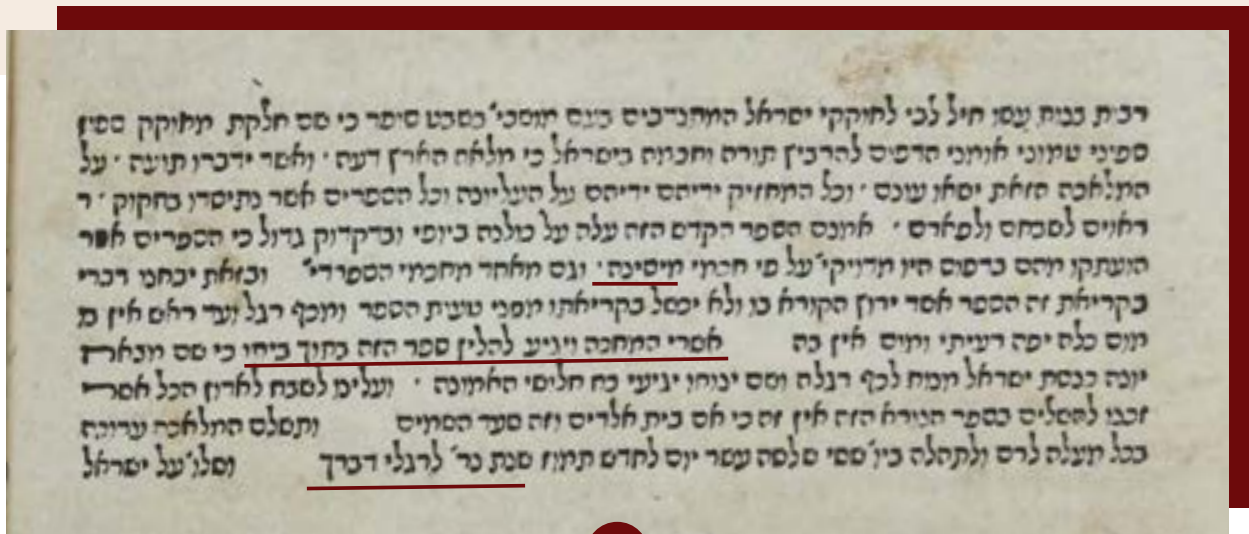
In 1267, the Ramban fulfilled his lifelong dream of journeying to Eretz Yisrael and settling in Yerushalayim.

At the end of this important work is a printed letter the Ramban sent to his son. In a letter to his son the Ramban laments the desolate state of the devastated city, describing how Jews from Damascus and Aleppo still pilgrimage to the site in order to "see the remains of the Beis Hamikdash and weep upon it."

Further in the letter, the Ramban writes that he purchased a house "with marble pillars and an attractive dome" to use as a shul. This edifice is extant until this very day, just south of the Churvah Shul in the Old City of Jerusalem, and the marble pillars and dome that the Ramban described are still visible.



Marble pillars in the Ramban's Shul



A long colophon states: "My heart is with the printers of Israel...the artists of the press who disseminate Torah and wisdom among Yisrael, for the land is filled with knowledge. ... And all the sefarim that were established in print are worthy of praise and glory. Yet this holy sefer surpasses them all in its beauty and great meticulousness, for sefarim that were copied from them in print by scholars of Messina and also by the scholars of Spain are precise..."

אשרי המחכה ויגיע להלין ספר הזה בתוך ביתו

Opening Bid \$100,000 • Estimate \$180,000-\$250,000



Lot 26

Ten Commandments with Ibn Ezra's Commentary Basel, 1527

The Ten Commandments with the commentary of Rabbi Avraham ibn Ezra with Latin translation by German Hebraist scholar Sebastian Münster appearing on the facing sides.

Leaves 30, 32 present Onkelus' translation of the Ten Commandments, along with Latin translation.

Basel, 1527. Size: 16 cm • **Page Count:** [32] leaves • **Condition:** Small marginal hole; faint water stains on margins; new leather binding. • **Additional Info:** Decorated initials. The last page features the printer's emblem of Johann Froben.

Opening Bid \$3,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

Lot 28

Drashos HaTorah by Rabbi Shem Tov Salonika, 1525 First Edition



Colophon at end of sefer states: "The work was completed here in Salonika in the home of the exalted and elderly Don Yehuda son of Gedalya. 11 Iyar, 5285 (1525)".



Drashos reflecting the Rambam's philosophical approach

Drashos by Rabbi Yosef ben Rabbi Yosef Ibn Shem Tov arranged in order of the parshiyos. The sefer culminates with drashos for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, calling his listeners and readers to repent and restore their hearts to their Father in heaven.

Rabbi Shem Tov lived in Spain shortly before the expulsion, and the present sefer was completed in the year 1489 (as noted in the sefer itself). He is most famously known for his Peirush Shem Tov commentary on the Rambam's Moreh Nevuchim, which first appeared in print in the Venice edition of 1551.

Rabbi Shem Tov was the son of Rabbi Yosef Shem Tov, author of the sefer Kevod Elokim (Ferrara, 1557). Rabbi Yosef was one of the spiritual mentors of the Abarbanel and a grandson of the kabbalist Rabbi Shem Tov Ibn Shem Tov, author of sefer HaEmunos (Ferrara, 1557).

Rabbi Shem Tov venerated the Rambam, and the drashos in the present sefer reflect the Rambam's philosophical approach.

Salonika, 1525. First Rare edition. **Size:** 29.4 cm • **Page Count:** 79, [11] leaves. Printed without title page.

Opening Bid \$20,000 ■ Estimate \$30,000-\$50,000

Lot 27

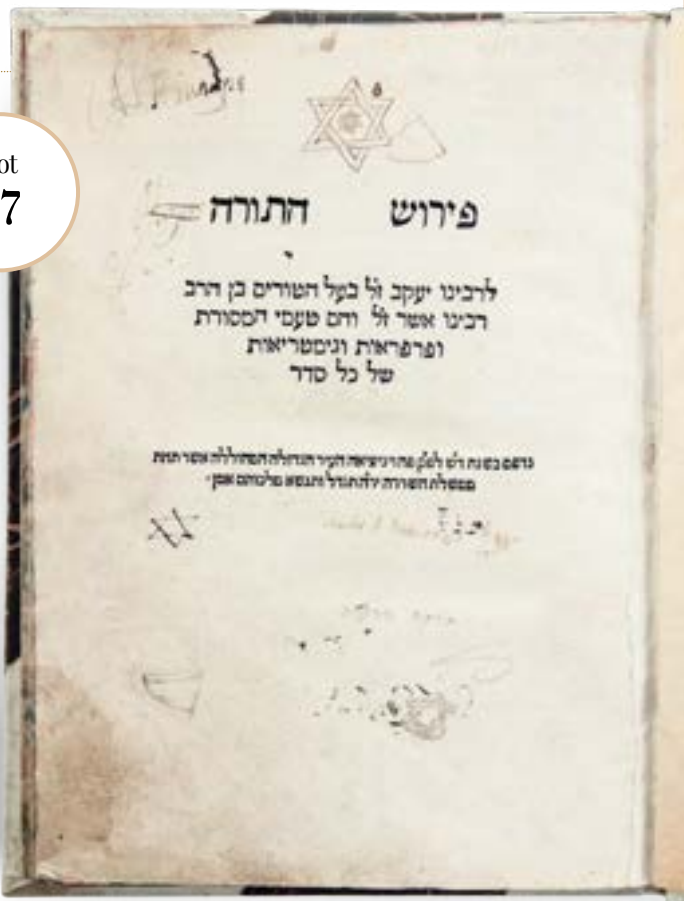
Baal Haturim's Commentary on the Torah Venice, 1544

Pearls of wisdom, gematria, roshei teivos and comments on Chamishah Chumshei Torah by Rabbeinu Yaakov, the Baal Haturim.

Rabbeinu Yaakov Baal Haturim's commentary, authored in a distinct, concise style replete with allusions and codes, is one of the most popular and beloved interpretations of the Torah. The Baal Haturim commentary was included in hundreds of editions of the Chumash.

Venice, 1544. Second edition. **Size:** 19 cm • **Page Count:** 65. [1] leaf Good condition • **Additional Info:** Lengthy colophon on last page. Owner's signature and handwritten annotations in Italian. New half-leather binding.

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$1,500-\$2,000



Commentary on
RASHI
1519
Venice. First Edition.

Lot
29

ביאורים יסדר הגאון
מהר"ר ישראל זצ"ל על פרסי בחמשה
חומשי תורה נרפסו על יד
דניאל בומברג
מאנוורסה.



Explanations on Rashi's commentary on the Chamishah Chumshai Torah by Rabbi Yisrael Isserlin, author of Terumas Hadeshen.

The Terumas Hadeshen's commentary on Rashi is the singular composition on Rashi authored in the era of the Rishonim! While the majority of this commentary seeks to elaborate and clarify Rashi's commentary on the Chumash, the Terumas Hadeshen also includes his own explanations and elucidations of various pesukim that do not reference Rashi's words.

Rabbi Yisrael Isserlin (1390-1460), most famous for

his landmark sefer Terumas Hadeshen, was one of the renowned Ashkenazic Rishonim and one of the last of this era. He corresponded in Torah and halachah with the Maharil, Mahari Weil, and Maharam Mintz, all of whom praised his works effusively. His sefer Terumas Hadeshen also appears in the present Catalog. (Lot 87)

Venice, 1519. First edition. Daniel Bomberg Press. **Size:** 24.7 cm • **Page Count:** [17] leaves • **Condition:** Impressive copy in good condition. Title page stained. High-quality printing on thick white paper, true to the Bomberg tradition. New half-parchment binding • **Provenance:** Sotheby's. Shoken Sale, 1993.

Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$10,000

Lot
30

Mechir Yayin
on
Megillas Esther
First Edition
Cremona, 1559

**THE
REMA'S
FIRST
SEFER!**



Commentary on Megillas Esther by Rabbi Moshe Isserlish of Cracow, the Rema who composed this work on the day of Purim 1556 while in exile.

This rare sefer was the very first sefer published by the Rema!

In the preface to this sefer, the Rema writes that he composed this work in 1556 after fleeing his native Cracow, which was consumed by the plague, to the city of Shidlov, near Warsaw. The refugees were lacking basic food and amenities. "There was barely water to drink," he writes, so surely there was no wine for them to drink on the day of Purim. "Thus we could not fulfill the mitzvah

of Purim with drinking..." Instead he composed this sefer entitling it Mechir Yayin, which literally translates into "the cost of wine."

The Rema was **only 16 years old** when he wrote this sefer.

It was printed 3 years later when he was 19!

In this commentary, he illuminates the megillah as a parable to the life of a man, which is rife with battles against his weaknesses, from the day of his birth until his death.

During this period, the printing presses in Cracow were not functioning; therefore the Rema dispatched his manuscript to be printed in Italy.

Cremona, 1559. First edition. **Size:** 19.5 cm • **Page Count:** 24 leaves • **Condition:** Nice copy in good condition with new leather binding.

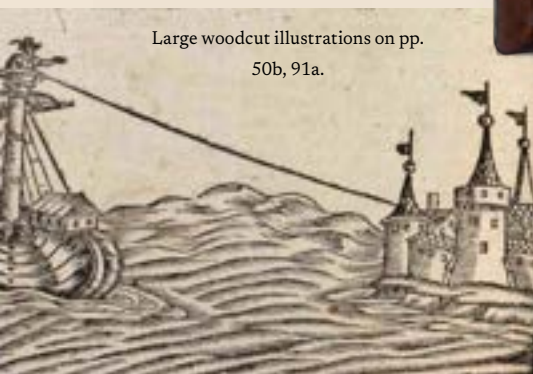
Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

Lot
31

Zera Beirach Cracow 1646

Rare First Edition!

Large woodcut illustrations on pp.
50b, 91a.



Rarity of the Sefer

All existent sefarim printed in Poland at the time of the Cossack rebellion of 1648-49 (גזירת ת"ח ות"ט) are very rare. The brutal Cossack soldiers destroyed entire Jewish communities and burned all the sefarim.

This intact first edition is exceptionally rare.



Drashos and commentary on parshiyos and aggados by Rabbi Berachia Beirach Shapira, Dayan of Cracow during the times of the Bach and the Tosafos Yom Tov.

Includes sefer Ateres Tzvi - chiddushim of Rabbi Tzvi Hirsh, son-in-law of the **Tosfos Yom Tov**.

Sefer Zera Beirach is an important work of drush; many of the teachings mentioned in this sefer were frequently quoted in the sefarim of other gedolim.

Rabbi Berachia Beirach Shapira was a disciple of the kabbalist Rabbi Nossan Shapira, author of Megaleh Amukos. He was a dayan and a lecturer of Torah in the Cracow community at a time when the city boasted several Torah geniuses.

Cracow, 1646-1647. First edition. **Size:** 29 cm • **Condition:** Complete. Professional restoration of some margins, New high-quality leather binding • Rabbi Menachum Nachum Meizlish Press. • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod p. 13 in notes.

Opening Bid \$1,800 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

The Alshich Hakadosh

Toras Moshe by Rabbeinu Moshe Alshich
First Edition. Venice, 1601

Lot
32



Landmark commentary on Chamishah Chumshei Torah by Rabbi Moshe Alshich of Tzfas.

This was the first complete printing of the premier sefer drush, which extracts the underlying content, meaning and messages of the text. It served as the basis for all future darshanim, maggidim and sifrei drush that followed.

The Alshich Hakadosh's works were universally extolled and accepted by Jews around the world, and the Arizal himself attested that "The Alshich attained the truth in his Derashos." (see Shem Hagedolim by the Chida.)

Alshich Hakadosh

There were four Sages in Eretz Yisrael who were titled "Hakadosh—the holy one": the Arizal Hakadosh, the Alshich Hakadosh, the Shel"i Hakadosh, and Ohr Hachaim Hakadosh.

Venice, 1601. **Size:** 29 cm • **Page Count:** 86: [85-] 198: 163-210: 211-251: 253-324 leaves • **Condition:** Title page with artistic border. Minor tear in title page margin; several water stains • **Additional Info:** First word in every Chumash encased in decorative border. First complete edition. Giovanni Zuan Press using Bomberg type.

Miraculous rescue through learning the Alshich's sefer

Rabbi Yitzchak of Posen (the Magen Avraham's Rabbi) told a miraculous story regarding the merits of learning the Alshich's sefarim. He writes that during the harsh times of the Chmielnicki Massacres the Alshich Hakadosh appeared to him in a dream and told him 'I have come to rescue you' since you cherish my sefer and learn from it weekly, therefore hurry and flee immediately, as there is a decree of death on the city. Rabbi Yitzchak thus escaped the city and his life was saved.

(Printed in Kitzur Alshich. Amsterdam, 1698)

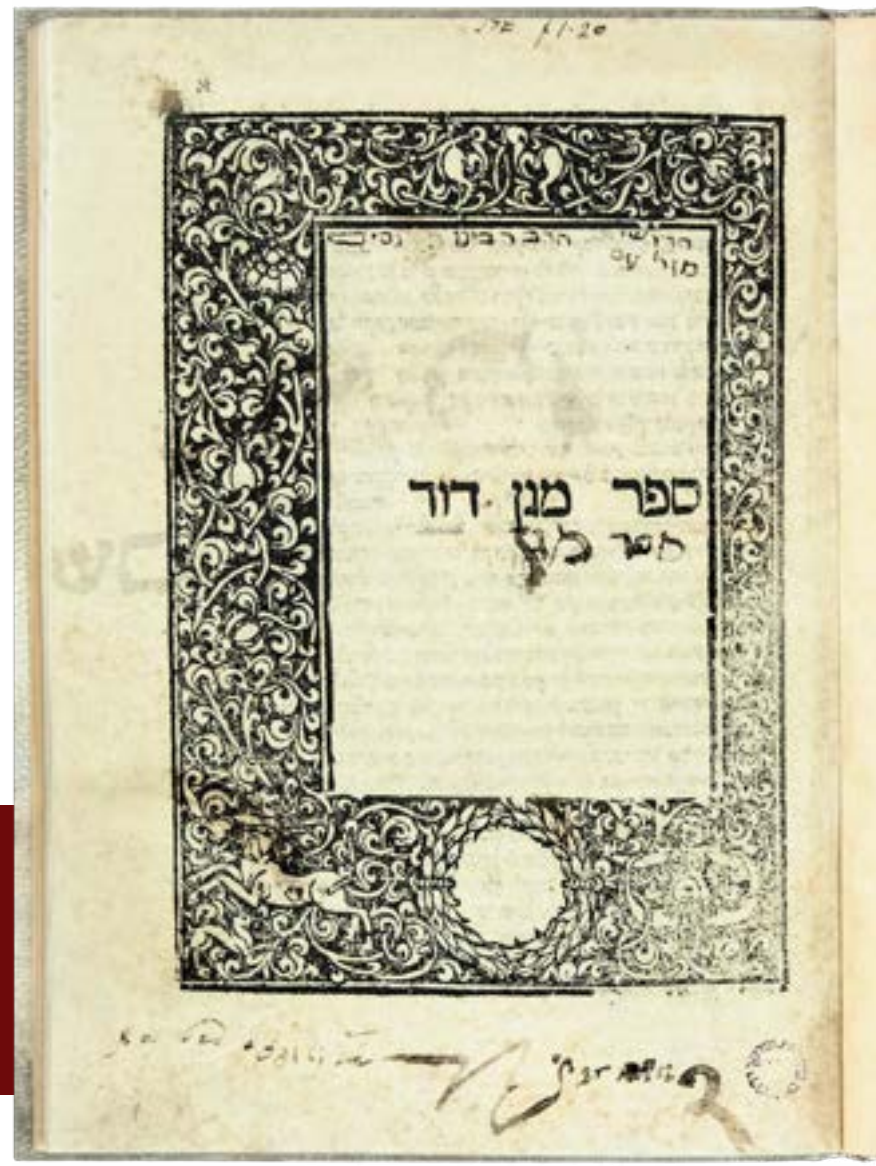
Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Lot
33

MAGEN DOVID

Singular Edition

*Constantinople
1517*



A treatise defending the Radak

Responses to the grammatical questions raised against the principles and rules of grammar by the Radak. This sefer was authored by Rabbi Elisha ben Rabbi Avraham ben Rabbi Mattisyahu.

Rabbeinu Dovid Kimchi (1160-1235), renowned by his initials "RaDaK", was the greatest grammarian in Jewish history, known to many as "Gadol Hamedakdekim, Greatest of the Grammarians". His landmark sefarim on lashon hakodesh, including Sefer Hashorashim and Sefer Michlol, are both fundamentals in this realm. The Radak's works spurred several responses that contested his principles and rules in grammar; the present sefer seeks to defend the Radak's position, and was thus aptly named Magen Dovid, literally, "shield of Dovid."

The colophon states: "This sefer was completed on Erev

Pesach 5277 to Creation and printed in metropolitan Constantinople..."

The author Rabbi Elisha ben Rabbi Avraham ben Rabbi Mattisyahu was a Rabbi who lived in Turkey after he was expelled from Portugal together with his Jewish brothers in 1517.

The present sefer was proofread both by the author and the esteemed chacham Rabbi Shlomo Almoli, author of Mefasher Chalmin and others. Rabbi Shlomo Almoli also numbered among the refugees of the Portuguese expulsion, arriving in Turkey as a young child.

Exceedingly rare!

Constantinople, 1517. Singular edition • **Size:** 19.4 cm • **Page Count:** [26] leaves • **Bibliography:** Ya'ari Kushta #52. • **Provenance:** Sotheby's. Shoken Sale, 1993.

Opening Bid \$15,000 ■ Estimate \$25,000-\$35,000

Mesores Hamasores

First Edition. Bomberg Press.
Venice, 1538

Lot
34

Fundamental work on the tradition of the Torah text, including an explanation of the methodologies of the authors of Masoretic texts, by the famed Hebrew grammarian Rabbi Eliyahu Bachur Halevi Ashkenazy.

Venice, 1538. First edition. Daniel Bomberg Press • **Size:** 19.5 cm

• **Page Count:** 87 leaves
• **Additional Info:** The printing year was based on the publication date of Tuv Ta'am which was printed together with the present sefer. See Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod #521 • **Provenance:** Lunzer-Valmadonna Collection.

Opening Bid \$1,500
Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



Lot
35



*Fundamental
Dikduk
Sefer*

Tishbi

Izna, 1541

Fundamental sefer on the rules of dikduk by the great Jewish grammarian Rabbi Eliyahu Halevi Bachur Ashkenazy, with translation into Latin by the famous printer Paulos Baggios. The sefer includes 712 shorashim (root words) and their translations; 712 is the numerical value of title, Tishbi. The text is printed with facing columns of Hebrew and Latin.

Izna, 1541. **Size:** 21 cm • **Page Count:** 278, [5] sides. Last leaf features a Hebrew colophon with the emblem of the famous printer Paulos Baggios • **very good condition** Half-leather American binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod #519 • **Provenance:** Library of Rabbi Yoseph Shlomo Safsal.

Opening Bid \$1,500
Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Rabbi Eliyahu Bachur

Lots 34-36

Rabbi Eliyahu Bachur (1469-1549) was one of the greatest Hebrew grammarians of all times. He authored several fundamental works of Hebrew grammar among them the present Mesores Hamasores, Sefer Hatishbi and Sefer Meturgeman (also featured in this Catalog).

Meturgeman = Translator

SEFER METURGEMAN

Cologne, 1560



Ornate antique parchment binding!

Elucidation of the roots of Aramaic words used in Targum Onkelus, Targum Yonasan and Targum Yerushalmi by famed linguist and grammarian Rabbi Eliyahu Bachur HaLevi Ashkenazi.

This work was beautifully printed on high-quality paper in calligraphy type, with wide margins, bound in parchment-



covered antique wooden. Binding with flower engravings and metal clasps. (A part of one clasp is missing). **Cologne, 1560. Size:** 32 cm • **Page Count:** [7], 164, [2] leaves • **Condition:** Miniscule holes on title page margins professionally restored. Title page and preface in Hebrew and Latin.

This book was originally printed in Isny (1541). However, when the printer Paggios of Isny was forced to relocate from Strassburg to England, he remained with numerous copies that he had not managed to sell. Paggios then sold the remaining copies to a printer in Cologne. The printer then reprinted the title page to state Cologne 1560.

Opening Bid \$1,500 • Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



Amazing quotes from the present leaf:

"Torah was not given to individuals but to klal Yisrael as one unit"

"The scholar has no advantage over the illiterate in his connection to Torah"

"Even if one is at the lowest of levels, he still has a connection to the Torah"

"One whose enthusiasm is not ignited to Torah is destined to be ignited after several generation"

"And if he does not come, then his son or his grandson will come, and he shall inherit the same legacy"

Therefore every member of Yisrael can rejoice on the festival of Shavuos.



Chasam Sofer's Drashah for Shavuos

CHASAM SOFER Dynasty



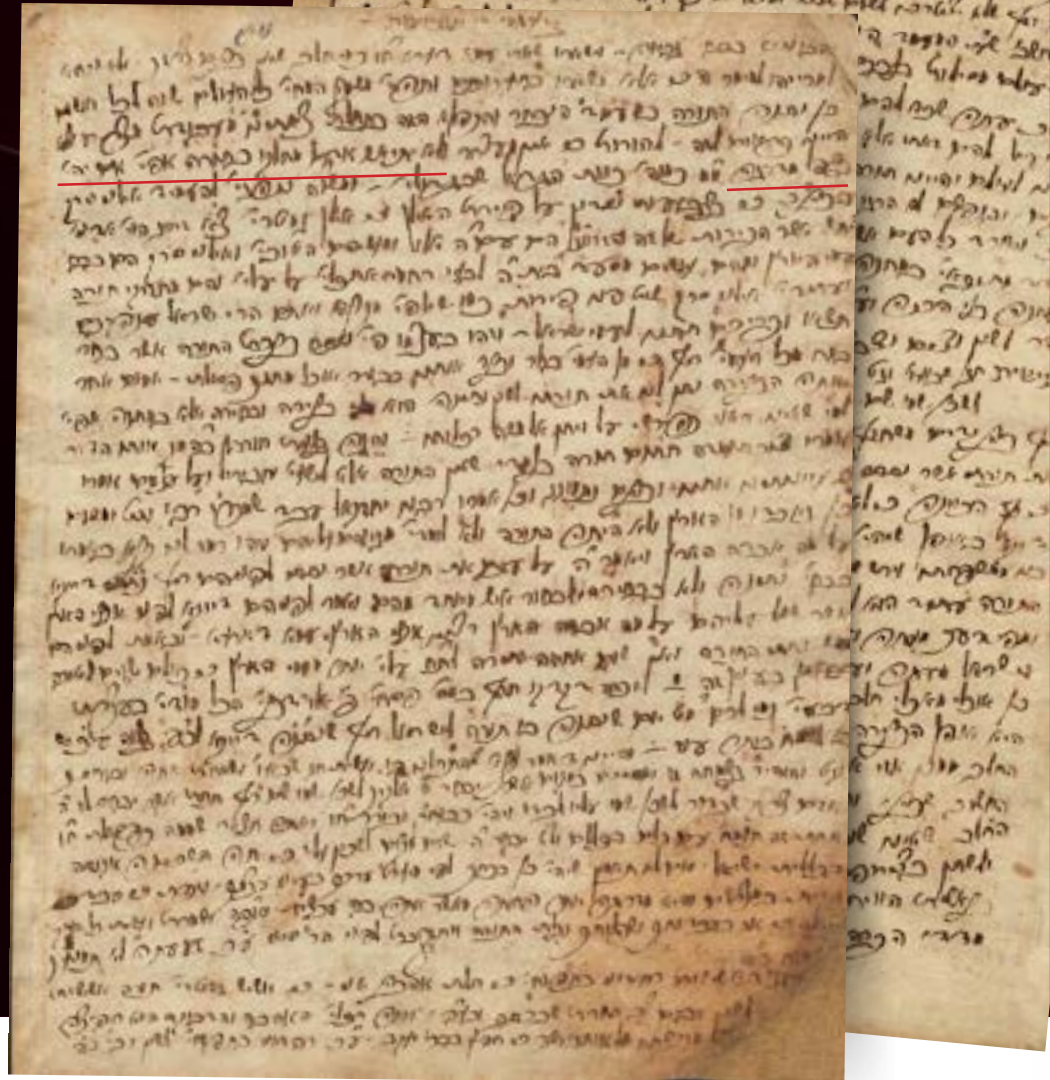
Lots 37-48

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שבועות



”ולא יתייאש אדם
מחלקו בתורה,
אפילו יהיה
בשפל המדרגה”



Drashah for Shavuos Handwritten by the **Chasam Sofer** *Mattersdorf, 1802*

A sacred handwritten leaf from Rabbi Moshe Sofer, author of Chasam Sofer, with fundamental explanations concerning receiving the Torah on Shavuos and the brachos recited prior to learning Torah. Both sides of the leaf feature a handwritten title by the Chasam Sofer in block letters: “B’ezras Hashem Yisborach. Shavuos”. This essay was written in honor of Shavuos, 1802. In this essay, the Chasam Sofer presents beautiful explanations to famous Jewish customs observed on the festival of Shavuos, among them eating dairy and placing trees in shul.

For fascinating testimonials regarding the sanctity and segulos of the Chasam Sofer’s handwritten legacy, see Genazym’s site.

The manuscript was in the possession of Rabbi Naftali Stern, and was printed based on the present copy in Drashos Chasam Sofer (Klausenburg, 1929) p. 228a-b (see description *ibid*, preface p. 13 #2).

Mattersdorf, 1802. Size: 24x18 cm. 62 written lines
• **Condition:** Tear on bottom corner with several letters missing. Preserved in attractive new binding.

Opening Bid \$18,000 ■ Estimate \$30,000-\$40,000

Lot
38

Letter by **Rabbi Shimon Sofer** Av Beis Din of Cracow

Marienbad
1882



Kashrus certificate for a wine store, handwritten and autographed by Rabbi Shimon Sofer, Av Beis Din of Cracow and author of Michtav Sofer.

The certificate was created and signed on “Thursday, Parshas Re’e’h (25 Av, 5642), 1882 in the Marienbad resort area” approximately 6 months prior to the Michtav Sofer’s passing.

The certificate is signed, “The humble Shimon son of Hagaon Mahara”m (Morenu Harav Moshe) Sofer zt”l, Av Beis Din of Cracow and its environs”.

Rabbi Shimon Sofer (1821-1883), author of Michtav Sofer,

was the son and disciple of his father the Chasam Sofer, perpetuating his sacred legacy of strengthening religious observance in the Diaspora. A genius who was fluent in both the Revealed and Hidden Torah, Rabbi Shimon Sofer was one of the foremost spiritual leaders of his generation, serving first as Rav and Av Beis Din in Cracow until his passing in 1883. His brilliance and versatile talents led him to serve as a member of the Austrian Parliament, where he acted as the liaison between the government and Jewish community.

Marienbad, 1882. Stamped at top of the letter.

Size: 23x14.5 cm • Good condition.

Opening Bid \$18,000 ■ Estimate \$30,000-\$40,000

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CHASSAN SOFER

The beloved
grandson
of the
Chasam Sofer



Manuscript on The Four Exiles

Handwritten by Rabbi Shmuel Ehrenfeld Av Beis Din Mattersdorf

Essay listing sources and commentaries on the four exiles that the Jewish People underwent at the hands of four different kingdoms by the hand of Rabbi Shmuel Ehrenfeld, Av Beis Din of Mattersdorf, beloved grandson of the Chasam Sofer and author of Chassan Sofer.

The list is organized into 46 sections revealing knowledge of Midrashim, Rishonim, Achronim, Chassidic and Kabbalistic works.

Rabbi Shmuel Ehrenfeld (1835-1933), Av Beis Din Mattersdorf and author of Chassan Sofer, was the son of Rabbi Dovid Tzvi Ehrenfeld, a son-in-law of the Chasam Sofer and born through the blessing of his holy grandfather (see below).

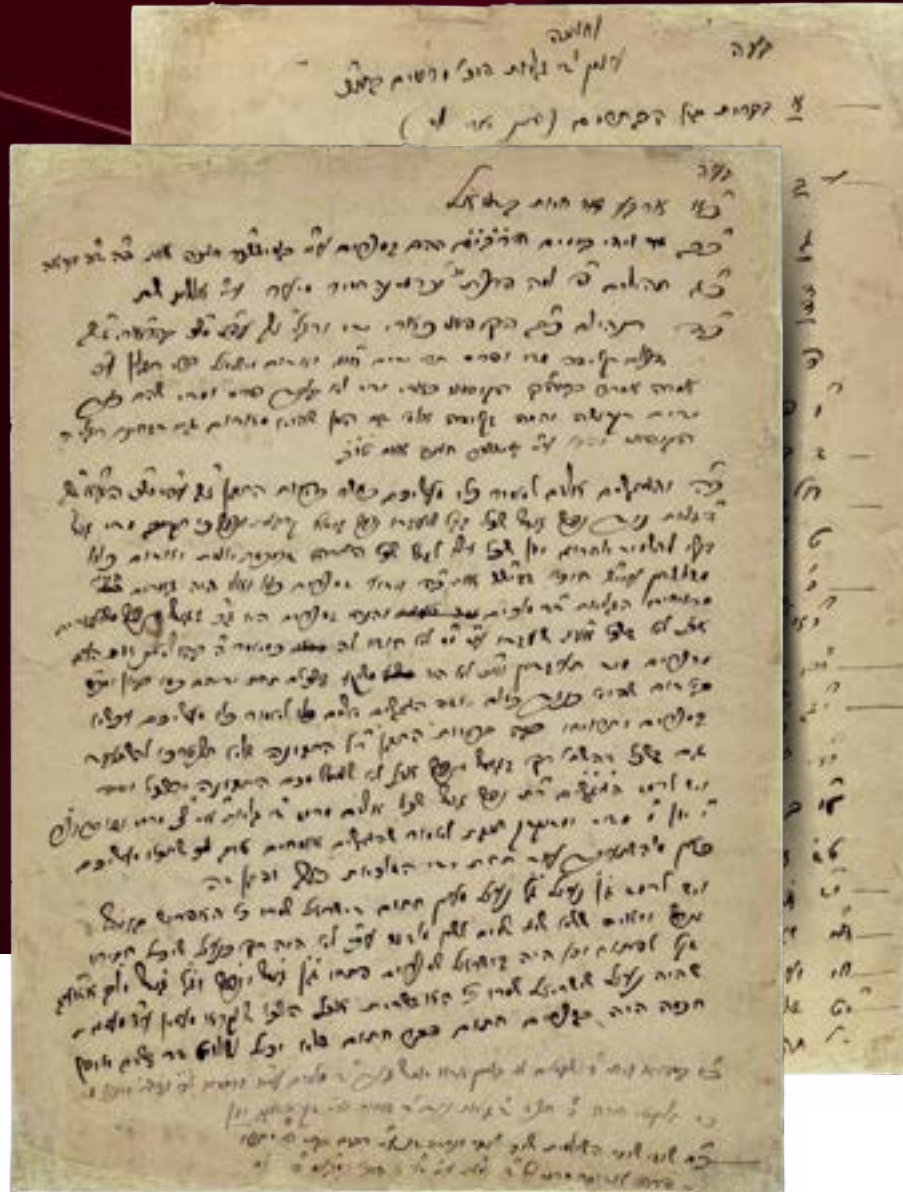
• **Size:** 28x22 cm • **Page Count:** 4 sides • **Condition:** Light damage to margins with minor damage to text on one side. Professionally restored.

“This is the child I have prayed for”

The Chasam Sofer’s daughter Hindel did not have children for the first six years of her marriage. One day the Chasam Sofer heard her crying and reassured her that Hashem would have mercy on her. Upon Shmuel’s birth, the famous words of Chana were uttered: “El hanaar hazeh hispalalti”.

The young Shmuel was like a beloved son to the elderly Chasam Sofer, who took great joy in his grandson and would bring him to the Beis Medrash and seat him on his lap (Chasam Sofer U’Talmidav p. 118)

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



On Side B. Rabbi Yosef Pressburger

Letter by the Author
of the Maaneh Simchah

Rabbi Simcha Bunim Ehrenfeld Mattersdorf, 1906

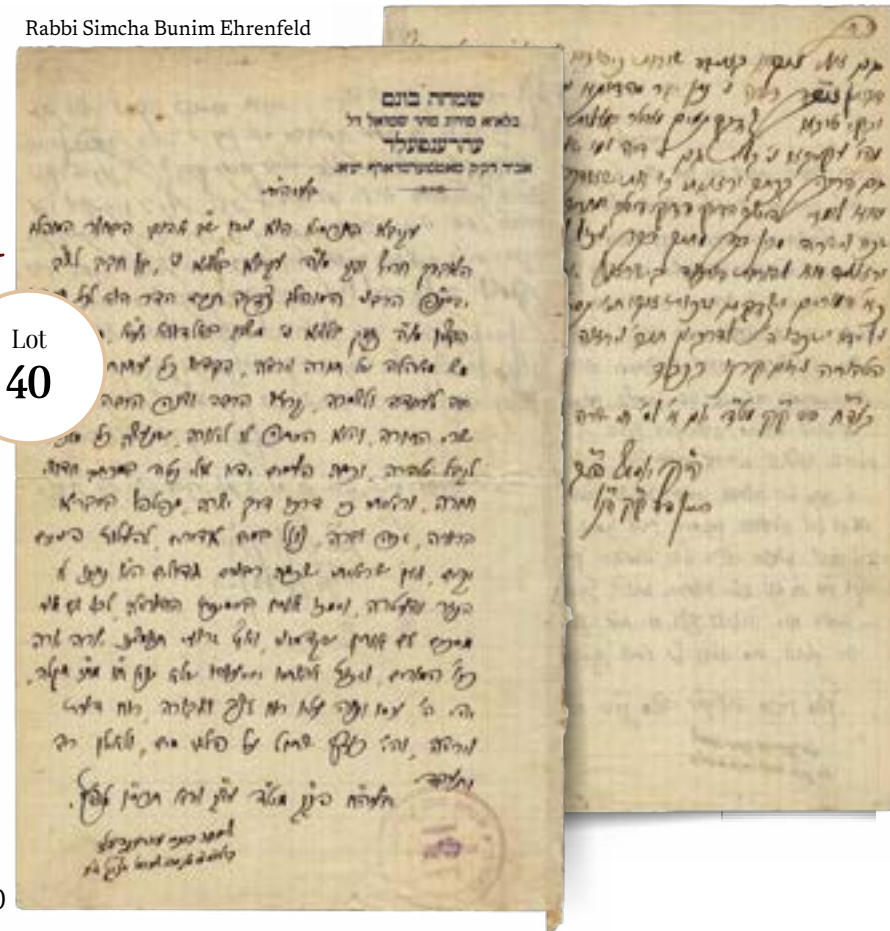
Semichah letter written in verse and autographed by Rabbi Simcha Bunim Ehrenfeld, Av Beis Din of Mattersdorf and great grandson of the Chasam Sofer. With a semicha letter on the verso by **Rabbi Yosef Pressburger**, Raavad of Mattersdorf and author of Tiferes Yosef.

Rabbi Simcha Bunim Ehrenfeld (1856-1926), Av Beis Din of Mattersdorf and author of Maaneh Simchah, was the son and successor of the Chassan Sofer Rabbi Shmuel Ehrenfeld. Rabbi Simcha Bunim, also known as the Mattersdorfer Rav, was a talmid of both his father and the Ksav Sofer. **Mattersdorf, 1906.** Autographed personal stationery. **Size:** 22x14 cm • **Good condition.**

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Rabbi Simcha Bunim Ehrenfeld

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Manuscript by
Rabbi Chaim Avraham Arnshtein,
Av Beis Din of Bardiav

Disciple of the Chasam Sofer

Chiddushim and Torah lectures delivered in yeshiva by Rabbi Chaim Avraham Arnshtein, Av Beis Din of Bardiav.

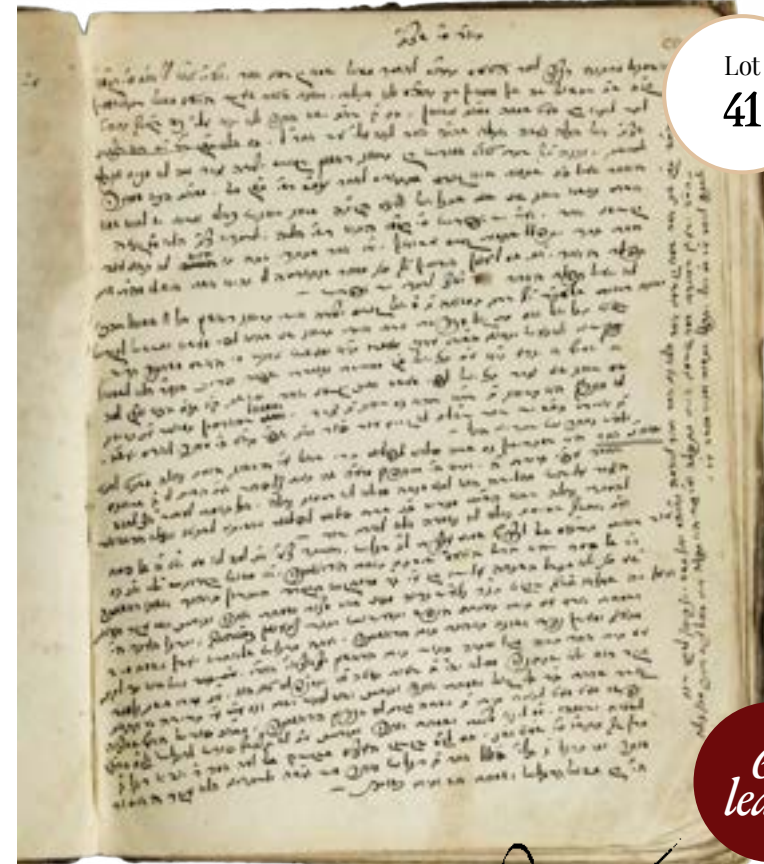
His autograph “Avraham Arnshtein” appears on the first page, whereas the name Chaim was added at the end of his life.

He quotes the Chasam Sofer in a number of places referring to him with the title “Maran” (64b, 78a). On leaf 74b, he cites a question of the Chasam Sofer.

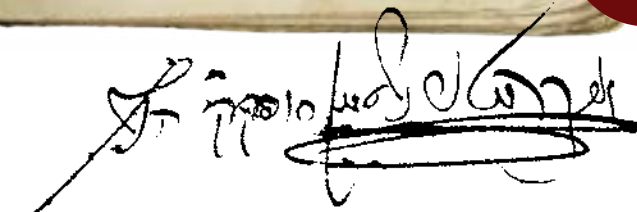
The dates in the manuscript are between 1854-1858. **Size:** 21x16 cm • **Page Count:** 91 leaves, of which 25 are blank • **Condition:** Minor stains. Original worn binding. Complete Volume.

For more information on the author see Divrei Avraham, Bnei Brak Edition, 1998, and Chasam Sofer U’Talmidav pp. 143-146

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

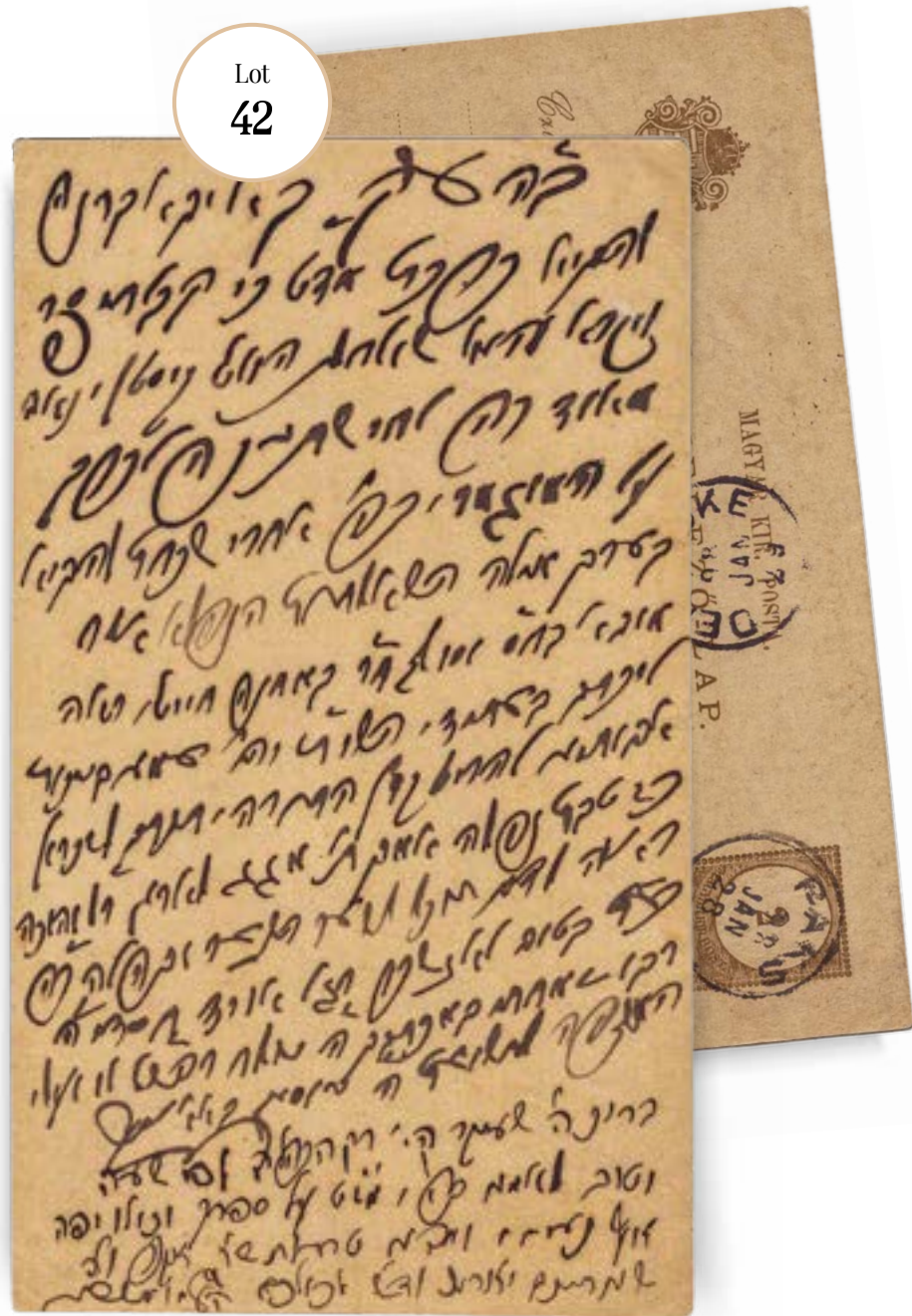


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leaves



Letter of Blessing by
**Rabbi Eliezer
Zussman Sofer**
to his son
**Rabbi Yosef Leib
Paks, 1898**

Lot
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Handwritten postcard with blessings and congratulatory words by Rabbi Eliezer Zussman Sofer, Av Beis Din of Paks and author of Yalkut Eliezer, to his son Rabbi Yosef Leib Sofer, Av Beis Din of Derecske. The letter was written in honor of the publication of his son's sefer Yalkut Sofer on Sefer Vayikra (Paks, 1898). In the letter, the father writes, "the blessing of mazal tov comes with joy for I have received Sefer Vayikra... May you merit blessing upon its completion... May Hashem Yisborach be with us in the merit of our forefathers, to elevate the glory of Torah..."

Rabbi Eliezer Zussman Sofer (1825-1903) was Av Beis Din of Paks and author of Yalkut Eliezer. A venerable Hungarian zhadick and disciple of the Chasam Sofer, he was born in Pressburg and circumcised by the Chasam Sofer himself who taught him in his youth. He authored the 3-volume Yalkut Eliezer, Sefer Hamakneh and others.

Paks, 1898. Postcard with postmarks from the cities of Paks and Derecske. Good condition. • **Provenance:** Grandson, Rabbi Yoseph Moshe Sofer Zt"l



In the margins of the letter is a personal note from his son Rabbi Shmuel Binyamin Sofer (1873-1943). The latter authored Divrei Sofrim and succeeded his brother Rabbi Yosef Leib Sofer as Rav of Derecske.

"The Sofer family is the famous, illustrious Rabbanim of Hungary," writes the Admor of Shinova in his approbation to the Yalkut Sofer on Shemos.

Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Shaarei Torah with Over
50 Handwritten Glosses
by the

**Machaneh
Chaim**

Lot
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Rabbi Chaim Sofer (1822-1886), author of Machaneh Chaim, was born in Pressburg, his bris was held on Yom Kippur and the Chasam Sofer served as his Mohel. The Machaneh Chaim regarded the Shaarei Torah as his primary spiritual master, and it was indeed the latter who conferred semichah and dayanus upon him. In his teshuvos, the Machaneh Chaim frequently cites his rebbi's sefer Shaarei Torah.

Sefer Shaarei Torah on the topic of chazakos by Rabbi Binyamin Zev Wolf Loew of Verbov. This sefer was **the personal copy of his prime disciple, Rabbi Chaim Sofer**, Av Beis Din of Munkacs and Budapest, who inscribed over 50 glosses and lengthy chiddushim in its margins!

The title page bears his sacred autograph: "Hashem granted me this, the humble Chaim Sofer". The same page also features his sons' signatures.

These glosses were written in great awe of his rebbi, Rabbi Binyamin Zev Wolf of Verbov, and some begin with the words, "I am as dust beneath the feet of my master and teacher, Hagaon z"l." Whenever he seeks to resolve a question posed by Rabbi Binyamin Zev Wolf, he opens with "a request for forgiveness from the honor of his holy Torah."

Cropped margins affecting the majority of the glosses. **Vienna, 1850.** First edition. **Size:** 37.5 cm.

- 1 The title page bears his autograph: "Hashem granted me this, the humble Chaim Sofer".
- 2 Rabbi Moshe Dovid Sofer (1861-1906) Av Beis Din of Sesregen
- 3 Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Sofer (1860-1930) Av Beis Din of Shamshan
- 4 Rabbi Binyamin Zev Wolf Sofer (d. 1925) After his signature, he notes that

- he was named after his father's rebbi.
- 5 Rabbi Akiva Yechezkel Sofer (d. 1902)
- 6 The sefer also bears the stamp of Rabbi Moshe Sofer (1840-1907), Av Beis Din of Tissa-Fired, author of Maharam Sofer and a nephew and talmid of the Machaneh Chaim

Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$10,000-\$15,000

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Letter by
Rabbi Amram Fischer
Son-in-Law of the Yalkut Eliezer
Av Beis Din of Yunk, 1907

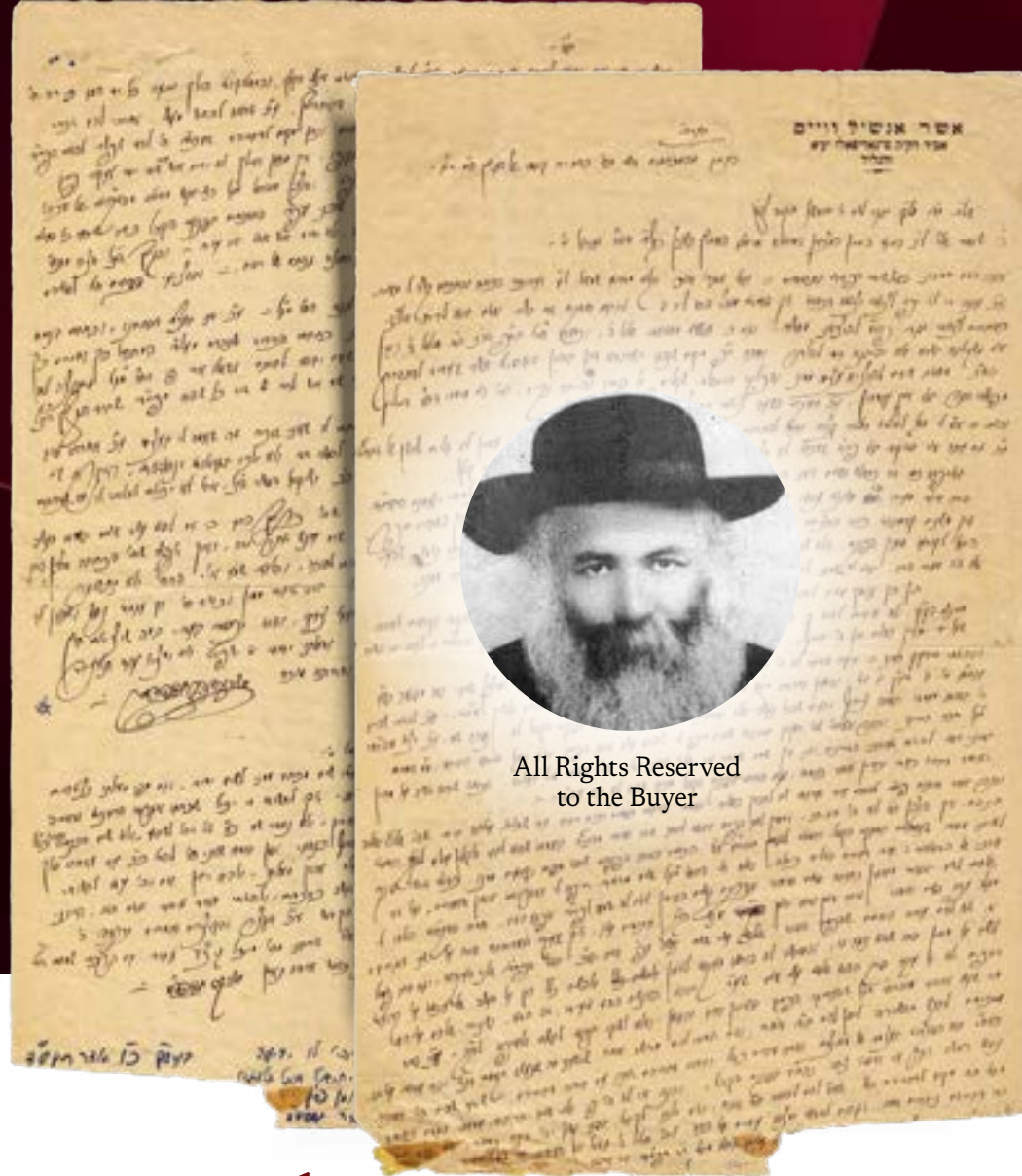
A letter with chiddushei Torah by Rabbi Amram Fischer, Av Beis Din of Yunk, to his brother-in-law Rabbi Yosef Leib Sofer, Av Beis Din of Paks and author of Yalkut Sofer.



Rabbi Amram Fischer (circa 1853-1925) was the son of Rabbi Akiva Fischer, Av Beis Din of Tet, and author of Ateres Akiva. Rabbi Amram married the daughter of Rabbi Eliezer Zussman Sofer, Av Beis Din of Paks, and settled near his illustrious father-in-law, accepting a position as dayan in the town of Halász. In 1879, he was appointed Av Beis Din of Yunk, a position he filled until his passing in 1925. **Yunk, 1907.** Postcard. Good condition.

Opening Bid \$800 ■ Estimate \$1,500-\$2,000

Lot
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to the Buyer

“True copy of the letters held in my possession, inscribed by the sacred hand of the gaon the Chasam Sofer zy”a

Lot
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Handwritten Drashah
for 7 Adar, 1874 by
Rabbi Yirmiyahu Low
Av Beis Din of Ihel

"I delivered this drashah in the holy congregation of Ihel on 7 Adar, 5634." Handwritten lecture by Rabbi Yirmiyahu Low, Av Beis Din of Ihel.

Rabbi Yirmiyahu Low (1811-1874), Av Beis Din of Ihel. Rabbi Yirmiyahu Loewe endeavored greatly to improve the lot of Hungarian Jewry. His written legacy includes Divrei Yirmiyah on the Rambam and Masechtos in Shas. To the best of our knowledge, this drashah has not been published.

Ihel, 1874. Size: 25x19 cm • **Page Count:** [4] leaves; 7 handwritten sides • Good condition. New cloth binding.

Opening Bid \$1,500 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Unknown Letter
by the
Chasam Sofer
Preserved & copied by Rabbi Asher Anshel Weiss
Author of Shemen Laminchah

Original letters of the Chasam Sofer which were in the possession of the tzaddik Rabbi Asher Anshel Weiss, author of Shemen Laminchah, who personally rewrote them into the present letters.

1. The first letter regards a dispute that took place in 1804 in Eisenstadt. This letter is a lesson in Torah leadership and spiritual guidance as the Chasam Sofer displays an uncompromising commitment to halachah on one hand and compassion and nobility on the other. Please see full

description on this interesting letter at - www.genazym.com. This letter was never printed, and it is the first time that it is being revealed!

2. Letter written in 1807 regarding accepting the Rabbinate in Pressburg. This letter was printed in Igros Sofrim Letter 8. **Size:** 33x21. [1] leaf. Double-sided, written on Rabbi Asher Anshel's personal stationery • **Condition:** Tear on bottom line of front page with several words missing • **Provenance:** Rabbi Yoseph Moshe Sofer Zt"l, Jerusalem.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

Teshuvah by
Rabbi Yeshaya Zilberstein,
 Av Beis Din of Weitzen
 Author of

Maase Lamelech

Handwritten halachic teshuvah by Rabbi Yeshaya Zilberstein, Av Beis Din Weitzen, regarding working on Chol Hamoed.

Rabbi Yeshaya Zilberstein, Av Beis Din of Weitzen (1857-1930), Author of Maase Lamelech on the Rambam. Already in his early youth, he corresponded with the greatest Torah luminaries of his times, among them Maharam Schick and Maagalei Tzedek. Throughout his life, he fought to uphold Orthodox tradition and strongly opposed the rising Neolog movement.

Size: 23x14 cm • **Page Count:** [1] leaf, undated. Written on stationery. Good condition.

Opening Bid \$800 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

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Letter by Rabbi Eliezer Deutsch,
 Av Beis Din of Bonyhad, Author of

Pri Hasadeh

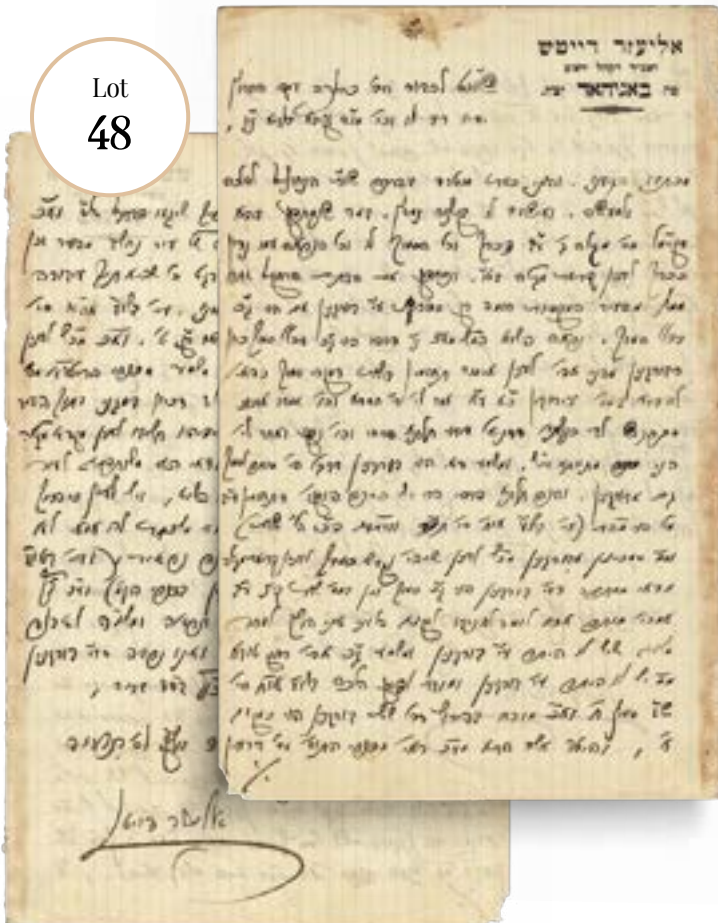
Handwritten letter by Rabbi Eliezer Deutsch, Av Beis Din of Bonyhad, replete with divrei Torah regarding the definition of "near the walled city" as to what date to practice Purim.

Harav Eliezer Deutsch (1850-1916) Av Beis Din of Bonyhad was revered as one of the prominent Gedolim in Hungary. He received letters and questions from across the Jewish world and authored myriad halachic teshuvos. In 1897, he was appointed Rav of Bonyhad where he founded a prominent yeshiva. Rabbi Eliezer Deutsch's celebrated works include the 4-volume Shu"t Pri Hasadeh and others.

Paks, 1908. Size: 23x14 cm. • **Page Count:** Double-sided, handwritten letter. • Good condition. To the best of our knowledge, this letter was never printed.

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Lot
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All books are holy
 but
**Kabbalah
 Books**
 are
**holy
 of the holy!**

The Shl"ta HaKadosh

Kabbalah
 Lots 50-61



The Zohar

Shapira Edition

Slavita, 1824-1827

Zohar Yerushalayim

Rashbi

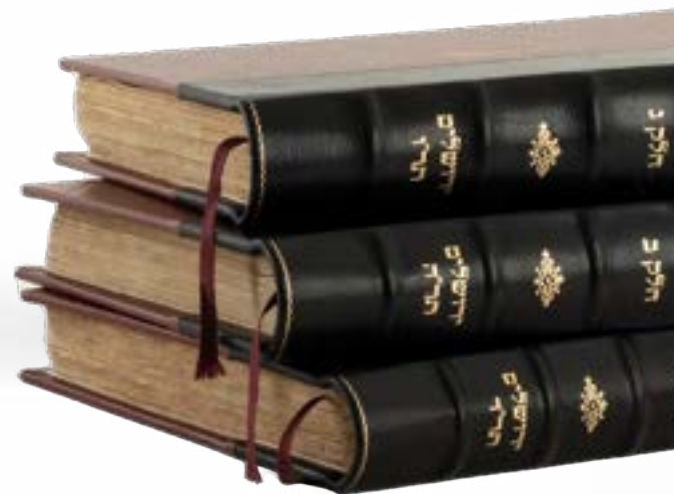
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Rashbi

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The first
Zohar
printed in
Eretz Yisrael!
1844-1846
Complete Set



Zohar by the Tanna Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, proofread and precise according to the Constantinople edition. An exceptionally impressive set printed on green paper with the title pages in red ink, nice margins and befitting bindings. Printed by Rabbi Avraham Shmuel Shapira ben Rabbi Moshe Shapira, Av Beis Din of Slavita.

The sefer includes the approbation of the Ohev Yisrael. It was written on the 9th of Tammuz 1824, a mere 9

days before his passing.

Slavita, 1824-1827

Size: 21.5 cm • **Page Count:** Vol. 1 (Bereishis) 1824: [4] 252, 2-17 leaves. Vol. 2 (Shmos) 1824 [1], 17,19-278 leaves. Vol 3. (Vayikra, Bamidbar, Devarim) 1827 115; [1], 117-309 leaves • **Condition:** 3 volumes with 3 title pages Professional restoration of margins on first pages in all 3 volumes. Partial leather binding.

“All those who fear Hashem should try to acquire old printings of sefarim, which were mostly printed by G-d fearing Jews, especially those of the Slavita and Zhitomir printings, printed by the grandsons of the Rabbi of Koritz, exceptionally holy printers”

(Taharas Hakodesh by the Shomer Emunim ch. 6).

Opening Bid \$8,000 ■ Estimate \$15,000-\$20,000

Sefer Zohar by the holy Tanna Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Complete, in good condition, bound in 3 matching bindings.

Printed by Rabbi Yisrael Beck, the first printer in Jerusalem. In his introduction he lists 11 benefits of this particular edition, the 11th being “that it was printed in the holy city by Jews who are a holy nation.”

With approbations by the Rishon Letziyon Rabbi Avraham Chaim Gegin Vol. 1 and Rabbi Chaim Palagi Vol. 3.

Jerusalem. 1844-1846. Page Count: Vol. 1: [6], 252, 2-19 leaves. Vol. 2: 279 leaves. Vol. 3: 115 leaves. Vol 4.: [1], 117-318 leaves. Vol. 1 has two title pages • **Condition:** Nice white paper; minor defects in the margins of several leaves have been restored. • **Bibliography:** S. Halevi, Sifrei Yerushalayim Harishonim # 35, 27, 22.



Opening Bid \$3,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

Rashbi

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TIKKUNEI ZOHAR

Rabbi Moshe Shapira Press

Slavita, 1826

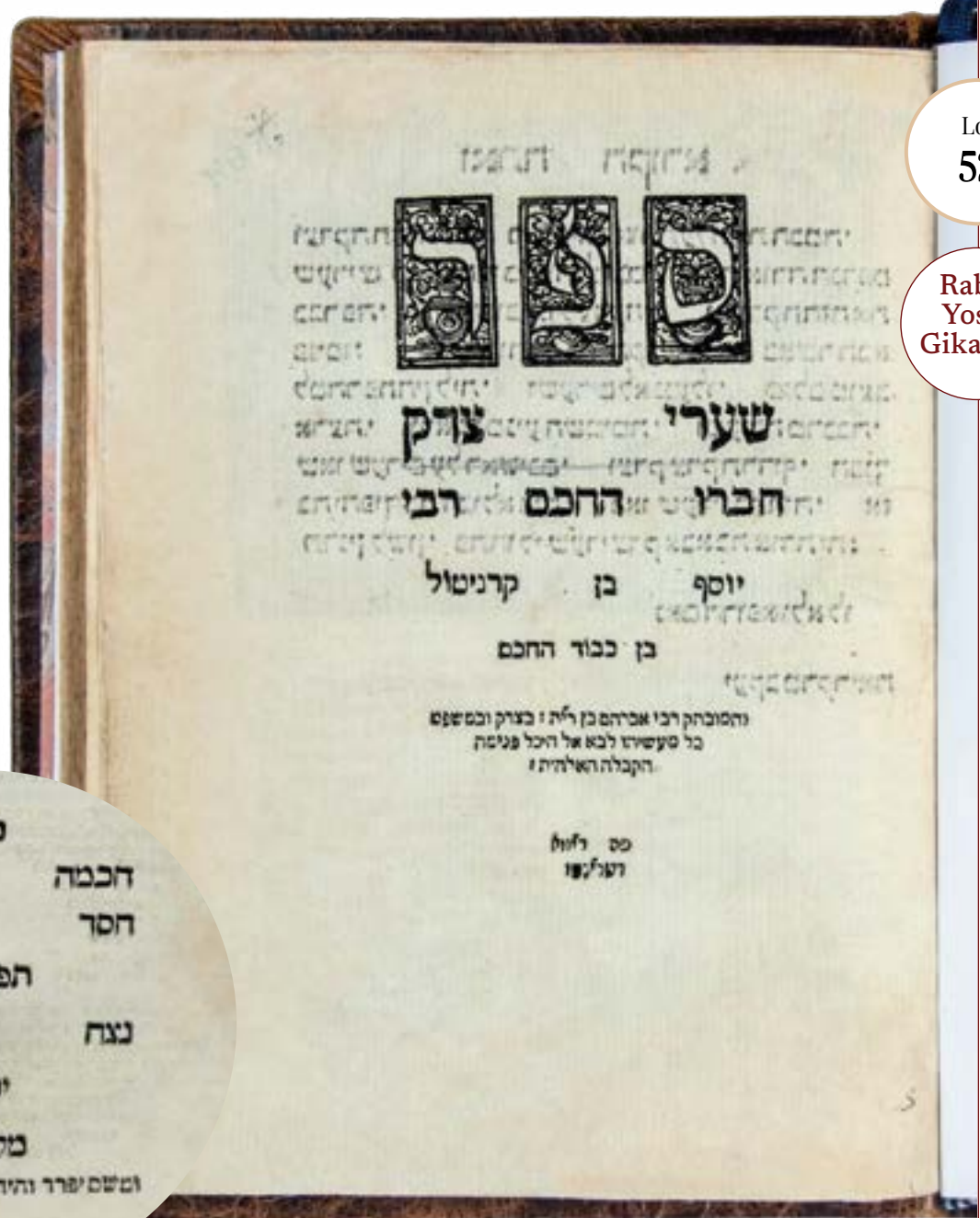
Tikkunei Zohar is an integral part of the Zohar and contains seventy Tikkunim on "Bereishis" the first word in the Torah, by the holy Tanna, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Precisely edited based on the Constantinople Edition. Beautiful copy in good condition. The margins feature glosses of the Ramaz with the title Derech Emes (See # 42), as well as references to the sources mentioned.

Printed by Rabbi Moshe Shapira son of the holy Rabbi Pinchas of Koritz of Slavita. With approbation from the holy Rebbe, Rabbi Mordechai of Chernobyl. **Slavita, 1826. Size:** 20.3 cm • **Page Count:** [2], 155 leaves • **Additional Info:** The name of the sefer and place of printing is embossed in red ink. New beautiful leather binding.

Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Lot 52

Rabbi Yosef Gikatilla



Rabbi Yosef Gikatilla lived in 13th century Spain. His sefarim, Shaarei Tzedek, Shaarei Orah and Ginas Egoz (Lot 53) are foundational works of kabbalah and were among the first sefarim authored after the discovery of the Zohar. "In Yisrael, his name is great in Torah and chassidus, and is extremely holy," (the Shl" a Hakadosh)



Foundational Work of Kabbalah

Sha'arei Tzedek. First Edition.

Riva Di Trento, 1561

Introduction to the wisdom of kabbalah, primarily concerning the "Ten Sefiros" by the early kabbalist Rabbi Yosef Gikatilla. The Shl" a Hakadosh wrote in his approbation of Ginas Egoz, "A Godly man speaks, Rabbi Yosef Gikatilla z"l, of previous generation, his name is great in Torah,

chassidus and incredible holiness ..." **Riva Di Trento, 1561. First Edition. Size:** 18.5 cm • **Page Count:** 52 leaves • **Condition:** Good condition; new leather binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod # 340.

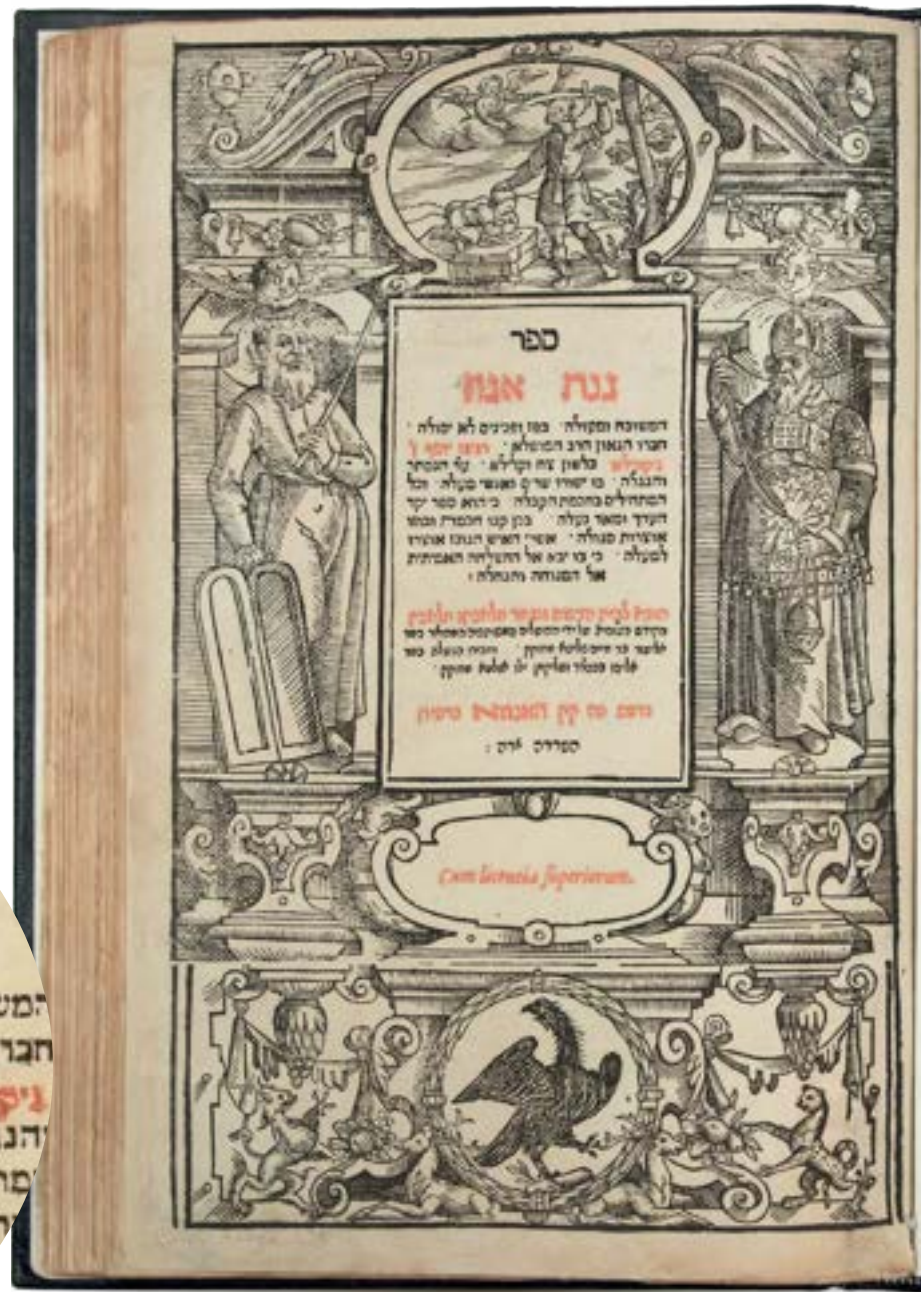
Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Rabbi Yosef Gikatilla

Lot 53

Fundamental Kabbalistic Work!

For Beginners in Kabbalah



Illustrated Title Page.

Ginas Egoz by Rabbi Yosef Gikatilla First Edition. Hanau, 1610

Fundamental work for beginners studying the wisdom of kabbalah by the renowned kabbalist Rabbi Yosef Gikatilla. The title page is magnificently illustrated with images of Moshe and Aharon, Akeidas Yitzchak, and drawings of birds and animals. The sefer opens with an approbation by the Shl" a Hakadosh who effusively praises both the sefer and author

and notes that printing and publicizing kabbalistic works is a segulah to draw the final redemption ever closer. Hanau, 1610. First edition. Size: 28 cm • Page Count: 75 leaves • Condition: Title page reinforced and professionally restored. Otherwise in good condition. American leather binding • Bibliography: Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod # 341.

Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

The Ramak's Classic Kabbalah Sefer

Pardes Rimonim First Edition Cracow, 1592



The Ramak

Lot 54



Introduction to the wisdom of kabbalah with many explanations on teachings of the Zohar, by the kabbalist Rabbi Moshe Cordova, known as the Ramak. Includes an illustration of the tree of sefiros, as well as many other kabbalistic illustrations. Rabbi Moshe Cordova (1522-1570) was a disciple of Rabbi Yosef Karo and of his brother-in-law Rabbi Shlomo Elkabetz. He was zocheh to giluy Eliyahu Hanavi and the Arizal testified that at the funeral of Rabbi Moshe

Cordova he was accompanied by a Heavenly pillar of fire (Shem Hagedolim, Ramak). Cracow- Nowy Dwor, 1592. First edition. Size: 30 cm • Page Count: [2] 211 leaves • Condition: Professional restoration of first 20 leaves and of several of the last pages. Antique wood binding covered in leather with clasps Professionaly restored; new leather spine • Bibliography: Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod # 344

Printing of Pardes Rimonim

The printing began in Cracow in the famous printing press of Yitzchak Prostitz until the outbreak of a terrible plague, which lead Yitzchak Prostitz to flee to Nowy Dwor with his printing press. It was in Nowy Dwor, adjacent to Warsaw, that the printing was completed. (See colophon and title page.)

Opening Bid \$10,000 ■ Estimate \$15,000-\$20,000

The Ramak

Lot 55

Asis Rimonim by The Ramak

First Edition. Venice, 1601

Abridged version of the sefer Pardes Rimonim by Rabbi Moshe Cordevero, the Ramak, by his disciple Rabbi Shmuel Galiko.

The sefer Pardes Rimonim (see Lot# 54) by the Ramak is described as an elemental work "for anyone who enters the pardes (garden) of wisdom," Since the Ramak's writings were written in a profound and lengthy style, his disciple Rabbi Shmuel Galiko created abridged versions of his work.

Leaf 23a features a full-page flowchart of the Sefiros in the shape of a tree.

Venice, 1601. First edition. Printed by Rabbi Yechiel Luria Ashkenazy. **Size:** 18.5 cm • **Page Count:** 86 leaves • **Condition:** Minor restorations on title page. Good condition.

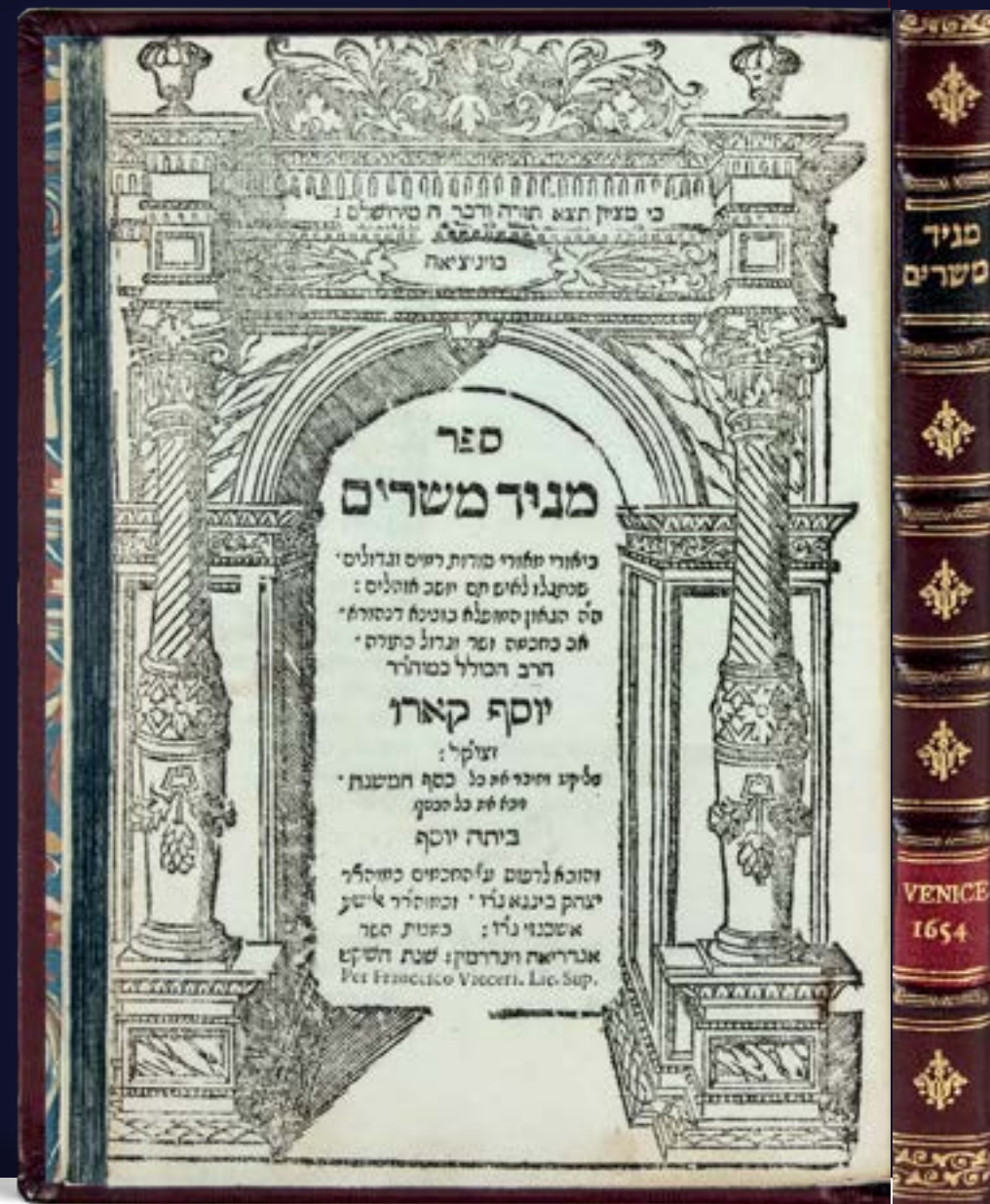
Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000



TEACHINGS REVEALED by the MAGGID to the BEIS YOSEF

“...I have come to enlighten you and to speak to you, not as if in a dream, but rather like a man speaking to his friend.”

(Maggid Meisharim 9a)



Maggid Meisharim by the Beis Yosef Venice, 1649

Great and awesome teachings, (warnings) and practices revealed by a heavenly Maggid - angel to Rabbi Yosef Karo, Author of the Beis Yosef and Shulchan Aruch.

Rabbi Yosef Karo, who was also known as the Beis Yosef or simply as Maran, was acquainted with all the great kabbalists of Tzfas of his era. He studied kabbalah together with the famed kabbalist Rabbi Shlomo Elkabetz and was a mechutan of the Arizal Hakadosh. Rabbi Yosef Karo merited having an angel sent to him to reveal the secrets of Torah and the wisdom of kabbalah along with other “astounding teachings”.

The Maggid told the Beis Yosef that Eliyahu Hanavi would appear to him to teach him Torah, and further described to him how they rejoice with him in the Heavenly Yeshivah.

Venice, 1649. The first part of this sefer, containing parshiyos Bereshis through Metzora, was first printed in Lublin 1646. This book is the first printing of teachings from parshas Acharei Mos onwards as well as teachings on sections of Nac”h.

Size: 19 cm • **Page Count:** [2], 58 leaves • Good condition. Rare • Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod #343.

Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$10,000-\$15,000

Rabbi Moshe Zacuto

Lot 56



Derech Emes The Arizal's Glosses on the Zohar

Edited by the Ramaz First Edition. Venice, 1658

The Arizal's glosses on the entire Zohar, edited by Rabbi Moshe Zacuto, the Ramaz.

One of the foundational sefarim that established the correct nusach of Zohar.

“This is my advice to every intelligent person: Hurry to purchase this honorable sefer, even if it is very expensive, and correct the errors that occurred to the Zohar by hand on the page” (excerpted from the words of the Ramaz).

Venice, 1658. First edition. **Size:** 21 cm. • **Page Count:** 36, 30, 70 leaves (inconsecutive pagination). • Good condition. • **Additional Info:** Printed without title page. Rare. New leather binding. • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod p. 103.

Opening Bid \$800 ■ Estimate \$1,500-\$2,000

Beis Yosef

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Revealing the Time of Geulah

Misharei Katrin
Constantinople
1510



Exceptionally rare sefer!

The secret of the time of the Redemption described in Sefer Daniel by the Kabbalist Rabbi Avraham Halevi Hasephardi, one of the great rabbis of who lived in the era of the Spanish Expulsion.

The time of the Redemption and coming of Mashiach are alluded to in Sefer Daniel (see Megillah 3a, Rashi). Many have endeavored to solve the great mystery of Mashiach's arrival. This was the first time such an attempt was published to the public.

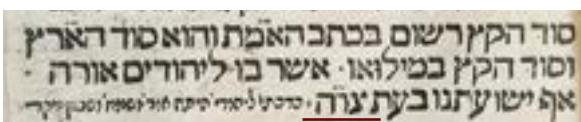
His conclusions were also mentioned by the Radbaz, who was a great Achron and Kabbalist, in his sefer Magen Dovid (Amsterdam, 1813 p. 39b).

Misharei Kitrin: The name of the sefer Misharei Kitrin is

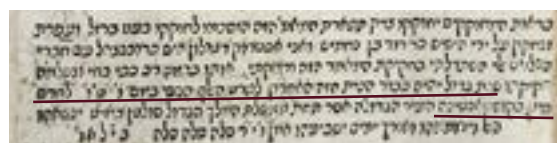
based on Sefer Daniel (5:12) as one of Daniel's praises, who was a "misharei kitrin," which means "he who opens bonds".

Rabbi Avraham Halevi Hasephardi (circa 1470 – circa 1530) was a Spanish exile, and the brother-in-law of Rabbi Avraham Zacuto who authored Sefer Yuchsin. He fled to Italy and from there to Siriz, Greece where he wrote this sefer. He afterwards continued to Yerushalayim where he was appointed a Rosh Yeshivah.

Constantinople, 1510. First and only printing. **Size:** 20 cm
Page Count: 19 leaves • **Condition:** Artistic restoration on the first and last pages and repairs in the corners of the margins, new binding • **Bibliography:** Yaari Istanbul 12 • **Provenance:** Private Collection, New York.



The author predicted the date of the Geulah to be in the year 1535



"Was completed in the year...1510, on Friday, the 15th of the month of Sivan in Constantinople..."

Opening Bid \$30,000 ■ Estimate \$50,000-\$70,000

Lot
59

Rambam's Thirteen Principles

According
to Kabbalah

Adam Sichli
Tiengen, 1560
Rare First Edition!

A kabbalistic commentary on the Rambam's Thirteen Principles of Jewish Faith, Yud-Gimmel Middos and Aseres Hadibros by Rabbi Shimon ben Rabbi Shmuel of France.

The purpose of this sefer was to prove the connection between the Thirteen Principles of Faith and Yud-Gimmel (Thirteen) Attributes of Compassion. The author also proficiently weaves the Ten Commandments with the Ten Sefiros into his commentary.

At the top of the pages are the words Hadras Kodosh which is the second name of this sefer, as noted on the title page.



Leaves 19-20 present a brief description and commentary on the Ten Sefiros.

Leaves 21 and on present a long prayer for Yom Kippur which contains a form of viduy for one who seeks to repent.

The Rema in Toras Olah Vol. 3 Ch. 4 (leaf 73a in the Prague 1570 Edition) quotes this prayer and writes, "And so the great Rabbi Shimon instituted his prayer Hadras Kodosh after presenting the subject of the Ten Sefiros."

Tiengen, 1560. First edition. **Size:** 18 cm • **Page Count:** [24] leaves. Title page features rare decorative border.

Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

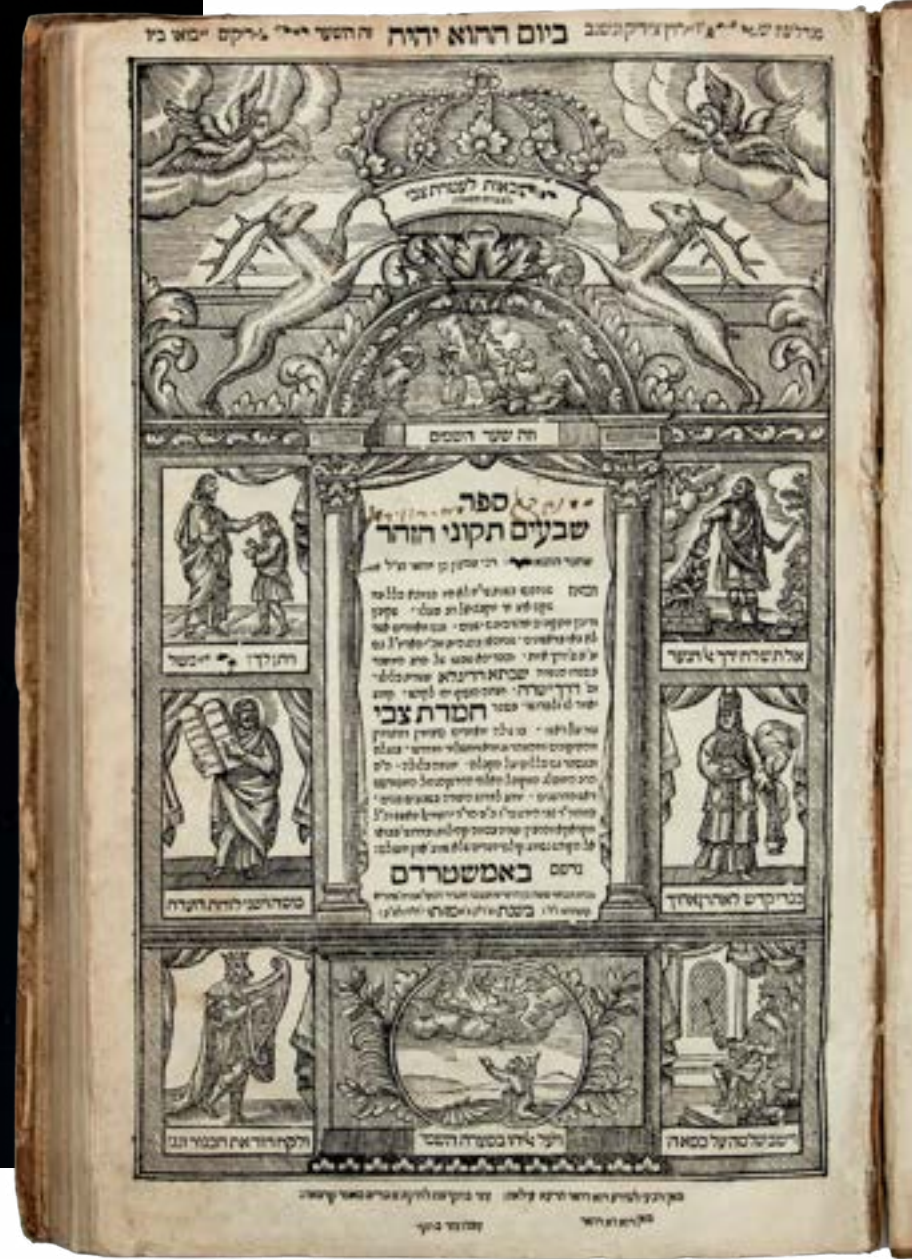
Tikkunei Zohar

with Chemdas Tzvi Commentary

First Edition
Amsterdam, 1706

Rabbi Tzvi Hirsh

Lot 60



Sefer Tikkunei Hazohar with the Chemdas Tzvi commentary by Rabbi Tzvi Hirsh ben Rabbi Yerachmiel Chatsh.

Rabbi Tzvi Hirsh Chatsh was born in Cracow where he ascended the spiritual ladder of Torah and halachah to become one of the great disseminators of kabbalah throughout Poland and Germany, and authored the Sefarim: Derech Yeshara; Shabsa D'regilah; and Nachalas Tzvi.

The title page is regarded as one of the most impressive title pages printed in Amsterdam.



ויתן לך האלוקים
מוטל השמים

The top of the title page displays a kesser Torah held up by two deer with angels hovering above. It likewise features images of akeidas Yitzchak, Yitzchak's blessing to Yaakov, Moshe Rabbeinu, Aharon Hakohein, David Hamelech playing the violin, Shlomo Hamelech on his royal throne; and Eliyahu Hanavi.

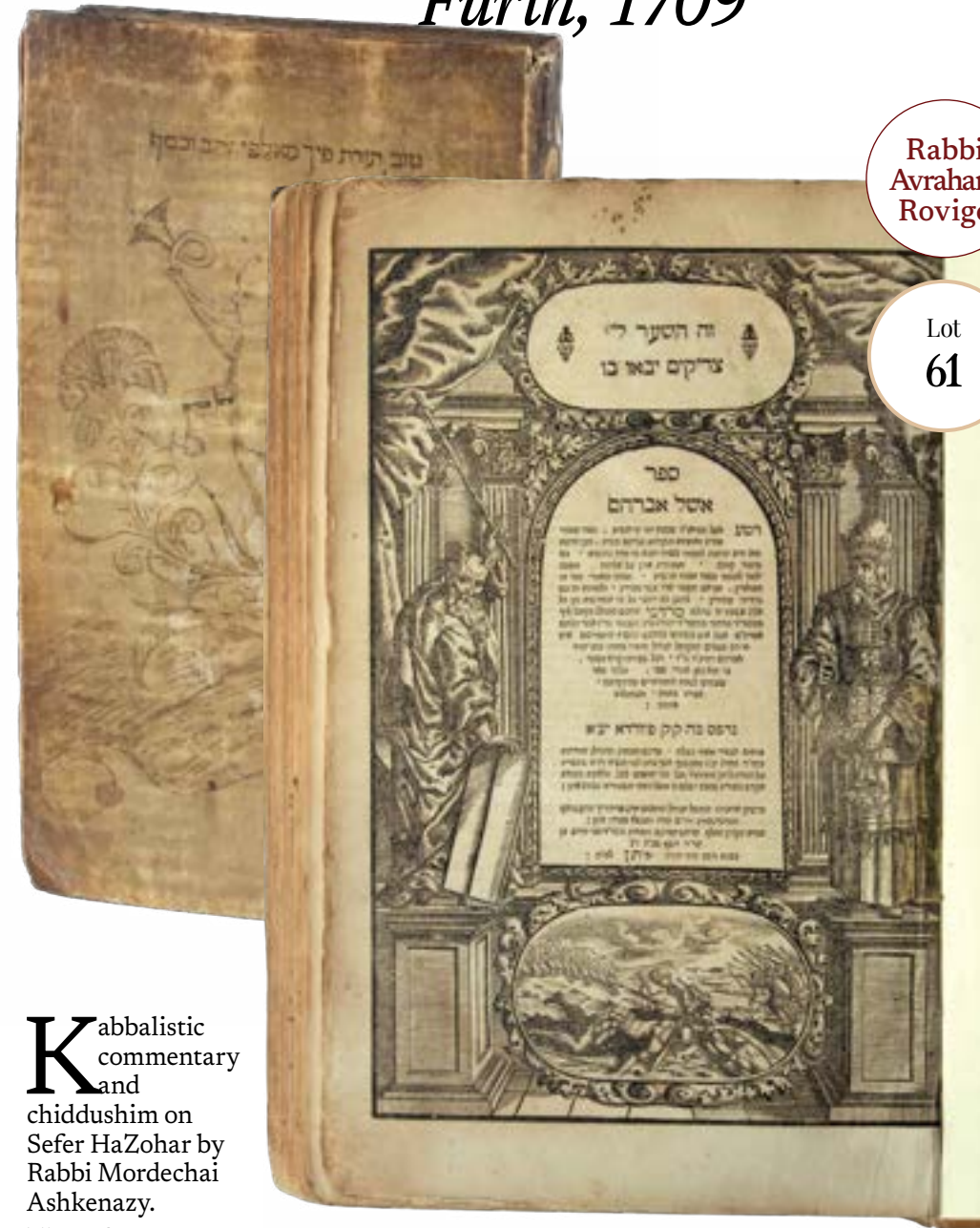
Includes approbation of the saintly kabbalist Rabbi Naftali Hakohein, author of Semichas Chachamim.

Amsterdam, 1706. First and only edition. **Size:** 31 cm • **Page Count:** 164 leaves • **Condition:** Attractive copy in old binding in good condition • **Provenance:** William L. Gross collection.

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Eishel Avraham Zohar Commentary

Fürth, 1709



Rabbi Avraham Rovigo

Lot 61

Kabbalistic commentary and chiddushim on Sefer HaZohar by Rabbi Mordechai Ashkenazy.

The sefer opens with an impressive title page portraying the figures of Moshe and Aharon and the war between Dovid and Goliath. Leaves 45b-46a feature full-page kabbalistic drawings depicting the progression of the Sefiros as trees with branches.

Many of the chiddushim included in this sefer were relayed to the author by his spiritual master **Rabbi Avraham Rovigo**, a disciple of the Ramaz. The title Eishel Avraham is a tribute to his venerable teacher.

The renowned kabbalist **Rabbi Avraham Rovigo (circa 1650-1714)** was a great 17th century Italian kabbalist. He was the prime disciple of the Ramaz, and in his latter years, journeyed to Jerusalem where he founded a yeshivah for the study of kabbalah.

Fürth, 1701. Singular edition! **Size:** 34 cm • **Page Count:** 186 leaves • Good condition • **Provenance:** William L. Gross collection.

Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

KABBALISTIC Manuscripts

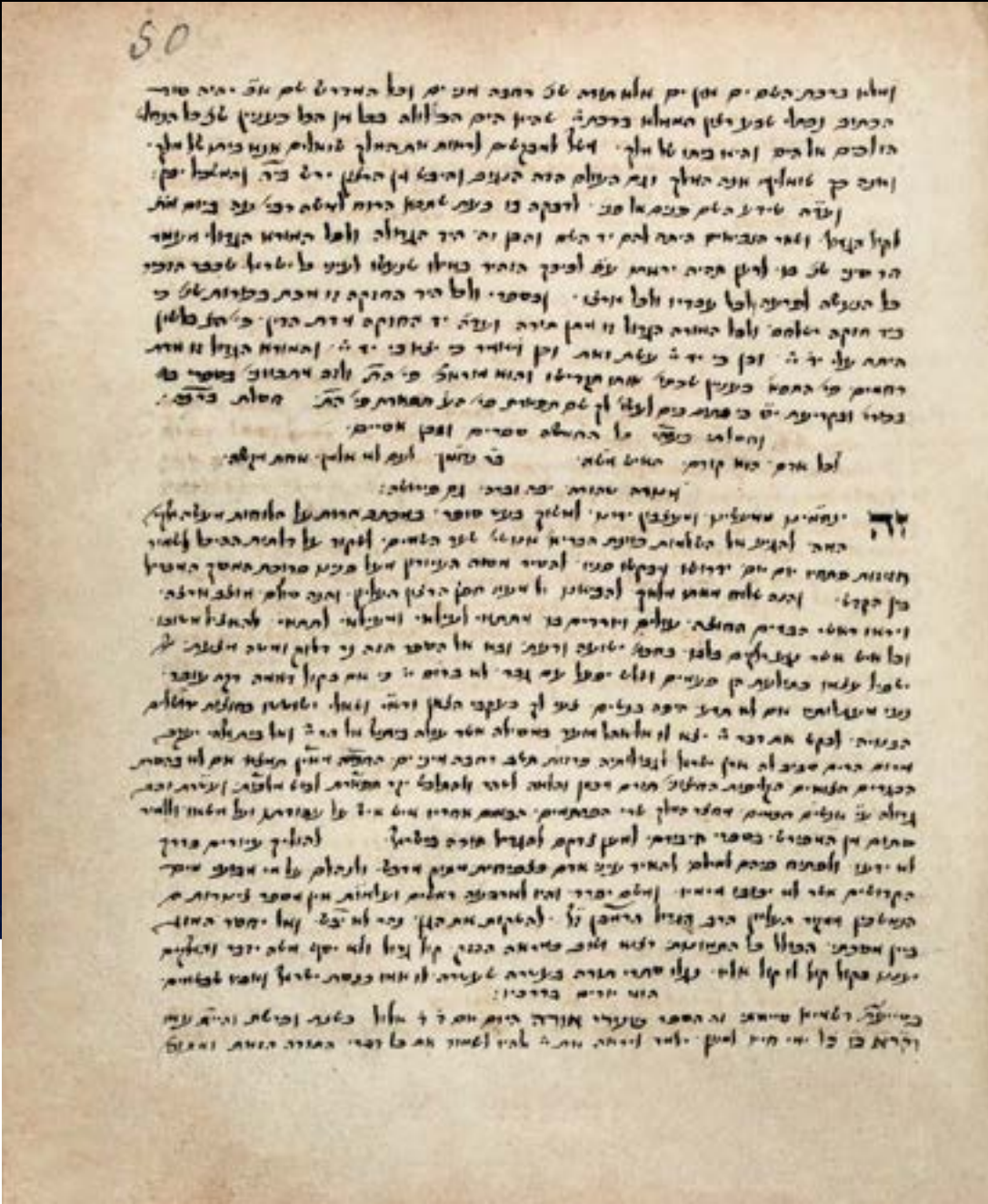
Lots 62-68

Ramban's Kabbalah The Secrets of the Torah

Prague, 1575



Never printed!



Shaarei Orah - Sodos HaTorah L'Ramban

Shaarei Orah – Sodos HaTorah L'Ramban rare and unpublished 16th century kabbalistic manuscript contains the kabbalistic teachings and commentaries of the Ramban on the chumash. In addition the manuscript contains other pamphlets on topics in kabbalah.

The Ramban's commentary on the Torah encompasses many fundamental topics of kabbalah which the Ramban often refers to as "sod".

The author collected these from the Ramban's commentary and created this sefer - on the Torah according to kabbalah which he titled Shaarei Orah. This sefer has never been printed in the present format.

The manuscript has many text variants from the traditional text we use today. The end of the sefer features a long colophon that covers most of the page in which the author extols the wisdom of kabbalah and the Ramban's commentary on the Torah.

Leaves 13-14 include a summary of Sefer Harekanati al HaTorah, and the top of the leaf notes the year as 1594!

Prague?, 1575. Size: 16x15 cm • **Page Count:** 58 double-sided leaves in neat handwriting. Titles of parshiyos inscribed in large block letters • **Condition:** One or two leaves of the Ramban's preface are missing. Good condition • **Provenance:** Rabbi Carlbach Family Collection; Hamburg-Lakewood

Unknown compilation.

Opening Bid \$15,000 ■ Estimate \$20,000-\$30,000

Father of Kabbalists

The Ramban was called "the G-dly kabbalist to whom all mysteries of wisdom and secrets of Torah were revealed" (Beer Hagolah by Maharal of Prague), and he was one of the fathers of the early kabbalists who relayed the golden chain of the Hidden Torah to Klal Yisrael. The secrets of Torah ingrained in the Ramban's commentary constitute many fundamentals of the wisdom of truth.

The Ramban's commentary that he made on the Torah is very profound, and there is no one capable of grasping his mysterious words, and it is a very precious and pleasing sefer to those who understand it." Gedolei Yisrael throughout the generations referred to the Ramban as "Father of all kabbalists" and "Head of the kabbalists" (Ginas Vradim Orach Chaim Rule 2 Ch. 16; Shu"t Shemesh Tzedakah Orach Chaim Ch. 4).

Manuscript

Arizal

Lot
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Siddur Ha'Ar"i

with Kabbalistic Kavanos
Europe, Early 18th Century



Siddur with prayers for the entire year with kabbalistic kavanos and customs based on the writings of the Arizal. The siddur was handwritten in handsome Ashkenazic handwriting and is ornamented with attractive initials, windows, bordered titles, kabbalistic charts, and illustrations of the menorah.

The manuscript features handwritten glosses by various kabbalists who prayed from this siddur.

The siddur encompasses prayers for the whole year, beginning with Prayers for the Weekday, Shabbos,

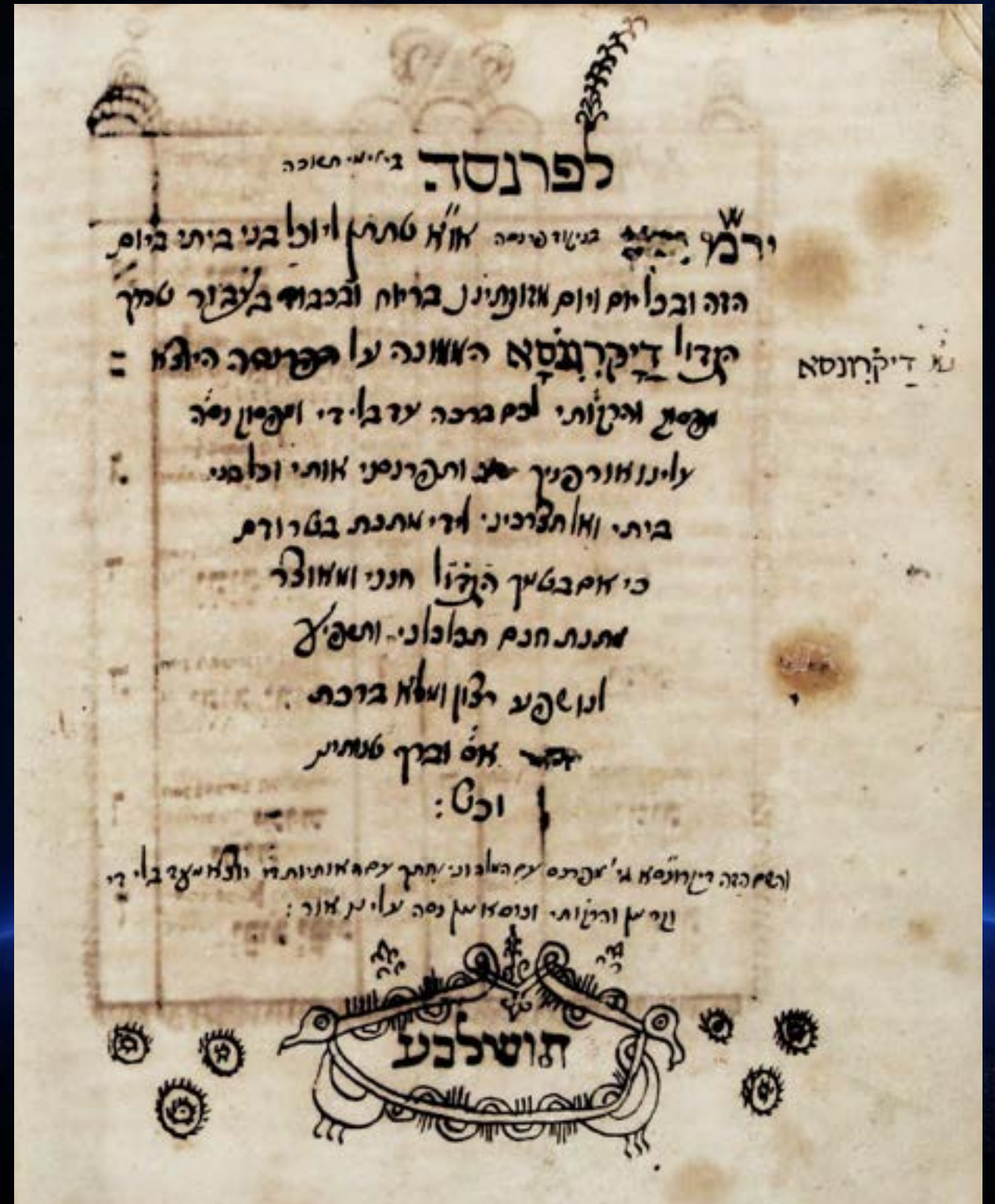
Yamim Nora'im, Festivals, Tikkun Chatzos, order of daily study, Zemiros Shabbos with commentary, Haggadah with kavanos, Sefiras Haomer with kavanos and Pitum Haketores which should be recited in times of plague, etc.

Europe, first half of 18th century. Size: 19.5 cm • **Page Count:** 269, [3] leaves. One leaf at the beginning is missing • **Condition:** Used, but good condition with light damage and several small tears at edge • **Owners' signature** on last leaf. New leather binding.

Opening Bid \$18,000 ■ Estimate \$30,000-\$40,000

Tefillah For Parnasah

Tefillah for Parnassah as appears in this Siddur



יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שתתן לי ולכל בני ביתי ביום הזה ובכל יום מזונותינו בריחוק ובכבוד בעבור שמך הגדול (דיקרנסא) הממנה על הפרנסה היוצא מפסוק והריקותי לכם ברכה עד בלי די ומפסוק נסה עלינו אור פניך ה' ותפרנסני אותי וכל בני ביתי ואל תצריכני לידי מתנת בשר ודם כי אם בשמך הגדול חנני ומאוצר מתנת חנם תכלכלני ותשפיע לנו שפע רצון ומלא ברכת ה' אמן סלה.

Shaar Hakavanos

by Rabbi Chaim Vital

Handwritten by the Kabbalist

Rabbi Yosef Zarka

Tunisia, circa 1740

177 Pages



Rabbi Yosef Zarka

Lot 65

Rabbi Yosef Zarka (1722-1798) of the great spiritual masters and teachers of Torah in Tunisia. The Chida attests that "he had sixty disciples, among them the greatest of scholars" including Rabbi Yitzchak Taib, author of Aruch Hashulchan, and Rabbi Yehuda Najar, author of Limudei Hashem. During this era, Tunisia had a group of select kabbalists, and Rabbi Yosef Zarka was recognized as the greatest kabbalist in the chabura. The Chida encountered Rabbi Yosef Zarka during a visit to Tunisia, and he inscribed that there was "great friendship" between them. His written legacy includes Od Yosef Chai and Parpara'os L'Chochmah (Tunisia, 1904).

Opening Bid \$10,000 ■ Estimate \$18,000-\$25,000

Lot 64

Handwritten Leaf by the Sainly Kabbalist RABBI CHAIM VITAL

A complete, double-sided leaf written by the holy hand of the saintly kabbalist Rabbi Chaim Vital, prime disciple of the Arizal.

The kabbalist Rabbi Chaim Vital (1543-1620) prime disciple of the Arizal and disseminated his kabbalistic legacy to the world. It is told that before he began teaching his pupil, the Arizal gave Rabbi Chaim Vital to drink from the Well of Miriam, thus opening a window to his lofty soul which allowed the Arizal to imbue Rabbi Chaim with the wisdom of kabbalah. From that day, Rabbi Chaim became the Arizal's faithful disciple, recording his teachings and spreading kabbalah to the world.

One double-sided leaf, completely handwritten by Rabbi Chaim Vital. Double columns per side; 40 lines per column. Size: 19x14 cm • Page Count: Total of 160 handwritten lines on 4 complete topics! • Condition: Good condition. Preserved in ornate leather binding.

Opening Bid \$30,000 ■ Estimate \$40,000-\$60,000

חנה

ועתה היותו כבודו אע"פ ויהיה לך מוכן קורית עין אחד
 מתקנתו כראשון האחד כעוף הנקב והפעם ראשו כנקב
 היורה לגודק בחוזק וכאשר תבא הפירוש ויזוכו הוליס
 תוך אותה הבהבה וינה פנח הקיבו אשר כוהם
 מייקין העלם והנפח להחלק האש יהיה נעצ א' ונקב אל
 היורה יהיה כבד שכתבו מנעש ואלה פתח הקיבו יעשה
 סילקו א' כגני כנורה להוציא העשן ולהעלותו דרך סם
 לנשלה בלעב הכיב ונחזור לבאר עשן
 פישול הכוביות והוא שהשים הלשונות כוורה ואח"כ
 השים שלבה השמן שיעור שהפכה והחלק האש הרת
 היורה וטפלה תביה האש עתה מעש עד שיהיה מוגזל
 הוליס והשמן שכורה הימ"כ ואח"כ תסזיק האש יורה
 עד שירדת השמן קצת ריחנות ואש ואילך תעש האש
 חלשה קצת ודע פ"ב מה שהיה האש יורה חלשה ארבע
 למע הוא יורה מוכ כה שהפכה הימ"כ ולא יסוף שהקב
 אשה א' ופנח עקב היורה ויזוכו קצת הוליס שכורה ולא
 כולן ומהם הנקב ושים לו הוליס על הסוד והסומא
 שכבהבה החומר הראשונים והנה אשה עד שיזוכו דרך
 הנקב ככל ותקצם כלולים והחזירם לורה כבא אונה
 ובה העשה פשיט עד תפשיט ואח"כ שים הוליס זכים
 חדשים על הסוד והסומא הראשונים והנפחם והפליטם
 לורה והנפחם והפליטם על הסוד והסומא והחזירם
 לורה כה העשה תפשיטם אחיהם שהם כ' הוליס
 הוליס זכים חזונם ששה תפשיטם חזרו לסוד ולסומא
 ואח"כ כבו נח"ל כה הסוד והסומא ואין כה מנעשות
 ותשלבם למטה ואח"כ קח סוד והסומא חדשים
 אחיהם ושים כבה כה עם הוליס והנפחם ותחזירם
 לורה עד נ"ב ככל ועוד החזור להנה על הסוד
 והסומא השניים האלו יפשיט הוליס ששים חדשים ופ
 לו הנפחם ותחזירם עד נ"ב אחיהם ככל ואזכר
 נח"ל כה הסוד והסומא ההם והמקום להשמה
 והקח אחיהם חדשים והנפחם ככל קל ובה עשה
 עד שיכלה כל הסוד והסומא סוף דבר יהיו נ"ב הוליס
 היורה ונ"ב הוליס זכים ככל עשם עתה סוד והסומא אחיהם
 והנפחם שיעשם הוא מלא חלקים סומא וחלק
 חלקים סוד וחלקה וחלקה ועשבים אכון ודע כי כפי
 שיעש זה יבא מלאה ושמותם חלקים כוורת
 ודע כי כחוקר אין עך כב סומא כח"כ אה באה עש
 השמן נ"ב כחוקר אין עך כב להפגל כבו תקן פ
 אז עך יורה זמן ודע כהפגל עשה כבה שמן

כבודו שייטן זמן ארבעה הוליס כה שהפגל כח"כ למע
 נ"ב דע אהם תכבה זמן הסומא והסוד כפי שיעור הנפחם
 כך יוסף הכוביות חכל אין דאוי לשאר לא כהפגל קל
 כראז הוא מוכ ודע כי עך שלא העשה ככל
 הלשונות נח"כ פ היא מלהקל להלענה ואין כה העל ככל אים
 הפאר הוליס זה למחרת ויפטר קל ופלה שהעשה אותה
 הוליס ונעש כקרוכ הוא יורה מוכ מלא ונעש
 על סוד קל למע למע עד שהפגל והנפחם הכוביות וכאשר
 הקיבו להנפחם ואינו חסר לא דבר מנעש להעלה תפשיטם
 תוך היורה מעש מולח כבו ח"כ מלק ואלו לך חלקים שפן
 ואחר ששלם פשול הסוד האש זמן הקיבו ואח"כ תפשיט
 מעש הוליס קהם על הכובה ואח"כ העשמהו ככף עך הולה
 ואזכרה תוך היורה והשלה כלה שהוא עב שהוא עשן כרפח
 היורה עם הכוביות הרך שבה העשה היורה והעשם כרפח
 וזה שהפגל הימ"כ מלא ואח"כ הסוד הכובה מלא
 היורה ככל נח"כ א' ויהיה לך זמן קרקע עליה אחת שתיה
 שמונה הוליס אה והשמה עליו כעוף ח"כ אכבד מעש
 לבנה חרשה כנורה והשחק הכובה הנה כעודו חס על
 העש והקרקע הנה והשמה פנח והנחמה ונח"כ לקחו כדק
 ששמן הנפחם כמיט ומח"כ קין פנח והנה עד כ' הוליס
 ואח"כ תפשיטו לתחבורת טוה ככוכב ודע
 כי לפעמים מוכן חוזק הלשונות שהיא מוכה
 ומקרה מנעשת עשה השמן והעשם עמה יחד קצת ואז
 יבא זמן עקב היורה השמן עם הוליס עד קל והתקין לה
 הוא שהמק חת האש מלא ואז יחל כה הלשונות ויחזור
 השמן לעלות עליו ולבוף לעלה ואח"כ ספגה הנקב והחזק
 שאין יוצאין רק הוליס לבס כל כעשורת שמן ככל ואח"כ
 תחזור והפעם את האש ותפשיטו ככל ודע
 כי כאשר יפשיט הכוביות כבת זמן פ הוא והנפחם מנעשקל
 מעש מעש עד שיעור משקל השמן שפנח כה מלהקל אכל
 יורה מנה אי אפשר לו שיחמר
 פלא להחזיר הקשר שאינו יכול להזקק עם כל הוליס
 הקיבו מנעשת בשמים לך למעל
 עבה ולקוח מנעש קצת עשבים כבה שהפגל נ"ב לך לתקום ששים
 נח"כ קיבו ולקוח מנעש עשבים כבה שהפגל וכאשר
 תקיבו מנעש החומר את לקוח לו העשבים כשם פלוח כן פלוח
 שיהפח זמן הכפשים והקשרים שפנח לו באותן שיוכל לשכב
 עם אשתו פלוח כה פלוח הבבל האנשים עם נשותיהם ועך
 לזהר שלא תכיר כלל ואפ"ל לחזיר אלם מעש שהפגל מנעש
 כרפח לקוח העשבים קל ועד עשה שהחזור לבס כפח עך
 ולכן

Lot
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Shaar Ruach Hakodesh with Yiras Hashem Commentary

by the Kabbalist **Rabbi Yosef Sidbon** of Tunisia



Shaar Ruach Hakodesh is the seventh of the eight “gates” taught by Rabbi Chaim Vital based on the lessons gleaned from the Arizal Hakadosh. This “Gate of Ruach Hakodesh” was illuminated by the present Yiras Hashem commentary, which was authored by the great kabbalist Rabbi Yosef Sidbon of Tunisia.

This commentary was first printed (partially) by the kabbalist Rabbi Yitzchak Kalamaro, in the Jerusalem 1874 edition of Shaar Ruach Hakodesh.

There is no other known complete handwritten manuscript of this sefer!

The holy kabbalist Rabbi Yosef Sidbon was one of the great Tunisian kabbalists in the 18th century. The present

compilation was authored in the year 1780. During this period of time, there was a select group of kabbalists in Tunisia who dispatched their questions to the Rashash in what became known as the “Sheilos Chachmei Hamaarav, Questions of the Western Sages” and constitutes the basis of sefer Nahar Shalom. One of the esteemed members of this group of kabbalists was Rabbi Yosef Sidbon. In the present manuscript, Rabbi Yosef mentions the Rashash’s written replies that he dispatched to Tunisia.

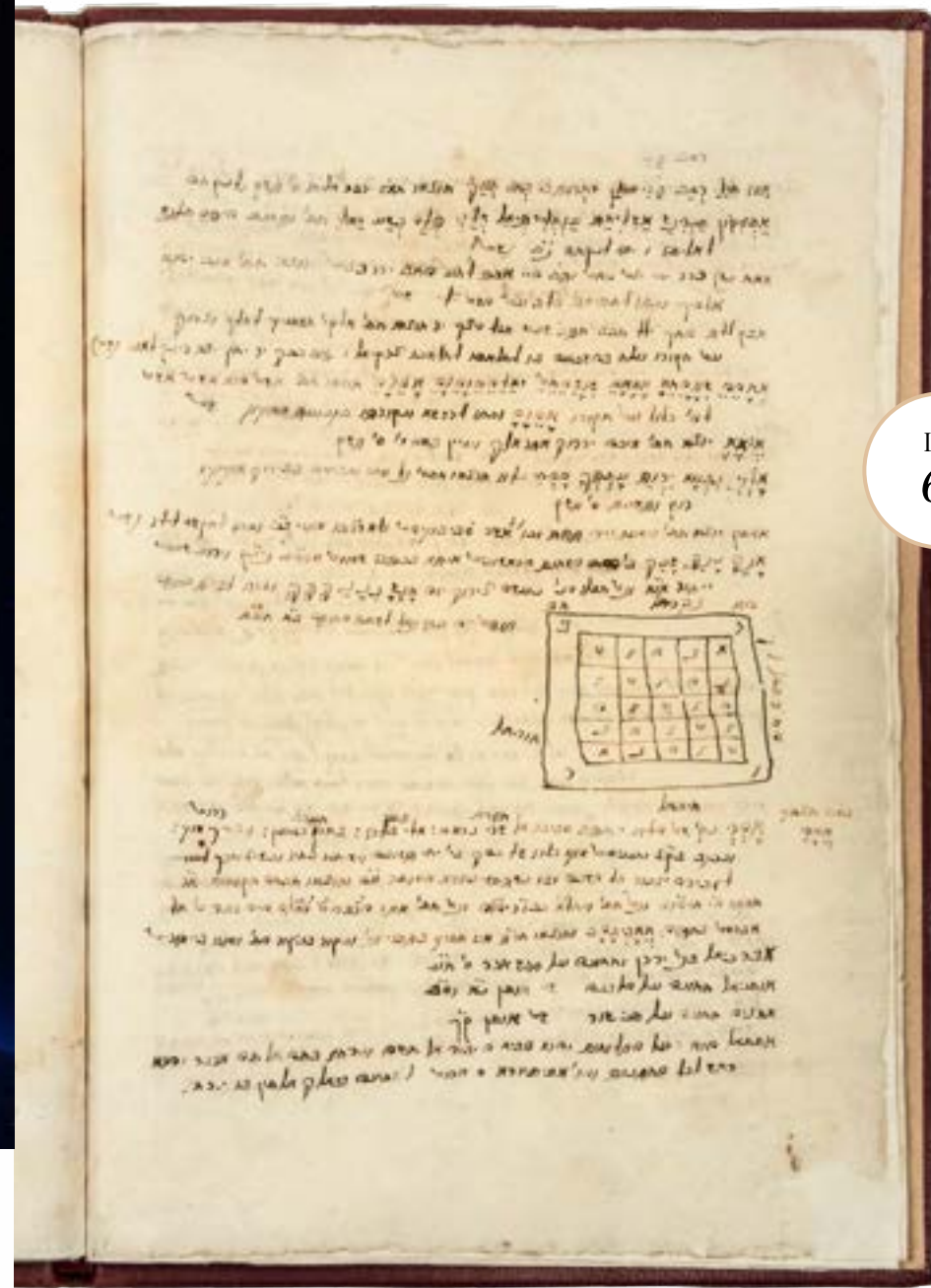
Tunisia, 1800-1820. Arabic script. **Size:** 22x16 cm • **Page Count:** 158 leaves • **Condition:** Miniscule holes in margins. Simple half-leather binding. Neat script with variations from the printed version.

Opening Bid \$10,000 ■ Estimate \$18,000-\$25,000

Lot
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Manuscript The Sacred Names of Hashem

by the Ramaz
Mantua, Circa 1685



Rabbi Moshe Zacuto (1625-1698) was among the most influential Italian kabbalists of his time. He studied kabbalah under Rabbi Binyamin Halevi, a disciple of Rabbi Chaim Vital, thus becoming another link in the chain of kabbalah taught by the Arizal. His famous house of study for kabbalah in Mantua was among the most eminent in all of Italy, and its scholars produced many landmark works of kabbalah which were instrumental in transmitting the teachings of the Arizal.

Original copy from the Ramaz’s Beis Medrash!

The Holy Names of Hashem and names of angels, along with their explanations, all meticulously arranged in alphabetical order.

This manuscript was an original copy inscribed in the beis medrash of the Ramaz. It was copied by one of the scribes in the beis medrash who sat before the Ramaz and engaged in copying his writings.

The margin of leaf 10b contains a handwritten gloss autographed by the kabbalist Rabbi Moshe Sabon (1806-

1888), who was one of the great Algerian kabbalists (Malchei Yeshurun p. 178).

Mantua, circa 1685. **Size:** 26x17 cm • **Page Count:** [20] leaves (40 sides) • **Condition:** With many holes along the length of the manuscript, professionally restored. Attractive new leather binding.

Genazym wishes to thank Professor Y. Avivi, Jerusalem for his assistance with information on this lot.

Kabbalistic works by the Ramaz

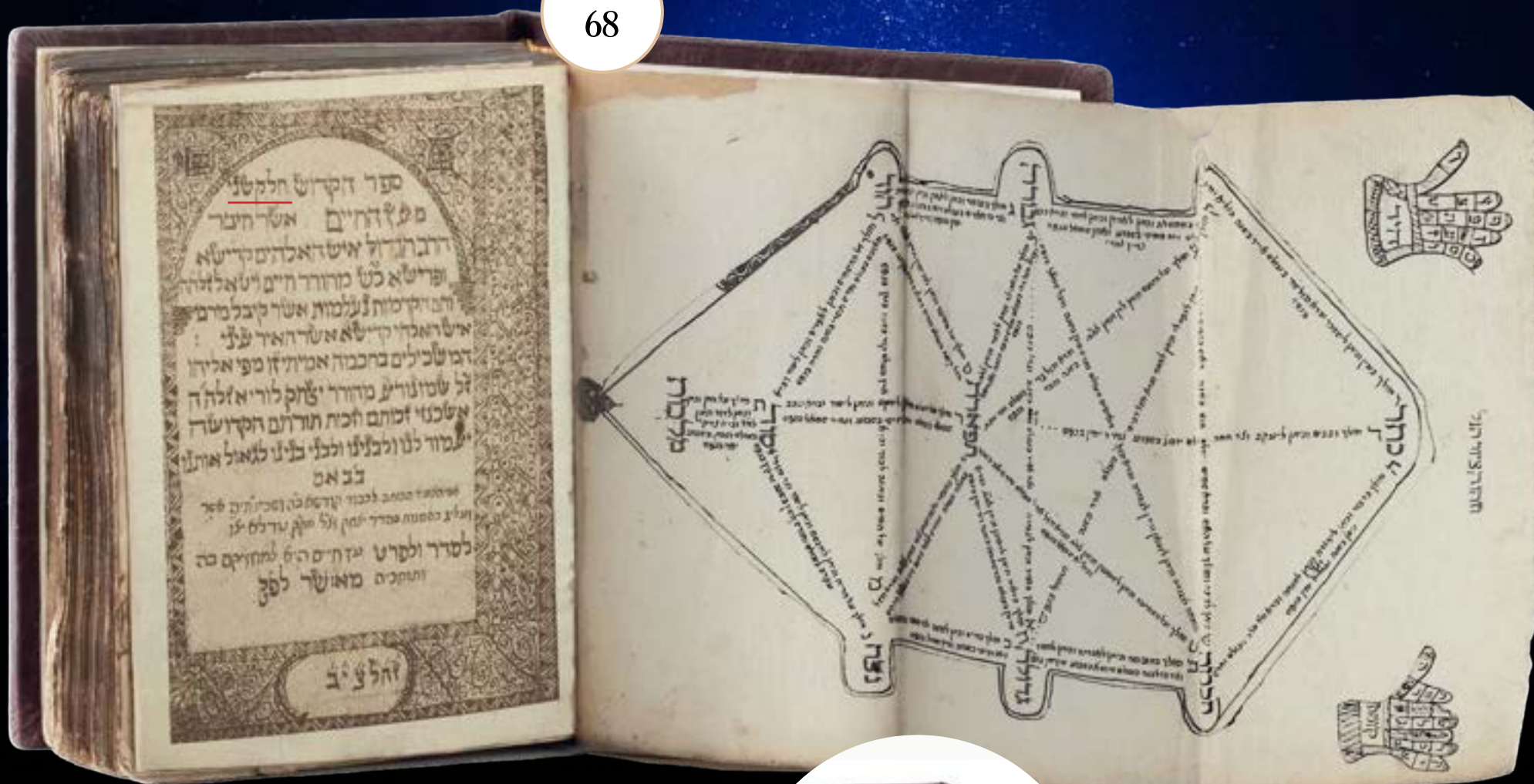
The Ramaz compiled and edited numerous works of kabbalah, selecting what he believed to be the most accurate and entitled his writings Soles Nekiyah (clean from errors). He then relayed his compositions (this manuscript being one of them) to scribes who sat before him which they duplicated, in order to spread his teachings around the world.

Opening Bid \$10,000 ■ Estimate \$18,000-\$25,000

Eitz Chaim by Rabbi Chaim Vital

Two Complete Volumes
Tarlow, Apta County, 1781

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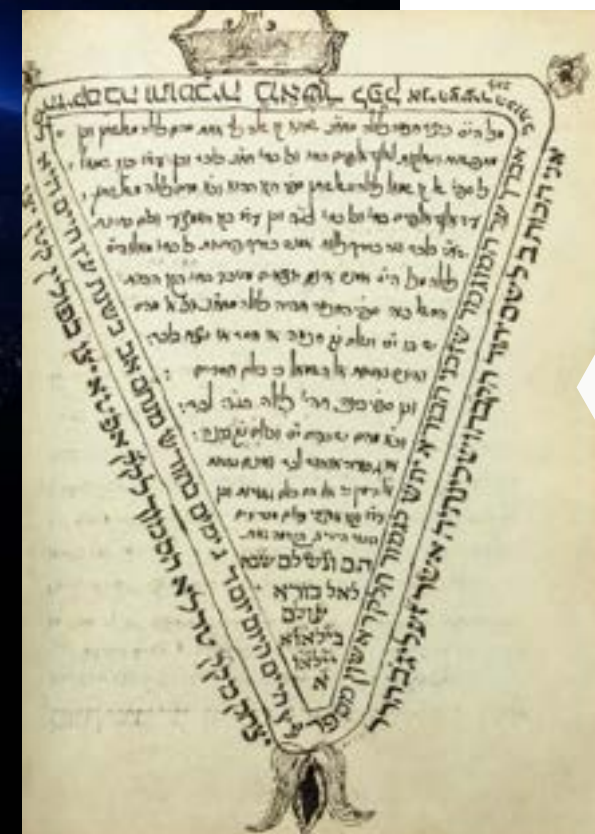
Sefer Eitz Chaim

Sefer Eitz Chaim is the foundational work of the Arizal's kabbalah and includes all the principles, rules and introductions to the wisdom of kabbalah taught by his disciple Rabbi Chaim Vital.

Sefer Eitz Chaim arranged became a foundational sefer studied by generations of kabbalists for the knowledge of the Arizal's kabbalah.



Title Page Part 1



Colophon Part 1

Two thick volumes with over 1000 handwritten sides in the beautiful handwriting of Reb Asher Zelig ben Rabbi Yitzchak the scribe. Written in neat Ashkenazic script. Contains unknown mystical glosses as well as additional compositions on kabbalah.

Includes the 50 Gates of Rabbi Chaim Vital's Eitz Chaim as edited by the kabbalist Rabbi Meir Popperash

Vol 1: Gates 1-24. Vol 2: Gates 25-50. Completely intact including the introductions of Rabbi Chaim Vital and Rabbi Meir Poppers.

Title pages and colophon

Each title page has a decorative frame with the date: 1781.

The title page of Vol. 2 says: "I write for the honor of the Holy One Blessed Be He. The young Asher Zelig son of the late Rabbi Yitzchak zt"l from Tarlow."

The colophon at the end of Volume 1 says, "Upon completion, I bless the Creator, may His Name be blessed, Who gave me the merit of completing the first volume of sefer Eitz Chaim, today, Wednesday, 1781... I write for the sake of the unification of the Holy One Blessed be He and His Shechinah, **Asher Zelig ben Rabbi Yitzchak from Tarlow, near Apta in Poland Minor.**"

Tarlow, Apta County, 1781.

Size: 21x18 cm • **Page Count:** Two large volumes. Vol. 1: [9], [1] large folded chart, 256, [6] leaves. Vol. 2: 261 leaves, total of 526 leaves • **Condition:** Minor tears and stains on last 8 leaves, otherwise good condition. New leather bindings.

Opening Bid \$12,000
Estimate \$20,000-\$30,000

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Seder Tikkun Shovavim with a special Prayer by the Ohr Hachaim Hakadosh Livorno, 1740

Seder Tikkun Shovavim which includes a special tefillah for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur composed by Rabbi Chaim Ben Attar, author of the Ohr Hachaim. The tefillah was printed during his lifetime inside a rare edition of Seder Tikkun Shovavim which was published in 1740 in Livorno where the Ohr Hachaim sojourned on his way to Eretz Yisrael.

The tefillah was printed on leaf 34a which says, "A prayer established by Harav...Rabbi Chaim Ben Attar, to be said at the end of all

three tefillos of Rosh Hashanah before Elokai Netzor, and on Yom Kippur while the Shliach Tzibbur recites 'Vayavor Hashem al Panav.'"

Seder Tikkun Shovavim to be recited during Minchah during the days of Shovavim, by the Ramaz, with Viduy from the kabbalist Rabbi Yosef Piamita, and many other tefillos.

Livorno, 1740. Size: 10.8 cm • **Page Count:** 49 leaves • **Condition Report:** Good condition. New magnificent red leather binding with gold embossing.



Opening Bid \$7,000 • Estimate \$10,000-\$15,000

Miniature manuscript Tikkun Chatzos and Hoshanos Italy, 1750



"The work of the hands of Tuvia Baruch Pontremoli who lives in the city of Casale Monferrato...in the year 1750."

Two 18th century Italian manuscripts with illustrated title pages.

1) Tikkun Chatzos Yom, customarily recited during the Three Weeks between the 17th of Tammuz and Tisha B'Av. 2) Hoshanos for Sukkos and Hoshanah Rabba.

Both manuscripts with artistic title pages. An additional title page designed by a resident of Casale was added to both manuscripts, signed, "Moshe Yaakov Kohen from Casale."

Italy, 18th century
Size: 12 cm • **Page Count:** [18]: [44] leaves.

Opening Bid \$2,000 • Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Manuscript Kabbalistic Order for Tu Bishvat Bagdad, 1819

Lot
71

Orders of study and customs for the night of Tu Bishvat. The manuscript was prepared and inscribed by Abdallah Kazir Suleiman of Bagdad, most likely on behalf of President Rabbi Ezra Yossef (see title page margin). Suleiman also included several poems that he composed into this work.

Page 10 features a list of 30 fruit that are customarily brought to the table on Tu Bishvat.

Bagdad, 1819
Size: 21x15 cm • **Page Count:** 62 sides. 4 pages (of them, 3 are end pages) are torn with approximately one third of the page missing • **Owner's Signatures:** Yosef Moshe Darwish • **Provenance:** Sassoon Manuscript #960 (Ohel David #8922)



Opening Bid \$1,200 • Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Hoshanos Title Page

Lot
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Important Sephardic Siddur

Siddur Avodas Hatamid

First Edition. Livorno, 1794

Siddur of all weekday prayers in Sephardic rite; laws and customs with kabbalistic teachings of prayer intentions; and a comprehensive commentary on the prayers by the saintly kabbalist Rabbi Elisha Habillo of Sarajevo.

On leaf 83b 'Shivisi' is printed across the whole page along with the verses of the psalm "Lamenatzeach b'neginos" in the shape of a menorah. The page also includes a depiction of the Ten Sefiros and assorted verses. The siddur features an endorsement by the author's Rabbi, Rabbi David Pardo.

Livorno, 1794. First edition. **Size:** 18 cm • **Page Count:** [12] 268 leaves • **Condition:** Good condition. Old binding with new cloth spine • **Bibliography:** Stefansky Sifrei Yesod p.113 (Additions to Prayerbooks).

Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000



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THE LESHEM

Letter by the Saintly Kabbalist Rabbi Shlomo Elyashiv Shavil, 1892

Handwritten postcard by the saintly kabbalist Rabbi Shlomo Elyashiv, the "Baal Haleshem" to his dear friend and kabbalist Rabbi Shraga Meir (Leizerovitch). The Leshem opens and concludes his letter with words of blessing, "Hashem should add His loving kindness upon him and cause salvation to sprout for him...**May Hashem Yisborach be with him, and may he ascend higher and higher.**"

Rabbi Shlomo Elyashiv (1842-1926), renowned as the Baal Haleshem, was a descendant of the Arizal and Rabbi Shimshon of Ostropoli as he mentions in his introduction. From his early youth, he conducted himself with extreme holiness, piety and abstention, devoting the hours of his day to the revealed Torah and the night hours he devoted to studying the depths of the hidden Torah. It was said that since the times of the Ramak, there was never a sefer that so clearly illuminated the wisdom of kabbalah as Leshem Shvo V'achlamah.

Shavil, 1892. Postcard. Good condition.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000



Lot 74

The First Ashkenazic Siddur with integrated Kavanos of the Sacred Names

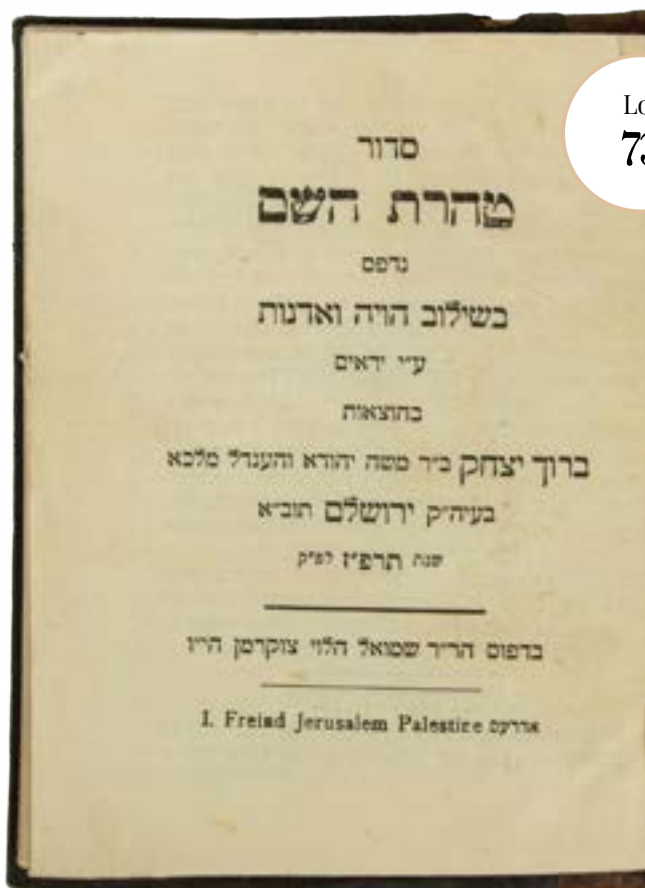
Siddur Taharas Hashem, Nusach Sephard (Chassidic), based on the Slavita Press. This was the first Ashkenazic siddur to feature the correct kavanah - (אדנות והי"ה) integrated at every mention of Hashem's name.

The title page notes that the siddur was printed by the famous Jerusalem tzaddik Rabbi Baruch Yitzchak Freund, renowned for his fervent and heartfelt prayers, was titled as one of the great "mechavanim" in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Friend's grandson, who assisted in the printing of the siddur, relates that his grandfather instructed him to relay the siddur only to a printer who immersed daily in a mikveh. "And, indeed, I paid the printer a special fee so he would go to the mikveh daily, and since then, the printer has become a 'mikveh Yid'" (Sippurim yerushalayim Vol. 5 p. 88).

Jerusalem 1927. **Size:** 15 cm • **Page Count:** 179 [1] page • Good condition.

Opening Bid \$700 ■ Estimate \$1,500-\$2,000

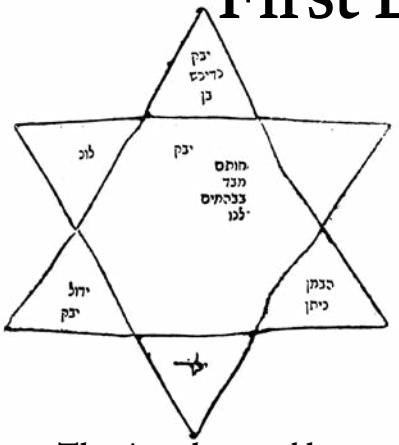


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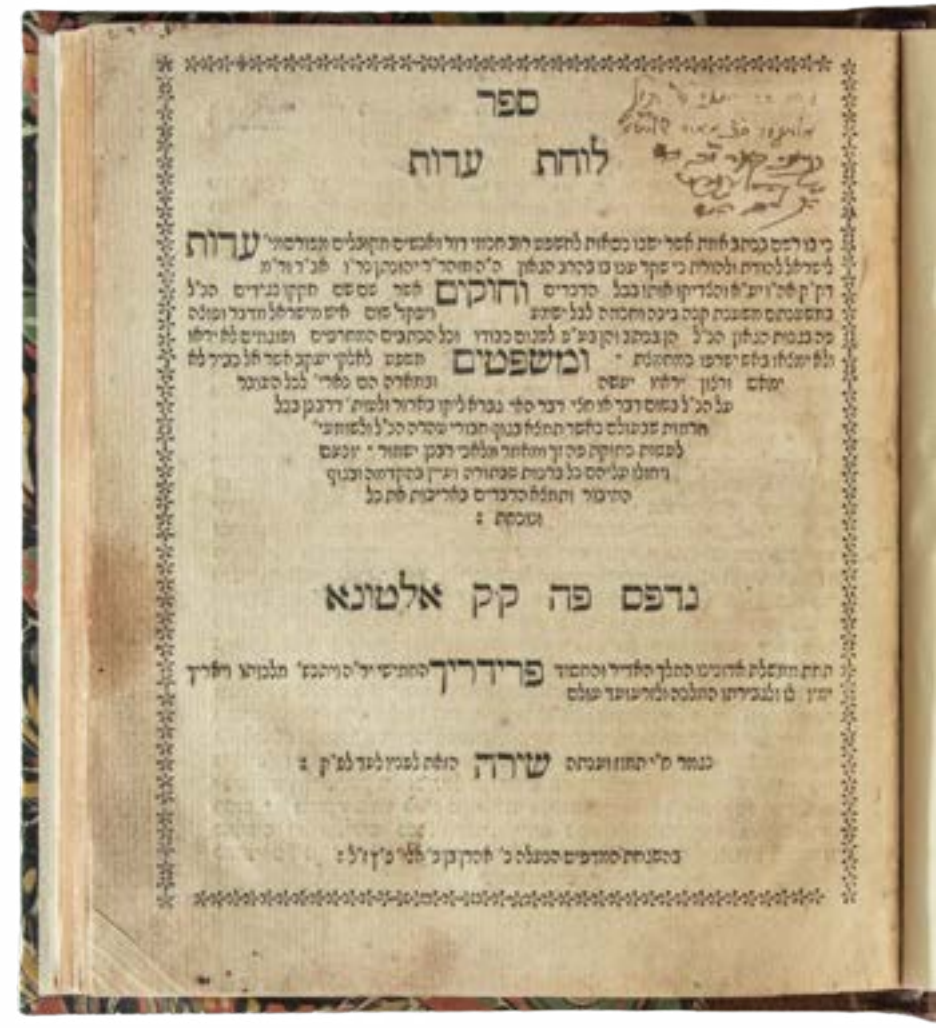
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Luchos Eidus

by **Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz**
First Edition. *Altona, 1755*



The Amulet used by Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz appears on page 63



Sefer Luchos Eidus by Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz contains letters and endorsements by the great rabbis and kabbalists of the era, defending Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz and condemning the rumors spread about him as false. Shortly after Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz, Av Beis Din of Prague, arrived in the city of Altona, there were several tragic incidents of Jewish women who perished during childbirth. Rabbi Yehonasan, who was also a revered kabbalist, proceeded to write special amulets (kameah) for expectant women to carry for protection. When one of these amulets reached the hands of Rabbi Yaakov Emden, he suspected that it contained Sabbatean content and issued

a public accusation of heresy against Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz, prompting the notorious Eibshitz - Emden Controversy which made waves across the Diaspora. Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz dispatched the amulets he'd created (along with explanations) to his contemporary rabbis and kabbalists, and the vast majority responded with their support, vouching for his innocence. Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz published their letters of support and endorsements in order to dispel any claim or suspicion of his so-called Sabbatean affiliation. **Altona, 1755.** First edition. **Size:** 18.5 cm • **Page Count:** 78 leaves • **Condition:** Good condition. Attractive new half-leather binding. Owners' signatures on title page.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Lot 76

Sefer Shimush by Rabbi Yaakov Emden

Altona, 1758

Corrections in the author's handwriting



Sefer Shimush is the primary historical source documenting The rise of Jacob Frank and his messianic Frankist movement. This work encompasses documents, certificates and exclusive testimonies regarding the actions of Frank's cult; a description of the notorious debate in Kamenitz-Podolsk before Bishop Dembovsky that resulted in the catastrophic burning of sefarim; and arguments opposing the opinions of Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz. Please see previous lot. This is a very rare sefer, as the author himself proclaims on

the last page that only several copies of this work were ever printed and that **"the Sabbateans search for these sefarim in order to destroy them."** The present sefer contains a few correction fixed by the Yaabetz himself. The title page notes that Sefer Shimush was printed in Amsterdam, although it was actually printed in Altona. **Altona, 1758-1762.** Singular edition. **Rabbi Yaakov Emden's Home press in Altona.** **Size:** 19.5 cm • **Page Count:** 89 leaves • **Condition:** Complete and in good condition.

Sefer Shimush is divided into 3 sections:
Shut LaSus – Regarding the Frankists in Podolia
Meseg LaChamor – Response to Rabbi Yehonasan Eibshitz's arguments.
Shevet LeGav Ksilim – Response to Frankist arguments.



Opening Bid \$7,000 ■ Estimate \$10,000-\$15,000

One of the first segulah books ever printed!



Lot 77

Sod Yesharim. Venice, 1595 100 Segulos & 50 Riddles!

This book presents a collection of 100 segulos, medical remedies and natural wonders embedded in creation, as well as 50 riddles by the famed Rabbi Yehuda Aryeh de Modena.

This is the first work published by Rabbi Yehuda Aryeh de Modena, and it was printed when he was

only 24 years old!

Rabbi Yehudah Aryeh of Modena (1575-1608) was among the venerated Rabbanim and authors in Italy.

Venice, 1595. First edition. **Size:** 14 cm • **Page Count:** 14, [1] leaf • **Condition:** leather binding, water stains. Good condition.

Am Segulah

Books of segulos and healing began appearing in print in the early 18th century. Over the years, scores of books and pamphlets detailing a wide range of segulos were printed and added to the Jewish library, most famous among them Toldos Adam and Sefer Zechirah. The present Sod Yesharim by Rabbi Yehuda Aryeh de Modena was of the very first works to be printed in this intriguing realm of Jewish literature.

Opening Bid \$12,000 • Estimate \$15,000-\$20,000

Lot 78

Sefer Goralos Usegulos Manuscript from India India, 1799

Rachbi Family

The Rachbi Family of Cochin numbered among the most prominent families in the Jewish community of Cochin during the 18th century. The family patriarch Rabbi Yechezkel Rachbi was the Nasi (president) of the Jewish community, and it was he who spearheaded its development and expansion, leaving an indelible impact on Jewish observance and community life throughout India.

A handwritten compilation of essays on wondrous topics such as good-luck, dice throwing, fortune telling and other esoteric topics. Written in Cochin in 1799, this one of the earliest Hebrew manuscripts from India.

There is a listing of birthdates from the years 1799 - 1810 on pp. 27-28 of members of the following families: Rachbi, Saadi,

Mizrahi, Ashkenazi and Nordin.

Cochin, 1799. **Size:** 11 x 9 cm • **Page Count:** 60 pages • **Condition:** Several pages are missing from the beginning and end. Tears and stains on front and back pages. Typical Sassoon binding • **Provenance:** Sassoon, Ohel Dawid, descriptive Catalogue of the Hebrew and Samaritan Manuscripts... (Oxford 1932), p. 1020.



Autograph of Yosef Shmuel Rachbi

Colophon on p. 52b states, "Completed on Tuesday, the 13th of Teves of the year Mevaser Tov -1799"



Opening Bid \$2,000 • Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



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PALMISTRY

Shoshanas Yaakov

First Edition
Amsterdam, 1706



Sefer Shoshanas Yaakov on the wisdom of palmistry and physiognomy (reading the face and other limbs) to understand the inner workings of a human being, his soul and future. This sefer also teaches the wisdom of the constellations in order to predict the future. by Rabbi Yaakov ben Mordechai of Fulda.

The title page verso features a full-page illustration of the palm of the hand and a delineation of the lines in the palm, along with their names.

Palmistry and physiognomy are ancient wisdoms mentioned

in sources as early as the Zohar Hakadosh. The Chida in Midbar Kadamos attest that the Arizal was a master of these wisdoms.

Several pages in this work are blank, apparently in order to allow for hand-drawn illustrations which were added into the manuscript, possibly by the author himself.

Amsterdam, 1706. First edition. **Page Count:** [2], 14 leaves
• **Condition:** Light water stains. Good condition. Half-leather binding. • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection.

Opening Bid \$4,000 ■ Estimate \$6,000-\$8,000



A MAGICIAN'S GUIDE

First Hebrew Edition!

Venice, 1623

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Orchos Chaim- the Will of Rabbi Eliezer Hagadol published together with Shoshanas Yaakov written by Harav Yaakov Heilprunn of Padua, author of Shu"t Nachlas Yaakov.

On his journey to Eretz Yisrael, the Shl"ta Hakadosh passed through Italy where he met

the author and wrote an approbation to his sefer Nachlas Yaakov. In his inscription, he adds, "This is a work of a great man...I have seen it, and it contains the wisdom of G-d..."

Venice, 1623. Size: 15 cm • **Page Count:** 12 leaves. Very rare booklet • **Condition:** Good.

Shoshanas Yaakov contains clever questions and magic tricks!

- Methods of guessing which number a person has chosen.
- ★ Guessing an item that a person chose without seeing it.
- ★ Causing an egg to hover in the air without touching it.
- ★ Writing secret codes, and speaking sign language!

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

TALMUD MISHNA Rishonim Achronim



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Talmud Bavli Bomberg Press Maseches Moed Katan. First Edition Venice, 1521



Daniel Bomberg
(1475-1549)

Daniel Bomberg, the famous printer from Venice, was the most influential Hebrew printer in the 16th century. He developed new typefaces and invested huge sums in establishing the printing house, and indeed from his printing house came out the best Torah works that became 'prototypes' for all subsequent editions. He established the gemara's "Tzuras Hadaf" as well as the number of pages in each masechta. Since then, passages in the gemara are always cited using Bomberg's page numbering.

He is the first to publish many important and basic Torah books, such as the present edition of Talmud Yerushalmi based on ancient and accurate manuscripts.

Rabbi Refael Nosson Nutta Rabinowitz, an expert on the printings of Talmud, wrote in reference to this project, **"This Talmud is perfect in its magnificence and beauty, both in regard to its structure and aesthetics. The paper is beautiful and the letters are bright and black..."** (Ma'amar Al Hadpasas Hatalmud p. 41)

Stefansky Sifrei Yesod p. 18, and in the addendum p. 168.

Maseches Moed Katan with the commentaries of Rashi and Tosafos. An entire volume from the first set of Talmud printed by Daniel Bomberg in his famous Venetian printing press. The halachic rulings of Tosafos and the Rosh were printed for the first time in the back of this masechta. This was the first time that the Rambam's Peirush Hamishnayos was included in the Shas. Beautiful high quality printing in dark ink on thick paper. This magnificent printing of this

edition of Talmud Bavli is almost entirely free of censor-deletions. It also includes important additions printed here for the first time and it became the basis for every subsequent printing of the Talmud. **Venice, 1521.** Daniel Bomberg Press. **Size:** 34.7 cm • **Page Count:** 45 leaves • **Condition:** Wide bottom margins, minor holes, stains on title page, minor restoration of upper left corner of title page. New American cloth binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky Sifrei Yesod #41.

Opening Bid \$25,000 • Estimate \$30,000-\$50,000

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Talmud Yerushalmi First Edition. Venice, 1523



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ד' אלפים תרתפ"ב



800
YEARS
OLD!

1222

Aden, Yemen

Ancient fragment
Folio of the Rambam's Commentary on Mishnayos Inscribed by
Saadia ben Halfon El-Adani.
Aden, Yemen 1222

Maimonides. 800 year old page from the Rambam's commentary on Mishna Seder Kodshim in his original Arabic. This manuscript was written by the scribe Saadia ben Yichya ben Halfon El-Adani of Aden, Yemen. In the year 1222, **only 18 years after the passing of the Rambam.**

The present item is from the earliest known dated Hebrew Yemenite manuscripts!

Size: 20x17 cm • **Additional Info:** Double-sided handwritten leaf of the commentary on Maseches Krisus contains the end of the fifth perek and beginning of the sixth perek.

Identification of the Manuscript
The National Library in Berlin possesses a manuscript of the commentary on Mishnayos Seder Nezikin with a colophon proclaiming: "With the help of Hashem, half of Seder Nezikin is complete... in the country of Aden... Written by Saadia the Scribe son of Yichya son of Rabbi Halfon known as El-Adani."

The identical script, identical paper and other features of these folios indicate that these relics are parts of the above manuscript confirming the identity of the scribe and the time it was written.

Genazym expresses its thanks to Professor Benjamin Richler for his efforts in identifying this manuscript.

Opening Bid \$8,000 • Estimate \$12,000-\$18,000



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Mishneh Torah L'HaRambam Giustiniani Edition Venice, 1550

The Giustiniani Edition of Mishneh Torah L'HaRambam is regarded as one of its most impressive and famous editions. This exclusive set, which presents in 3 thick volumes, was preserved in complete, good condition and features all title pages, index pages, and printer's emblems. The printers made use of the highest quality ink, thick white paper, and wide margins, bound in ornate leather covers.

Venice, 1550-1551. Complete set! **Size:** Large format measuring 40 cm • **Page Count:** [4], 43, [1], 25-26, 1, 10-228: [1]: 394-767, [5] leaves. Leaf 24b features the printer's emblem.

Bound in 3 volumes:

Volume 1: Sefer Mada, Sefer Ahavah and Sefer Zmanim, beginning with Sefer Hamitzvos L'haRambam, with additions and queries by the Ramban.

Volume 2: Sefer Nashim until Sefer Taharah

Volume 3: Sefer Nezikin until Sefer Shoftim with glosses by Maharam of Padua

Volume 1 opens with a concise list of the 613 imperative mitzvos and prohibitions [4 leaves]. These pages are extremely rare!



Opening Bid \$30,000 ■ Estimate \$50,000-\$70,000

Lot 85

Dinei D'Garmi L'HaRamban

First Edition

Constantinople
Circa 1515



Fundamental sefer on the laws of damages (ניזקין) by the Ramban, Rabbeinu Moshe ben Nachman, who was one of the greatest of the Rishonim.

Dinei D'Garmi discusses the laws of damages that a person can inflict either upon his fellow man or upon the latter's possessions, not directly, but through what is halachically termed a "grama" which is an inevitable reaction. The Ramban writes: "These concepts are deep, and their differences are fine as a hairsbreadth," which is why he authored a special treatise on this topic.

This sefer was later reprinted a second time within Chiddushei Ramban, Bava Basra (Venice, 1523) based



on a different manuscript than the Constantinople edition which includes several text variant. The writings of the Achronim, among them the Beis Yosef and Shach, indicate that the only version they had in their position was the later Venice edition, and that they never saw the earlier Constantinople edition.

Exceedingly rare.
Constantinople, 1515-1520. First edition. **Size:** 19.3 cm • **Page Count:** [10] leaves • **Condition:** Printed without title page. Complete. Stains and tears in margins only

that were professionally restored • **Bibliography:** Yaari, Constantinople 69; Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod 235; Deinard, Atikot Yehuda p. 16.

Opening Bid \$15,000 ■ Estimate \$20,000-\$30,000

Lot
86

Hamekach V'Hamemkar by Rav Hai Gaon First Edition. Venice, 1602



Foundational Work on the law of Choshen Mishpat

Laws of business and monetary issues, loans and collaterals as established by Rav Hai Gaon.

Classic and fundamental Halachic work highly acclaimed, studied and quoted by the great Rishonim and Achronim.

Originally written in Arabic for the Jews of Babylonia, this sefer was translated into Hebrew just one generation later by Rabbi Yitzchak Albageloni.

Venice, 1602. First edition. **Size:** 19 cm • **Page Count:** 97, [1] leaves • **Condition:** Minor tear in margin of title page, good condition, new blue leather binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod #222.

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



Terumas Hadeshen contains 354 teshuvos (354 is the gematria of 'deshen').

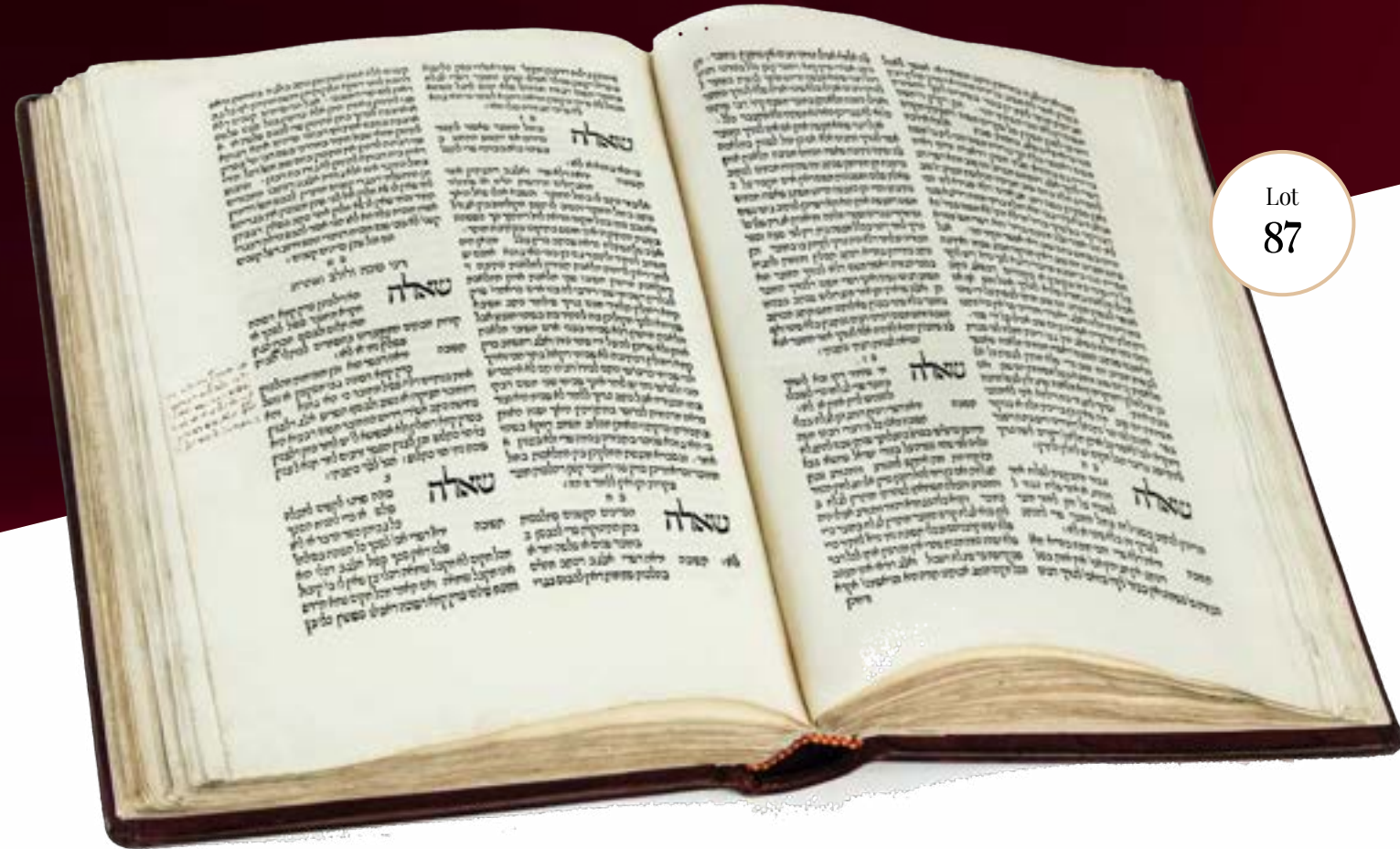


Psakim U'Ksuvin which includes teshuvos in practical halachah.

TERUMAS HADESHEN

First Edition. Venice, 1519
Daniel Bomberg Press

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Teshuvos, halachic rulings and writings of Rabbi Yisrael Isserlein, one of the great Ashkenazic Rishonim.

Rabbi Yisrael Isserlein (1390-1460), author of Terumas Hadeshen, was from the last Ashkenazic Rishonim. He had a close relationship with the Maharil and Maharam of Mintz, who all held him in the highest esteem.

Terumas Hadeshen is one of the foundational halachic works, both Rabbi Yosef Karo's Shulchan Aruch, as well as the Rama's base many of their halachic rulings on the opinion of the Terumas Hadeshen.

The work includes two volumes: **Volume 1:** Terumas

Hadeshen contains 354 teshuvos (354 is the gematria of 'deshen'). **Volume 2:** Psakim U'Ksuvin contains teshuvos in practical halachah.

Each volume was published separately with its own title page; here both volumes are bound together and are completely intact including all title pages and indices. This book in such excellent condition is extremely rare.

Venice, 1519. Daniel Bomberg Press. First edition.

Size: 25 cm • **Page Count:** Terumas HaDeshen: [132] leaves. Psakim U'Ksuvin: [53] leaves • **Condition:** Some restoration on title page and margins. Few pages with minor holes. New leather binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod # 274, 275.

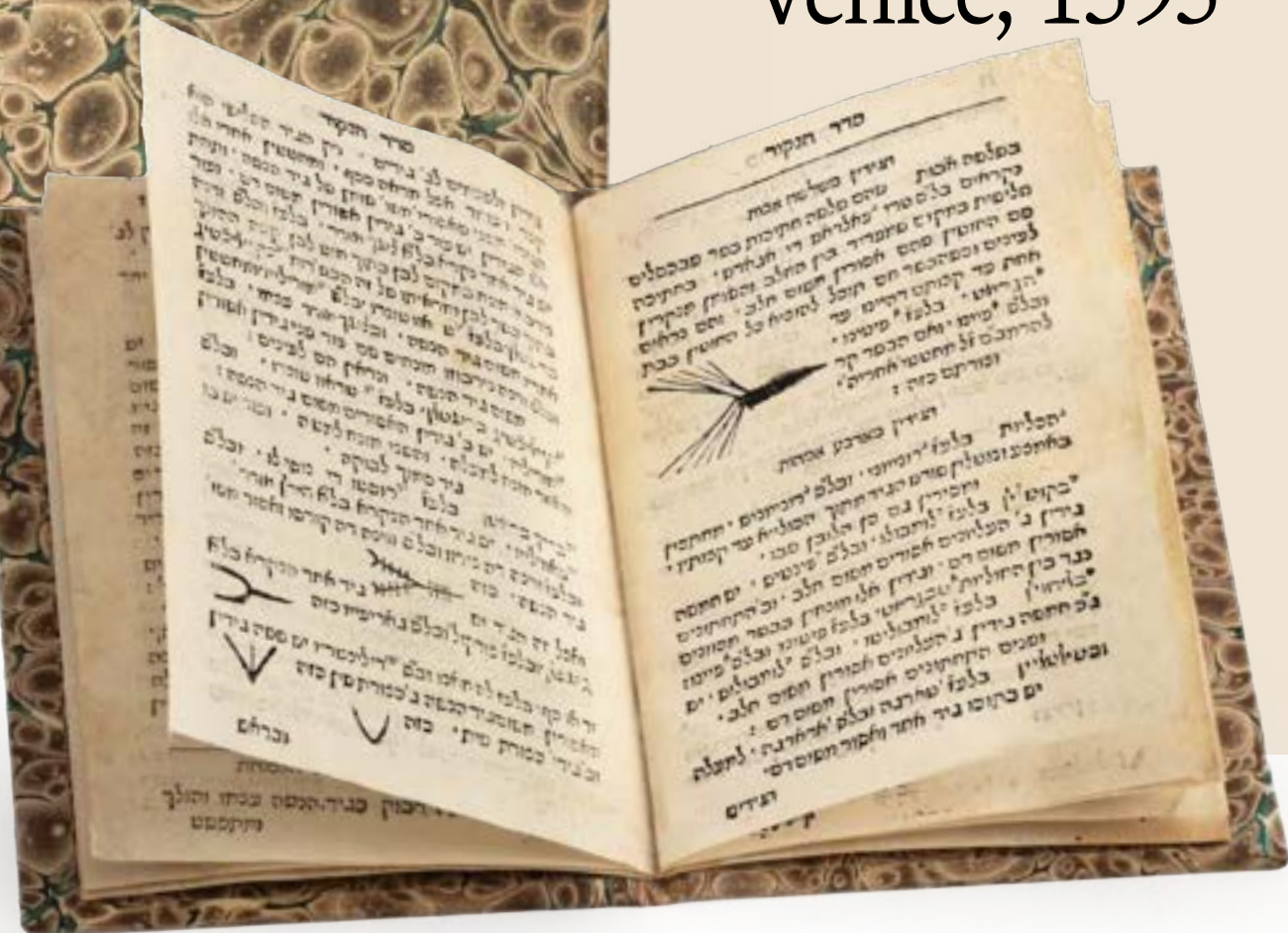
Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate Price \$8,000-\$10,000

Lot 88



SEDER HANIKUR

Venice, 1595



Exceptionally rare!

Shu"t HaRadach

Constantinople, 1537

First Edition



Title Page: Seder Hanikur



Colophon:
Completed on Rosh Chodesh Av 1595



Lot 89

Laws of Nikur* by Rabbi Yaakov Sorzina Katz from Kastilatz. The book contains a full translation of the names of the different parts of the animals meat to **Yiddish, Italian and Spanish**. Includes illustrations of the animal's veins. An important and foundational sefer on the laws of nikur. **Exceptionally rare.** This sefer is an abridged version of the laws of nikur set by the author's Rabbi, Rabbi Tzvi Yaakov of Cracow, with various supplements. In his introduction, the author explains that after learning the laws of nikur from his Rabbi in

Crakow, upon arriving in Italy he noticed that nikur was performed irresponsibly by unlearned Jews, therefore he published this sefer to educate and to bring awareness to the correct way of performing nikur. **Rabbi Tzvi Yakov of Cracow**, known as Rabbi Hershel Buchtner, was a great experts on the laws of shechitah and bedikos in Cracow during the times of the Rema. Some of his discussions with the Rema, were published in Cracow, 1585. **Venice, 1595.** First edition. **Size:** 13.7 cm • **Page Count:** 8 leaves • **Condition:** Few marginal restorations. Good condition. New binding.

*Nikur - the removal of forbidden cheilev (=fat) and sciatic nerve from an animal

The first printed sefer of teshuvos by the Achronim Halachic questions and Teshuvah by Rabbi David Hakohein of Corfu. This sefer was printed by Eliezer son of the famous printer Gershom Soncino. **The Radach, Rabbi David Hakohein of Corfu (d. 1530)** was one of great Poskim in the era of the Spanish Expulsion. He corresponded extensively with the great rabbinical figures of his time. Rabbi Yosef Karo cites the Radach's teshuvos in over twenty places in his landmark work, Beis Yosef. Shu"t HaRadach was brought to print by the author's son-in-law and disciple Rabbi David Vital, author of Kesser Torah (Constantinople, 1538). **Constantinople, 1537-8.** First edition. **Size:** 20.5 cm • **Page Count:** [224] leaves • **Condition:** Professional restorations on the upper margins. Water stains. New leather binding • **Additional Info:** Title page is dated 1537, the colophon is dated 1538 • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod #278.

Opening Bid \$4,000 ■ Estimate \$7,000-\$10,000

Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

Lot
90

Shu't Ralbach

First Edition
Venice, 1565

שאלות ותשובות הרבם חכם הנאמן במיוחד
להן רבני פרוסיה קדי הקדוש הנשגב

Additional Title Page



Rabbi Levi ben Chaviv (1480-1541 circa) known as the Ralbach was from the great rabbinical figures following the Spanish Expulsion. He was born in Samurai, Spain to Rabbi Yaakov Chaviv, author of Ein Yaakov, and was exiled with his father from Spain. After his father's passing, the Ralbach completed and printed the Ein Yaakov in Salonika, and then journeyed to Jerusalem where he settled and served as Rav for many years.

Venice, 1565. First edition. **Size:** 28.5 cm • **Page Count:** [6] 209, [1], 217-328 leaves • **Condition:** Complete, beautiful copy! • **Additional Info:** Owners signatures and censor licenses • **Bibliography:** Stefansky Sifrei Yesod #292.

The Semichah Controversy

458 years ago, Rabbi Yaakov Beirav of Tzfas determined that the time had come to reinstate the tradition of semichah, which is permission delivered from rabbi to disciple to rule in halachah and render judgment in a beis din. In the semichah process, the ordained rabbi/dayan awards the ordainee halachic prowess to rule in both monetary laws and laws pertaining to life and death. In 1538, Mahar"i Beirav took initiative to obtain semichah from 25 of the venerable rabbanim and sages of Tzfas. Once ordained, he delivered semichah to a select group of disciples, most notably among them Rabbi Yosef Karo, author of the Beis Yosef and Shulchan Aruch, and the Mabit and more.

Opening Bid \$1,500 ■ Estimate Price \$3,000-\$5,000

Lot
91



Halachic Classic Matteh Moshe

First Edition. Cracow, 1591

Halachic rulings and Jewish customs for the entire year, along with essays on mussar and kabbalah arranged according to the three foundations; Torah, avodah and gemilus chassadim, by Rabbi Moshe Meth, Av Beis Din of Premishla.

The present sefer is a treasure trove of halachic rulings, customs and mussar concepts presented through all methods of Torah study (Pardes). Rabbi Moshe Meth is quoted extensively by the premier Achronim and Torah luminaries in the next centuries, including the Shl" a Hakadosh and Magen Avraham.

Rabbi Moshe Meth (circa 1540-1606) was Av Beis Din of the great Jewish cities of Belz, Apta and Premishla. He was of

the prime disciples of the Maharshah and infused his sefarim with important customs that he personally witnessed in the home of his esteemed master. Rabbi Moshe was one of the leading scholars in his era and corresponded frequently with both the authors of the Bach and Mas'as Binyamin.

The title page verso boasts a beautiful poem by Rabbi Shabsai Sofer of Premishla, author of Siddur Rabbi Shabsai Sofer, praising the sefer and its eminent author.

Cracow, 1591. First edition • **Size:** 19.5 cm • **Page Count:** 212 leaves • **Condition:** Several pages professionally restored. Miniscule holes. Good condition. Rare. Decorative title page border. Attractive new leather binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky Sifrei Yesod #196.

Opening Bid \$12,000 ■ Estimate \$18,000-\$25,000



Lot
92

Rabbi Chiyya Rofeh of Tzfas
Maase Chiyya
Venice, 1652

Chiddushim on Shas, shailos and teshuvos by the venerable Rav Hamusmach of Tzfas, Rabbi Chiyya Rofeh. This sefer boasts impressive wide margins.

The Rav Hamusmach Rabbi Chiyya Rofeh (circa 1550-1617) ordained by Rabbi Yaakov Beirav studied Torah in the yeshivah of Rabbi Shlomo Sagish together with the Maharit. He then studied the wisdom of kabbalah under Rabbi Chaim Vital and was one of the select disciples to transmit his sacred teachings to the future generations.

Venice, 1652. First edition.

Page Count: Complete • **Condition:** Marginal restorations. Water stains. Worn antique binding • **Additional Info:** Italian owners signatures. Artistic border on title page.

Opening Bid \$800 ■ Estimate \$1,500-\$2,000

Mor U’Ktziah
by the
Yaabetz

First Edition. Altona, 1761-1768

Chiddushim and explanations on Tur-Orach Chaim by Rabbi Yaakov Emden. Two volumes complete, impressive copy.

The last page features a map of Eretz Yisrael as delineated by the Yaabetz.

Renowned as the Yaabetz, Rabbi Yaakov Emden (1698-1776) was the son of the Chacham Tzvi and among the greatest Achronim. His comprehensive work Mor U’Ktziah was accepted as a fundamental source on the laws of Orach Chaim and is cited by both his contemporaries and later halachic authorities, including the Chofetz Chaim in Mishnah Brurah.

Altona, 1761-1768. First edition • **Size:** 31 cm • **Condition:** Complete. Good condition with new half-leather binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod #176.



Lot
93

Printed in the author's home.

Opening Bid \$3,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000



Lot
94

“..Hashem is with him, and the halachah is as he ruled”

ספר דרכי תשובה (סי' א' סקנ"ג)

Tevuos Shor - Simlah Chadashah
Rare First Edition. Zolkova, 1733

The sefer consists of three parts: **Simlah Chadashah:** Halachic rulings regarding lowercase of shechitah and treifos. The main text is surrounded by **Tevuos Shor**, a comprehensive commentary on the laws discussed in Simlah Chadashah. This is followed by **Bechor Shor**, which encompasses chiddushim on Maseches Chulin and other masechtos.

Exceedingly Rare!

This sefer was extensively used and even in the 18th century, the first edition was hard to find, as described in the title page of the second edition (Zolokova 1766).

“The sefer is beloved by all, many are enthusiastic over it. They seize the opportunity to purchase any available copy, consult it over and over and there are no copies left.”

Zolkova, 1733. First edition. **Size:** 32 cm • **Complete** • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod # 172.

The Segulah Segulah

In his approbation to Simlah Chadashah (Munkacs, 1901): the Darkei Teshuvah writes “I heard from my holy father [Rabbi Shlomo Shapiro of Munkacs] in the name of his father zt”l [Rabbi Elazar, the son of the Bnei Yissachar], that it is **accepted among tzaddikim, disciples of the Baal Shem Tov zy”a, that the words of the Simlah Chadashah...purify**

the soul of a shochet u’bodek, so that no mishap shall occur through him, just as the words of the Zohar purify the soul. He adds: “For the shochet u’bodek who studies frequently the words of the holy sefer Simlah Chadashah, the sanctity of the author of Simlah Chadashah will protect him from stumbling, while he is slaughtering ...”

Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Lot
95

Shulchan Aruch for Children Constantinople, 1801

Rare page
with
illustrations

The last page features two illustrations printed on both sides of the page.



The first depicts Bnei Yisrael's camp in the Wilderness around the Mishkan.



The second is of Jericho surrounded by seven walls. (See A. Yaari, Mechkarei Sefer pp. 466-469 regarding the second illustration.)



Shulchan Aruch containing the halachos of Yamim Nora'im, Succah and Chanukah in a special format created especially for use by children in the Talmud Torah of Constantinople.

Title page in Ladino.

Constantinople, 1801. Size: 15 cm • **Page Count:** [1], 23, [1] leaves • **Condition:** Antique leather binding with gilded border and engraved gilded dedication. Minor, light stains • **Additional Info:** Very rare! Refael Chaim Eliyahu Pardo Press • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection.

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000

Over 100 Halachic Rulings

Lot
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INVALUABLE Treasure

200 years of Moroccan Rabbinate 1690-1890

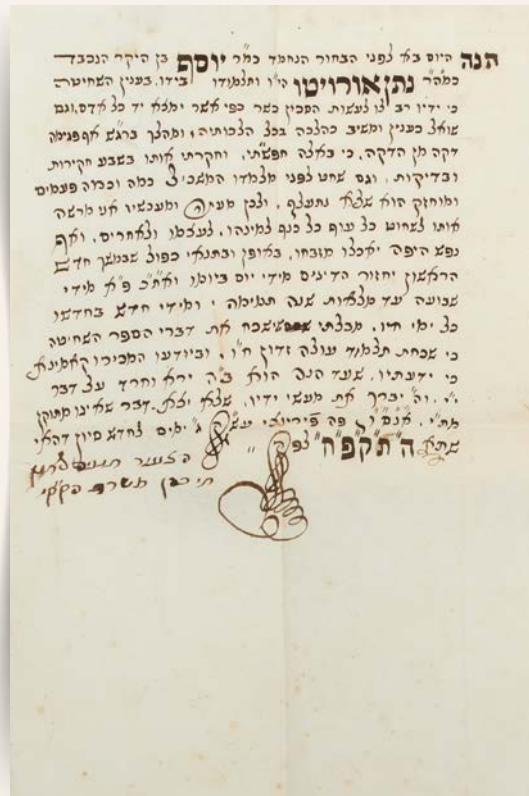


Lot 97

Semichah Letter by Rabbi Chananya Elchanan Cohen, Av Beis Din of Firenze Talmid of the Zera Shimshon Firenze, 1828

Rabbi Chananya Elchanan Cohen (1751-1834) was the prime disciple of the saintly kabbalist **Rabbi Chaim Shimshon Nachmani, author of Zera Shimshon**. Rabbi Chananya Elchanan served as Av Beis Din of Firenze, Italy, and included in his sefarim many songs and poems which he'd learned from the Zera Shimshon whom he refers to as "Mori v'rabi." He named his son after the Zera Shimshon.

Rabbi Chananya Elchanan was born in the city of Reggio where the Zera Shimshon served as Rav. He disseminated Torah to the masses, and cultivated many



talmidim who later became the spiritual luminaries and Rabbanim of Italy.

Rabbi Chananya Elchanan Cohen would share the following about the Zera Shimshon: A fire once broke out right next to the Zera Shimshon's house, and grew until it reached the walls of his porch. The Zera Shimshon opened his window and stood facing the conflagration while immersed in prayer. All at once, by a miracle, the fire extinguished, and the Zera Shimshon suffered no damage (Toldos Gedolei Yisrael [Trieste, 1853] p. 325 #25; p. 105).

Bound Together with Laws of Shechitah and Bedikah

The semichah letter is bound together with a notebook which includes a handwritten summary of the laws of shechitah, written in Italian by Rabbi Chananya Elchanan Cohen's talmid, Rabbi Yosef ben Rabbi Nosson Orvito.

Size: 14 cm; Semichah letter: 22x13 cm • **Page Count:** Manuscript: 14 sides on thick, high-quality paper + 2 large folded leaves. good condition.



Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000



אלבום יהודי חצי האי קרים, ארכיון התמונות ע"ש שושנה ואשר הלוי, די יצחק בן-צבי



Lot 98

Letter by the Sdei Chemed to Rabbi Akiva Yosef Shlesinger Bilohirsk, 1893

Letter written by Rabbi Chaim Chizkiyahu Medini, Av Beis Din of Chevron and author of Sdei Chemed to his contemporary, Rabbi Akiva Yosef Shlesinger in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Chaim Chizkiyahu Medini (1833-1905), Sephardic rabbi, author and scholar of Torah literature. He is famous for his magnum opus Sdei Chemed, which functions as a Talmudic encyclopedia.

The Sdei Chemed was born in Jerusalem, but relocated to Constantinople in his youth. He was appointed Rav in Jewish Crimea, and in 1899 returned to Chevron accepting the position of Chief Rabbi.

Bilohirsk, Crimea, 1893. • **Page size:** 13x14 cm • **Page Count:** 1 leaf • **Condition:** Fold mark on width of page.

Opening Bid \$1,800 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

CHASSIDUS



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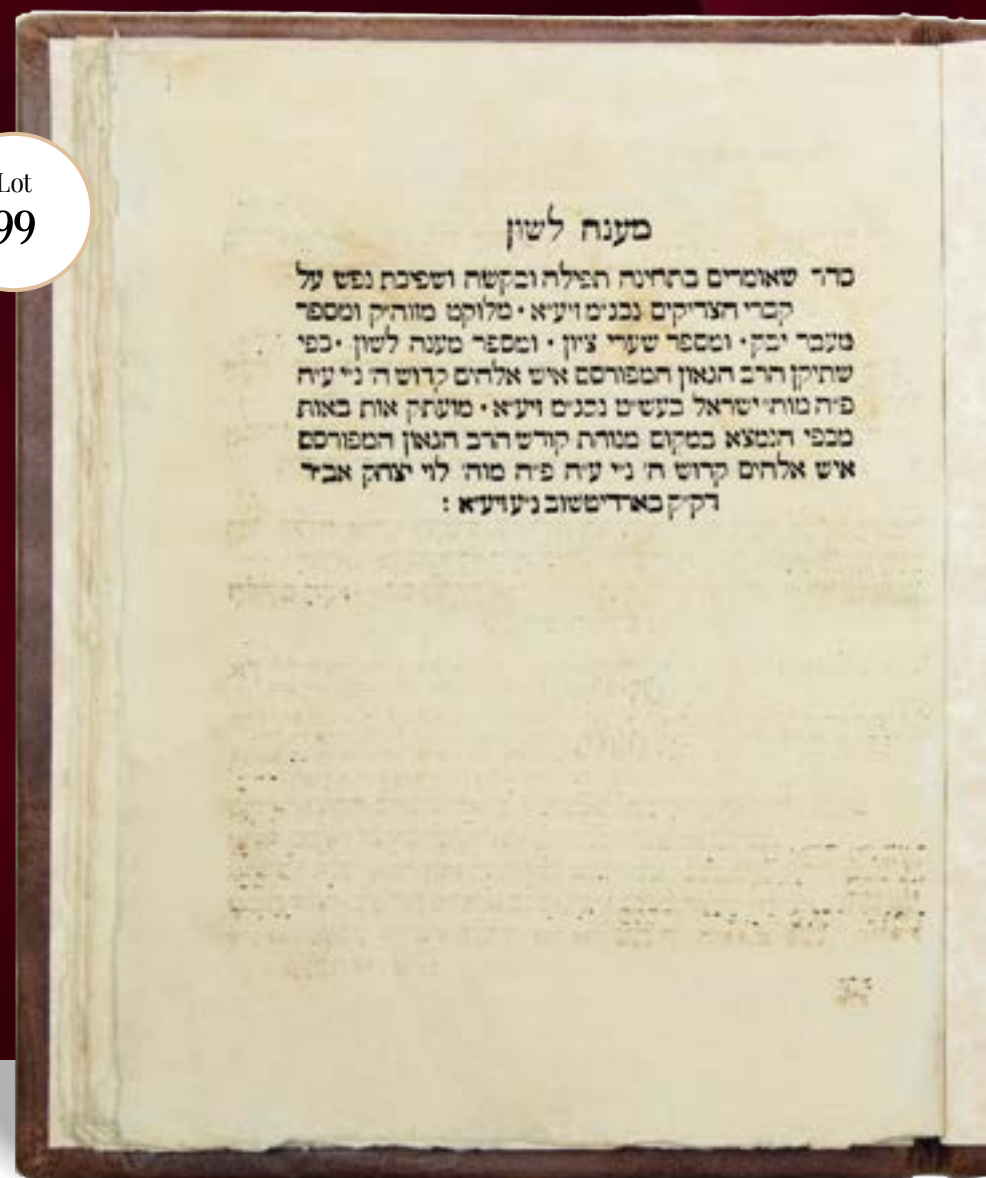
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Tefillos
by the
Baal Shem Tov
to be recited at
kivrei tzaddikim

Lot
99



Part 2. "Essay to Understand the Concept of Prayer at the Tombs of Tzaddikim" by the **Mitteler Rebbe, Rabbi Dov Ber Schneerson.**



Part 3. Letter by the **Admor Hazakein** to the residents of Eretz Yisrael.

Maaneh Lashon among Chassidic congregations

Maaneh Lashon was accepted among Chassidic congregations as the basic book of prayers to be recited at the burial sites of tzaddikim.

Admorim, chassidim and the pious would go on a pilgrimage to the burial sites of tzaddikim, and recite, these prayers and chapters of Tehillim, following the order established in this sefer Maaneh Lashon.

This sefer was popular among Lubavitcher chassidim. The Mitteler Rebbe instructed his chassidim to recite it at the tziyun of his father, the Alter Rebbe. Following the passing of the Rayatz, his son-in-law, the Admor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, reprinted Maaneh Lashon so it could also be recited in the Ohel of the Rayatz. The Lubavitcher Rebbe would recite this order of prayers whenever visiting the tziyun.

Exceedingly Rare!
Maaneh Lashon. First Edition. Shklov, circa 1813

Order of prayers to be recited at the burial sites of tzaddikim composed by "The rabbi and renowned genius, holy man of G-d, light of Israel, Moreinu Harav Yisrael Baal Shem Tov". This sefer was "printed based on texts found near the resting place of the holy Admor Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev."

First edition, and extremely rare copy! To the best of our knowledge, this sefer has never before appeared at auction.

Contents:

1. Seder Techinos U'bakashos – Requests and supplications recited at the burial sites of tzaddikim, composed by **Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov**. "Copied letter for letter as found in the holy resting place of the famous genius and holy man

of G-d, Moreinu Harav Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev" (sides 1-18).

2. "Essay to Understand the Concept of Prayer at the Tombs of Tzaddikim" by the **Mitteler Rebbe, Rabbi Dov Ber Schneerson**, see image on the right.

3. Letter of Condolences by the **Baal Tanya** to the residents of Eretz Yisrael following the passing of the Admor Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Vitepsk, with commentary on the letter.

Shklov, [1813]). Size: 23x18 cm • **Page Count:** [31] sides • **Condition:** Thick, high-quality paper. Good condition. Attractive new leather binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Chassidus #354.

Opening Bid \$30,000 ■ Estimate \$50,000-\$70,000

Lot
100

Manuscript
Chabad Bichel
Early Essays by the
Founders of Lubavitch

Chassidic essays related by the **Admor Hazakein Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi**, the Baal Hatanya; his son and successor the **Admor Rabbi Dov Ber Schneerson**, the Mitteler Rebbe; and his grandson the **Admor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson**, author of Tzemach Tzedek.

Handwritten volume encompassing 13 essays on 146 sides, known in the Lubavitch community as a "bichel" (Yiddish for book). See complete list of essays on Genazym's site.

On leaf 48a, the scribe writes: "Edited precisely from his holy hand" which means that it was copied directly from the Admor's original manuscript.

This particular manuscript notes the year as 5584 (1828).

Page Count: [83] leaves; 164 handwritten sides by several scribes • **Additional Info:** The sefer Chessed L'Avraham (Zelkova, 1765) is bound between the essays. Missing title page and end. Worn old binding.



"Edited from the original writings"

Opening Bid \$3,000 ■ Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000

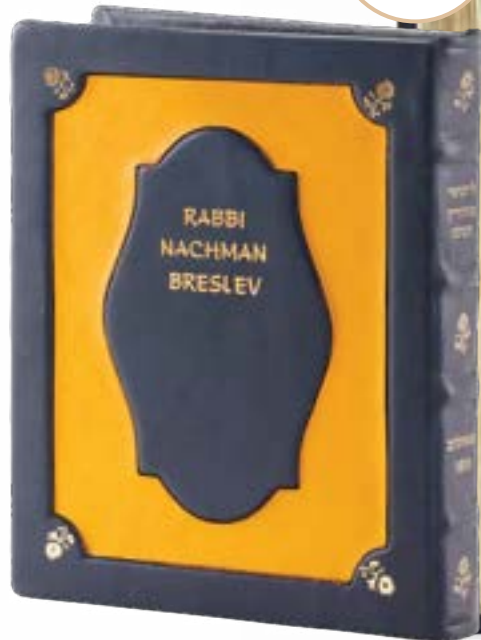
Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

Likutei Muharan Tinyana
First Edition. Mogilev, 1811

*** Nachal Novea Mekor Chochmah - The Flowing River**

The famous expression "Nachal Novea Mekor Chochmah" (a flowing river, source of wisdom) is found on the title page. His talmid Rabbi Nosson attests that this acronym for Rabbi Nachman, actually emerged from the holy lips of Rabbi Nachman himself; this is the first time it appears in print.

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Wondrous Chiddushei Torah drawn from the wisdom and wellsprings of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, edited and printed by his disciple Rabbi Nosson of Breslov. In his preface, Rabbi Nosson explains that the essays printed in this volume "Are his final words that he taught and revealed after completing the sefer Likutei Muharan and that were heard by our ears from his holy mouth from that

day and on, until his passing..." Leaf 2b presents secrets and allusions regarding the name of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. **Mogilev, 1811. Size:** 20.5 cm • **Page Count:** [2] 58 leaves • **Condition:** Light green paper with attractive margin. Good condition. new leather binding • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Chassidus #286.

Opening Bid \$20,000 • Estimate Price \$25,000-\$35,000

Degel Machaneh Ephraim

First Edition. Koritz, 1810

Lot 103

Chassidic commentaries on Chumash by Rabbi Moshe Chaim Ephraim of Sudilkov, grandson of the Baal Shem Tov.

Degel Machaneh Ephraim is a foundational work of chassidus which cites important concepts, learned from his grandfather the Baal Shem Tov.

The author of the "Degel", as he is affectionately referred to by Chassidim, was born in Mezhibuzh in 1747, to the Baal Shem Tov's only daughter Udel. He was educated and dearly loved by his grandfather. In his famous letter to his brother-in-law Rabbi Gershon of Kitov, the Baal Shem Tov refers to him as "A great genius".

Includes approbations of Chassidic luminaries such as Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, the Maggid of Kozhnitz, the Chozeh of Lublin, the Ohev Yisrael of Apta, Rabbi Chaim of Czernowitz and Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Liska.

Koritz, 1810. First edition. **Size:** 20.5 cm • **Page Count:** [2], 114 leaves • **Condition:** New leather binding. Good condition • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Sifrei Chassidus # 128, Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod # 383.

Opening Bid \$25,000
Estimate \$30,000-\$40,000



Holy Autograph of the Be'er Mayim Chaim

Admor Rabbi Chaim of Czernowitz *Botoshan, 1813*

The signature of the Admor Rabbi Chaim of Czernowitz, author of Be'er Mayim Chaim and Sidduro shel Shabbos written in his holy hands on a Beis Din deed.

The deed regards a case that took place in the Beis Din in Botoshan where Rav Chaim presided as Rav. It was created and signed on 23 Adar II, 5573 (1813) by the Admor Rabbi Chaim of Czernowitz whose signature appears first followed by the signatures of another two dayanim from the Beis Din.

The tzaddik and **Admor Rabbi Chaim of Czernowitz (1760-1818)**, author of Be'er Mayim Chaim and Sidduro Shel Shabbos, was among the progenitors of Chassidus, and a genius in both the revealed and hidden Torah. He served as Rav in the prominent communities of

Czernowitz, Botoshan and was one of the founders of Chassidus in Romania and Bukovina. Toward the end of 1813, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of journeying to Eretz Yisrael where he settled in Tzfas and dwelled until his passing five years later.

He is renowned throughout the Chassidic world by the names of his fundamental sefarim Be'er Mayim Chaim and Sidduro Shel Shabbos

All of his sefarim were printed in numerous editions and are regarded as Chassidic classics.

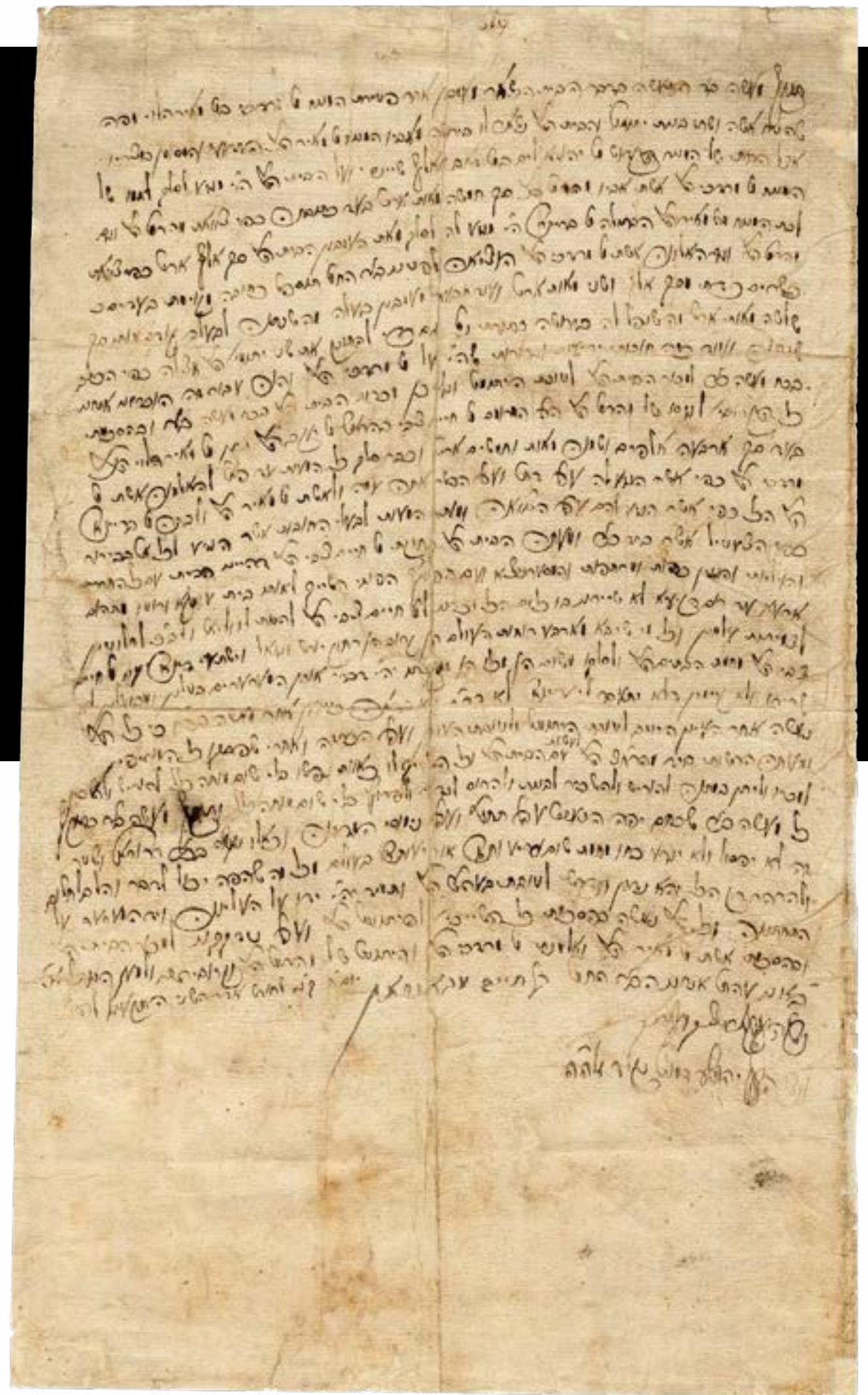
Botoshan, 1813.

Size: 37x22 cm • **Condition:** Professionally restored on margins and minor restoration to text.

Sidduro shel Shabbos

Sidduro Shel Shabbos, which describes the sanctity and attributes of Shabbos, is the primary Chassidic work on Shabbos. The author, Rabbi Chaim, was known to invest immense efforts to honor and safeguard Shabbos to the extent that people described: "After he immersed in the mikveh in honor of Shabbos, he appeared a head taller and his face glowed until the end of Shabbos."

Opening Bid \$120,000 ■ Estimate \$150,000-\$250,000



Original BAS AYIN

From the Author's Family Jerusalem, 1847

Lot
105

Chiddushei Torah and drashos on the weekly Torah portions by the saintly Bas Ayin, the Admor Rabbi Avraham Dov of Avritch who "lectured every week on Shabbos with the holy spirit that descended upon him from the heavens".

Original red leather binding engraved: "**Belongs to R' Yisrael Leib**". This was the personal copy of the Bas Ayin's great-nephew Rabbi Yisrael Leib Avritcher who was the publisher of this first edition.

The Admor Rabbi Avraham Dov of Avritch (1765-12 Kislev, 1841) was one of the exalted chassidic Admorim and legendary figures in the 19th century. The Bas Ayin was the prime disciple of the Admor Rabbi Menachem Nachum of Chernobyl.

Toward the end of 1830, the Bas Ayin journeyed to the Holy Land and settled in Tzfas where he stood at the forefront of the Chassidic Yishuv in Eretz Yisrael and supported its members during the hardest of times.

Sefer Bas Ayin is one of the foundational Chassidic sefarim, and it is said that learning it is auspicious for personal salvation.

Jerusalem, 1847. First edition. **Size:** 22 cm • **Page Count:** [2], 125 [1] leaf.



Ornate copy originally owned by the author's family!



Rabbi Moshe Efraim inscribed in large block letters:

This sefer was authored by the righteous and saintly tzaddik Avraham Dov ztvk"l

I, Moshe Ephraim, nephew of the mentioned Tzaddik, these are my fruits: My son Rabbi Yisrael Leib;

My son-in-law Rabbi Chaim Yisrael son of the Admor of Ramen; and son-in-law Rabbi Feivish son of the gaon and tzaddik of blessed memory.

The present item boasts the Bas Ayin's illustrious family tree as recorded on the title page by the author's nephew Rabbi Moshe Efraim of Tzfas.

Harav Hakadosh Rabbi Avraham Dov of Avritch Author of Bas Ayin

Harav Hatzaddik Rabbi Yisrael Leib, Av Beis Din of Varchikov

Brother of the Bas Ayin

His son Harav Hakadosh Rabbi Moshe Efraim

(his inscription on the title page)

His son Harav Hachassid Rabbi Yisrael Leib

Avritcher of Tzfas (publisher of the Bas Ayin)

Segulah for yeshuos

The Segulah is based on the name

בת עין

which is an acronym for

ישראל נושע ב'ה' ת'שועת ע'ולמים

Yisrael is saved by Hashem with an eternal salvation.

Opening Bid \$4,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

Customs of Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk, author of **Noam Elimelech**



Lot
106



Darkei Tzedek by Rabbi Zecharyah Mendel of Yaroslav First Edition. *Lvov, 1796*

Rituals and practices for serving Hashem according to Chassidic thought by Rabbi Zecharyah Mendel of Yaroslav, including practices from his spiritual master Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk, author of Noam Elimelech. One of the first published books detailing the customs of Chassidic Tzaddikim.

The printer writes in his introduction, "...righteous practices by the well-known rabbi and Chassid... Rabbi Mendel, Av Beis Din of Liska. These practices are mentioned and practiced by one of the disciples of the great man of Elokim who is called holy, the well-known rabbi and Chassid, the holy light Rabbi Elimelech zt"l."

Rabbi Zecharyah Mendel of Yaroslav was the prime disciple of Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk, and it was he

who authored the Iggeres Hakodesh printed at the end of Noam Elimelech. As mentioned in the approbation of the Noam Elimelech, Rabbi Zecharyah was responsible for the first printing of the Noam Elimelech together with Rabbi Elimelech's son Rabbi Elazar.

Featured at the end of the sefer are "Hanhagos" of Rabbi Yechiel Michel of Zlotchov, a disciple of the Baal Shem Tov. He also quotes concepts attributed to the Baal Shem Tov and Maggid of Mezritch.

Lvov, 1796. First edition. **Size:** 13.5 cm • **Page Count:** [24] leaves • **Condition:** Light professional restoration of last leaves, including text. Good condition. Antique leather binding; rare • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Chassidus # 148.

Opening Bid \$12,000 ■ Estimate \$18,000-\$25,000

Lot
107

Chassidic Classic

Zera Kodesh by Rabbi Naftali of Ropshitz First Edition. *Lemberg, 1868*

Sefer Zera Kodesh by Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Horowitz of Ropshitz.
Part 1: Commentary on Torah

Part 2: Roshei Chodashim, Yomim Tovim and the Lekutei Moharam of his father Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Liska.

The author's foremost disciple Rabbi Chaim of Sanz named the sefer Zera Kodesh; his approbation appears in the sefer.

Chassidic masters treasured the Zera Kodesh and would study it diligently every Shabbos.

Rabbi Naftali of Ropshitz (1760- 1827) was one of the great founders of Chassidus. He was born on the day the Bal Shem Tov passed away, and in reference to this Rabbi Chaim of Sanz said, "The sun rose and the sun set". He was the primary disciple of Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk. **Lemberg, 1865.** First edition. **Size:** 22cm • **Page Count:** Vol 1: [2] [124] leaves. Vol 2: [1] 104 leaves • **Condition:** Volume 2 has a separate title page. Title page of volume 1 has ink stains and erasures. Both parts bound together in new leather binding. Good condition • **Bibliography:** Stefansky, Chassidus # 208.



Opening Bid \$5,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

Lot
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Autographed Letter
by The

DIVREI CHAIM



הבן הישן האשכנזי

Original letter by the Admor RABBI CHAIM OF SANZ on the Marriage of His Daughter Nechuma'le

Lot
108

I mportant letter by the Admor Rabbi Chaim of Sanz, author of Divrei Chaim, with a three-line inscription written and autographed by his holy hand.

The letter was written to the **Admor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Panet of Dash**, author of Maagalei Tzedek, with a heartfelt request for financial assistance for the upcoming wedding of his daughter, the tzaddekes Rebbetzin Nechuma'le.

Background of the letter:

In 1863, the Divrei Chaim betrothed his daughter Nechuma'le to Rabbi Yitzchak Tuvia Rubín who was only 4½ years old at the time. Rabbi Yitzchak Tuvia was the son of the Admor's friend Rabbi Meir Rubín of Galagow, who was a grandson of the Admor Rabbi Duvid Ungar of Dombrova.

The wedding took place ten years later on 1873. This letter was sent one month before the wedding.

Why was the Divrei Chaim asking for help?

The Divrei Chaim opens the letter with the words "Behold I have aged and become old," as this letter is

dated 1873, indicating that he was already 80 years old at the time! The Divrei Chaim was regarded as the elder of all Admorim in Europe, the undisputed Gadol Hador whose halachic rulings were accepted by all. And yet, he lacked even the basic funds to marry off his own daughter!

The reason for this, the Divrei Chaim of Sanz regularly distributed all the funds and pidyonos that he received to charity, never keeping a coin for himself. It is famously said that the Sanzer Rav "did not go to sleep at night as long as he had a coin that he did not distribute to tzedakah!"

Rebbetzin Nechama 'Nechuma'le' Rubín nee Halberstam, daughter of the Admor Rabbi Chaim of Sanz, was a brilliant, righteous woman whose fame spread and drew many men and women to seek her blessing and counsel.

After her marriage to Rabbi Yitzchak Tuvia Rubín, the couple dwelled in the home of her father, the Admor of Sanz, and visiting Rabbanim who sojourned in Sanz to bask in the Rebbe's holy presence sought the young Rebbetzin Nechuma'le's counsel regarding many a weighty issue.

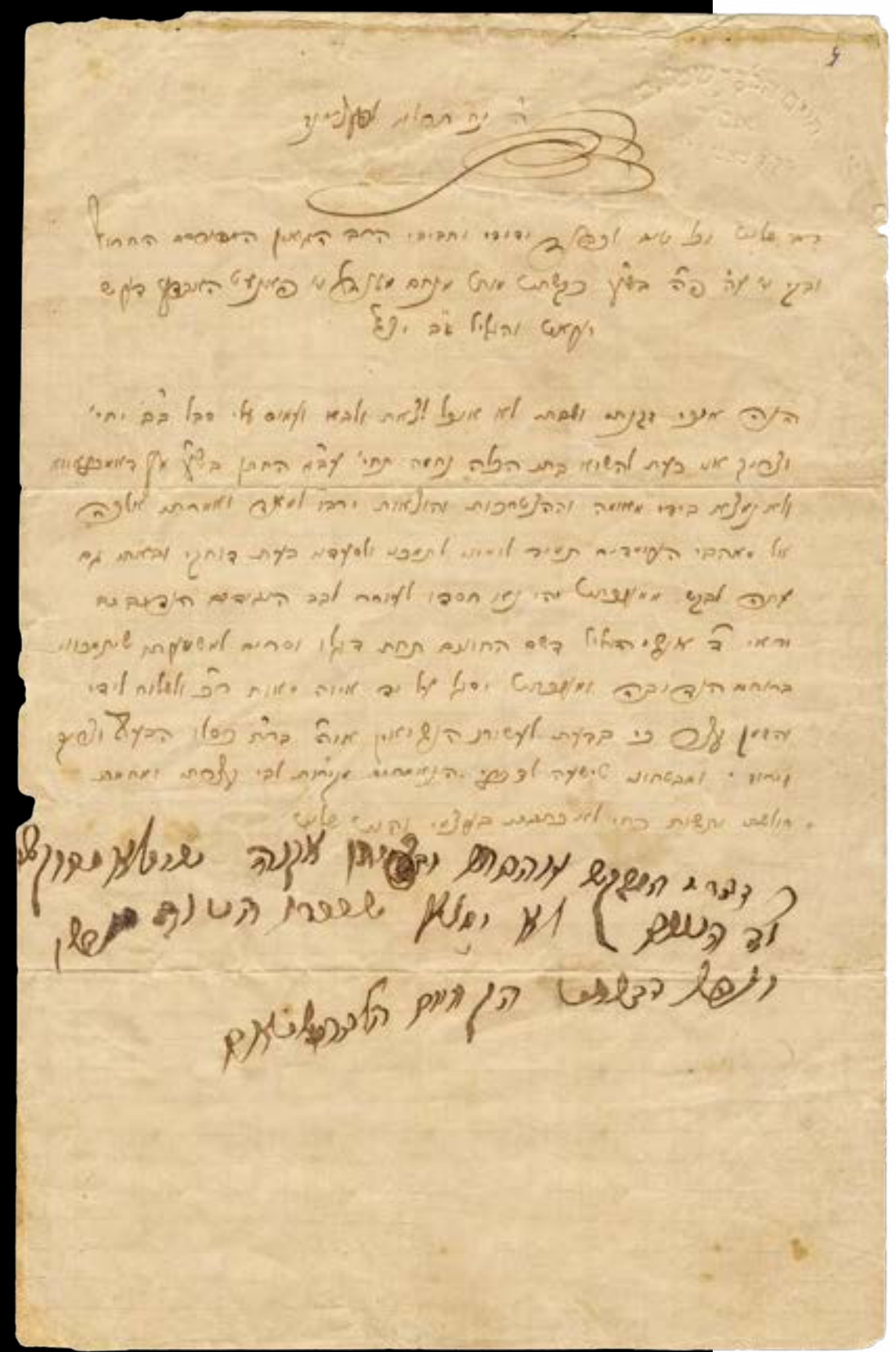
Sanz, 5633 (1863). Double-sided letter. **Size:** 14.5x21.5 cm • **Bibliography:** Ateres Chaim Yalkut Igros Me'Harav Hakadosh MiSanz Letter 55 (Brooklyn, 1980).



הן רעים האשכנזים

The Admor Rabbi Chaim Halberstam of Sanz (1793-1876), author of the Divrei Chaim, of the great tzaddikim of the Chassidic movement. He was a genius in both the Hidden and Revealed Torah. Rav Chaim was appointed Rav in Sanz, and in a short time, he became the most venerated Admor and halachic authority in all of Galicia, the spiritual leader of his generation who inspired and taught tens of thousands of chassidim.

The recipient of this letter **Admor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Panet of Dash (1818-1885)** was the son of the Mareh Yechezkel and a close disciple of the Chasam Sofer and Divrei Chaim. In 1858, he was appointed Rav of Dash where he soon gained renown as one of the leading sages in his generation.



B'ezras Hashem,
Thursday, Noach
5633, Sanz

Peace and goodness to my dear and beloved friend Harav Hagaon...Menachem Mendel n"y Panet, Av Beis Din of Dash...

Behold, I have aged and become old, and I cannot go and come, and I am burdened with the needs of my family... Now, I need to marry off my daughter, the kallah Nechama tichyeh, with her predestined one, the chosson, descendant of the holy Admor of Dombrova,

and I have nothing...

I have set the wedding date on the upcoming Rosh Chodesh Kislev, and we must work quickly. I am certain that you shall heed my words which are offered from the depths of my heart, and which I have written briefly. ...behold I [send you my best wishes for] peace.

The following words were written by the Sanzer himself:

The words of the one who sends regards with love, and with the hope that he shall fulfill my request. And the Beneficent G-d shall **not withhold your great reward from your soul** and the soul of the one who seeks the peace of his Torah.

Hakatan Chaim Halberstam

Opening Bid \$75,000 ■ Estimate \$100,000-\$150,000

Letter by the Saintly Rabbi Meir of Kretchnif 1905



“May Hashem Yisborach grant you
parnassah with dignity and comfort
from His wide and open hand”

Handwritten postcard by the first Admor of Kretchnif, Rabbi Meir Rosenbaum to his son the Admor Rabbi Issamar of Nadvorna.

The Admor Rabbi Meir Rosenbaum of Kretchnif (1852-1908) was the son of the Admor Rabbi Mordechai of Nadvorna of the Nadvorna-Premishlan dynasty. He was appointed Admor during his father's lifetime, and in 1896, moved to Kretchnif near Sighet where he soon gained repute as a holy tzaddik and pious miracle worker who distributed amulets to those in need and whose blessings were fulfilled. He was the only child whom his father permitted to write amulets. His fear of

heaven and dveikus were so compelling that it was an inspiration to many. Rabbi Meir's divrei Torah and lectures were compiled in the sefer Arba Arazim, and all of his sons and sons-in-law served as Admorim in different citie. The addressee of the letter was the Admor of Kretchnif's son, **Rabbi Issamar of Nadvorna (1886-1973)**. A tzaddik of the last generation, Rabbi Issamar first began acting as Admor in Czernowitz at the age of 15, and this letter was sent to him when he was 19 years of age.

Kretchnif, 1905. Handwritten postcard by the Admor of Kretchnif. Postmarked in Czernowitz • Good condition.

Rabbi Issachar Ber of Nadvorna

Rabbi Mordechai of Nadvorna

Rabbi Meir of Kretchnif

Rabbi Eliezer Zev of Kretchnif

Rabbi Issamar of Nadvorna

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Lot
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Rabbi Issamar of Nadvorna



Handwritten postcard by Rabbi Eliezer Zev of Kretshnif to his brother the Admor Rabbi Issamar of Nadvorna 1902

Handwritten Postcard by
Rabbi Eliezer Zev of Kretshnif to his brother the
Admor Rabbi Issamar of Nadvorna 1902

An early and rare personal letter from the holy hand of the Admor Rabbi Eliezer Zev of Kretshnif to his brother the Admor of Nadvorna concerning their parent's trip to Pest.

The Admor was only 22 years old when he wrote this letter. The holy miracle worker, **the Admor Rabbi Eliezer Zev of Kretshnif (1880-1944)** was the son of Rabbi Meir of Kretshnif. At the age of 16 he was already a community leader, and upon his father's passing, assumed his position

as Rav of Kretshnif. He later served as Rav of Sighet until he was murdered in Auschwitz. His life, and the wonders he performed are chronicled in Raza D'uvda.

He was the father of the Admor Rabbi Dovid Moshe Rosenbaum of Kretshnif, and the grandfather of the Admorim of Kretshnif-Chadeira, Kretshnif-Kiryat Gat, and Premishlan-Bnei Brak.

Nadvorna, 1902. Autographed handwritten postcard.

Opening Bid \$8,000 ■ Estimate Price \$12,000-\$15,000



Lot
111

The wise know
that the sefer
Noam Elimelech
sweetens harsh
judgments upon
Klal Yisrael
until today.

A wondrous letter in which the holy gaon of Zelikov reveals amazing secrets concerning the naming of the sefer Noam Elimelech by Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk, based on the hidden Torah and the writings of the Arizal.

He explains in great detail that "sefer Noam Elimelech was named with ruach hakodesh."

Zelikov, 14th of Nissan, 1934.
Double-sided postcard, good condition.

Rabbi Avraham Shimon Halevi Engel-Horowitz from Zelikov Hy"d (1876-1943) was known in his time as Rabbi Shimmale Zelikover. He was one of Poland's great Torah sages, who was, according to his foremost disciple the Shevet Levi, "a tremendous genius...and all the pathways of the Hidden and Revealed Torah were as clear to him as they were when given at Har Sinai." He remained largely anonymous, a hidden tzaddik, until Rabbi Meir Shapira appointed him Mashgiach of Yeshivas Chachmei Lublin, bringing him to the forefront of Harbazhas Torah in Chassidic pre-Holocaust Europe. Upon the liquidation of the Cracow ghetto, he was deported wrapped in tallis and tefillin along with the rest of the Jews. Hy"d.



Lot
112

Teshuvah by Rabbi Yitzchak Halevi Horowitz Av Beis Din of Stanislav. 1889

Handwritten teshuvah by Rabbi Yitzchak Halevi Horowitz, Av Beis Din of Stanislav and author of Meah Shearim. Rabbi Yitzchak was the son of the famous Bar Levai, and the father of the Harei Besamim.

Teshuvah regarding an agunah. Stanyslav, 1889. 2 large leaves; 4 sides. This teshuvah was sent to the great kabbalist Rabbi Ezriel Halevi Landau, Av Beis Din of Delitin. (Rabbi Ezriel Halevi was a descendant of the Meir Nesivim, a disciple of the Mahar"i of Ziditchov.

Not signed.
Stanyslav, 1889. Size: 34x21 cm. • Page Count: 4 large sides.

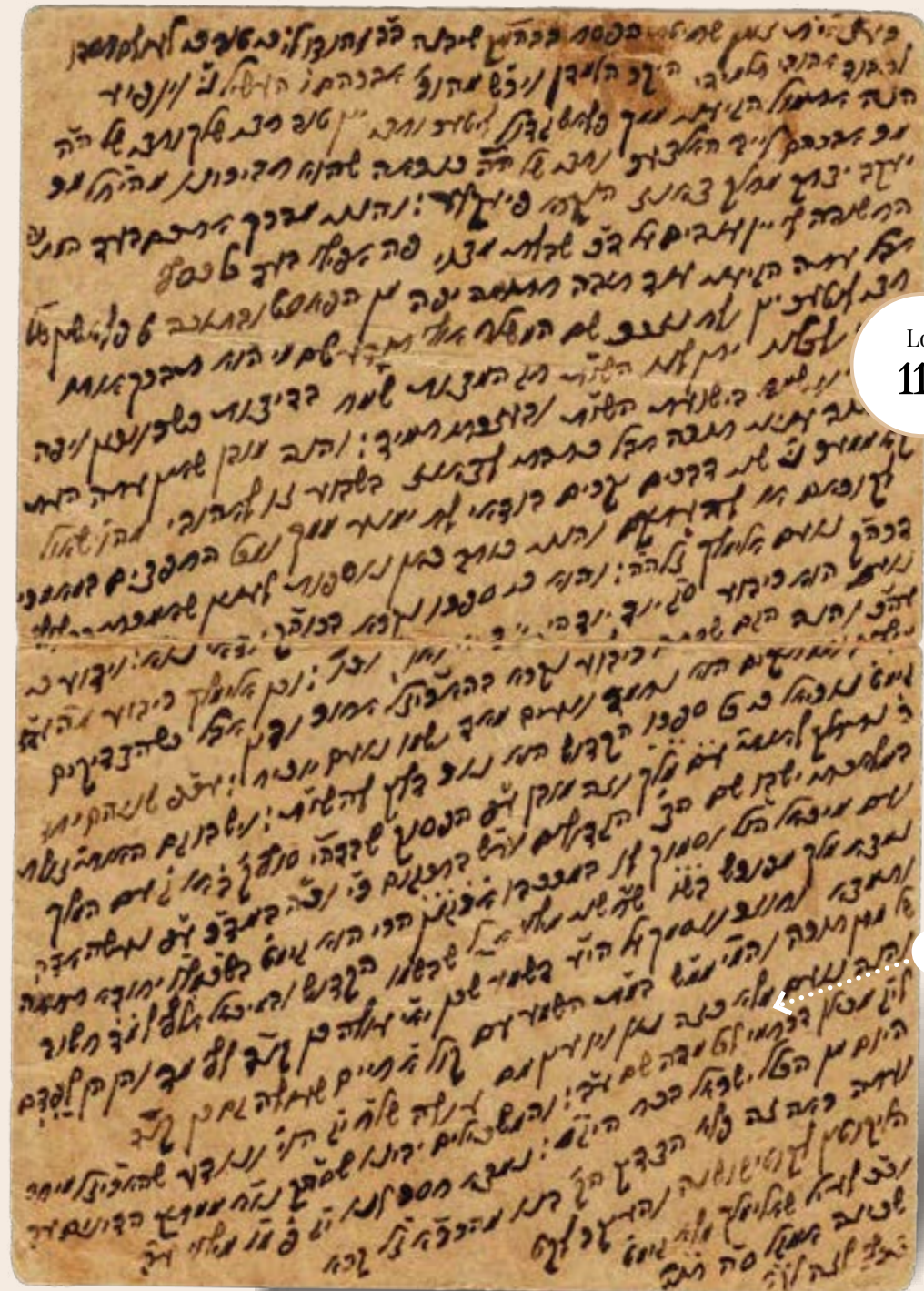
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THE SECRET

behind the name of the holy sefer

NOAM ELIMELECH

Handwritten by the Tzaddik Rabbi Shimon Zelikover HY"D

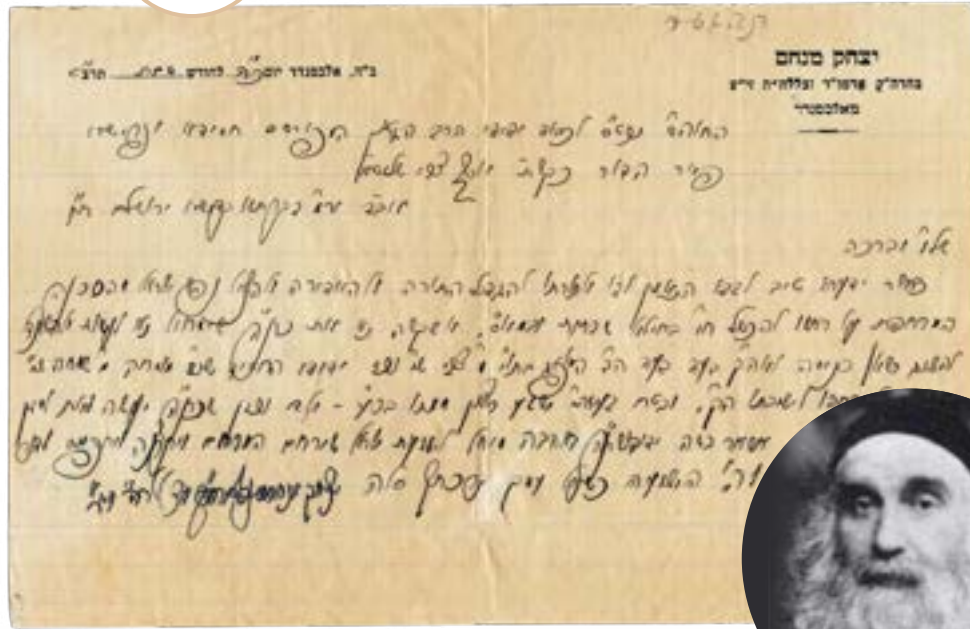


"...והנה נועם מלא כזה נוי" וי"ו עי"ן מ"ם עולה של"ח י"ג הוי' ונדוע שהאריז"ל מיוחס לייג מכילן דרחמי לכל מדה שם ע"ב. והמשכילים יבינו שספר הק' נועם אלימלך ממתק הדינים עד היום מן הכלל ישראל בכח היג"מ..." [הי"ג מכילין דרחמין]

Opening Bid \$10,000 ■ Estimate \$15,000-\$20,000

Lot 113

Akeidas Yitzchak



Opening Bid \$1,800 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Autographed appeal by the Admor Rabbi Yitzchak Menachem of Alexander Hy"d to Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Dushinsky, Av Beis Din in Jerusalem, Regarding the Rescue of a Student from Polish draft.

During World War Two, he was one of the privileged few to receive an immigration certificate to Eretz Yisrael, yet he nobly refused to leave his chassidim behind. He suffered terribly for two years in the Warsaw Ghetto and was then deported to Treblinka. Many tales of miracles and wonders that he engendered on behalf of others, healing the sick and bringing children to the barren, were published in Ro'eh Ne'eman.

Alexander, 1939. Personal stationery. **Size:** 14x21 cm. Good condition.

Letter by the Admor Rabbi Yisrael of Husyatyn

Grandson of Rabbi Yisrael of Ruzhin

The present letter was entirely written by the Admor Rabbi Yisrael of Husyatyn to his daughter Rebbetzin Chava (Chavenyi), wife of the Admor Rabbi Menachem Nachum of Husyatyn.

The letter opens with the Admor's salutation to his dear daughter, "Dear beloved daughter Chavenyi" and concludes with his best wishes, "Be well. From me, your father who wishes you all the best. Yisrael".

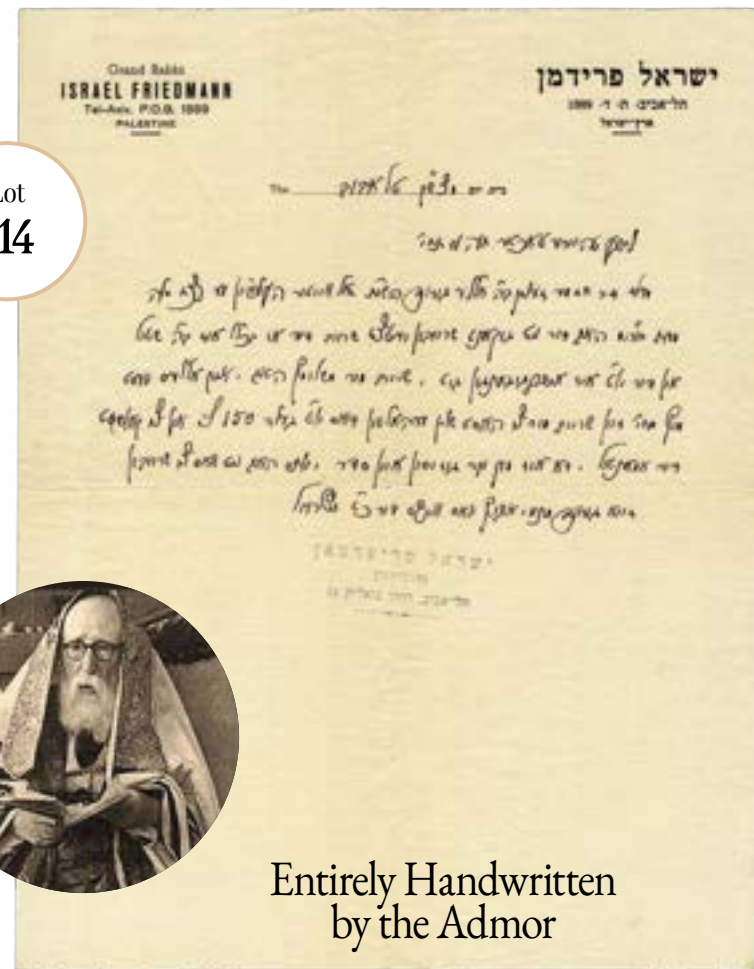
The Admor Rabbi Yisrael of Husyatyn (1858-1949) In 1894, Rabbi Yisrael succeeded his father Rabbi Mordechai Feivish (son of Rabbi Yisrael of Ruzhin) as Admor of Husyatyn. During World War I, he emigrated to Vienna and subsequently journeyed to Eretz Yisrael where he settled in 1937 and was venerated as the elder of all the Chassidic Admorim.

Tel Aviv, 1930s. Handwritten, autographed and stamped on personal stationery • Good condition.



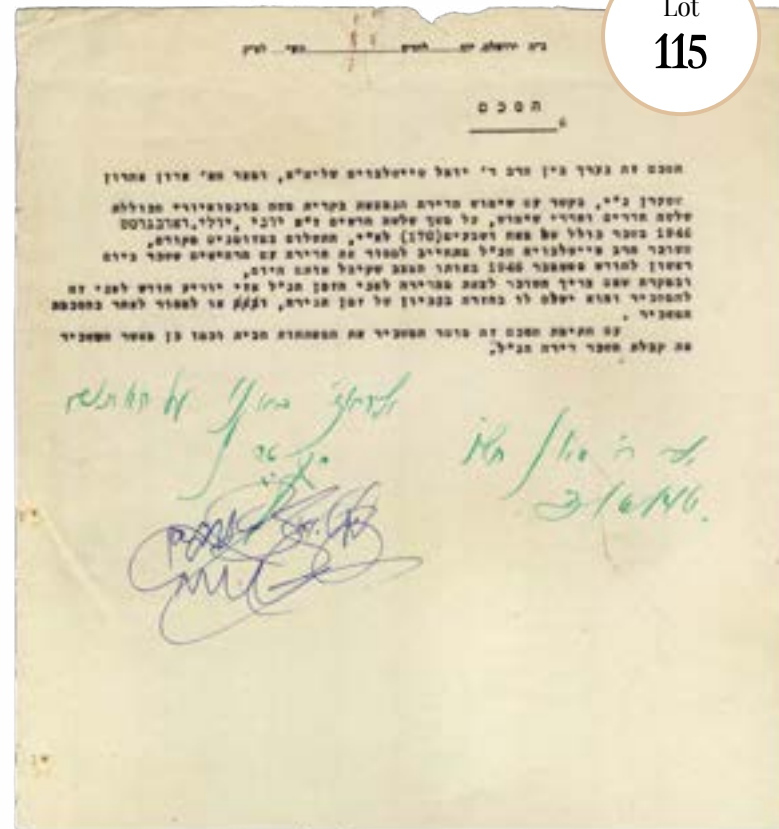
Entirely Handwritten by the Admor

Lot 114



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Lot 115



Opening Bid \$4,000 ■ Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

Rental Contract of the Admor Rabbi Yoel Teitelbaum of Satmar

Upon his arrival in Yerushalayim after the Holocaust. 1946

Rabbi Yoel Teitelbaum arrived in Switzerland on the 21st of Kislev in the year 1945.

After a few months of recuperation, he left Switzerland for Eretz Yisrael, spent a year in the Beis Yisrael neighborhood and then moved to America.

This contract was for a rented apartment in Kiryat Moshe that was used by the Admor during the summer months.

The contract was signed by the Admor in June 1946.

Jerusalem, 1946. Size: 23x22 cm • **Additional info** The body of the contract is typewritten with handwritten signatures.



Letter to the Admor Rabbi Yoel Teitelbaum from His Daughter and Son-in-Law

Law Describing the fear in Eretz Yisrael Jerusalem, 1948

Two personal letters to the Admor Rabbi Yoel of Satmar:

Side 1. Letter from his daughter Rebbetzin Chaya Roiza Teitelbaum.

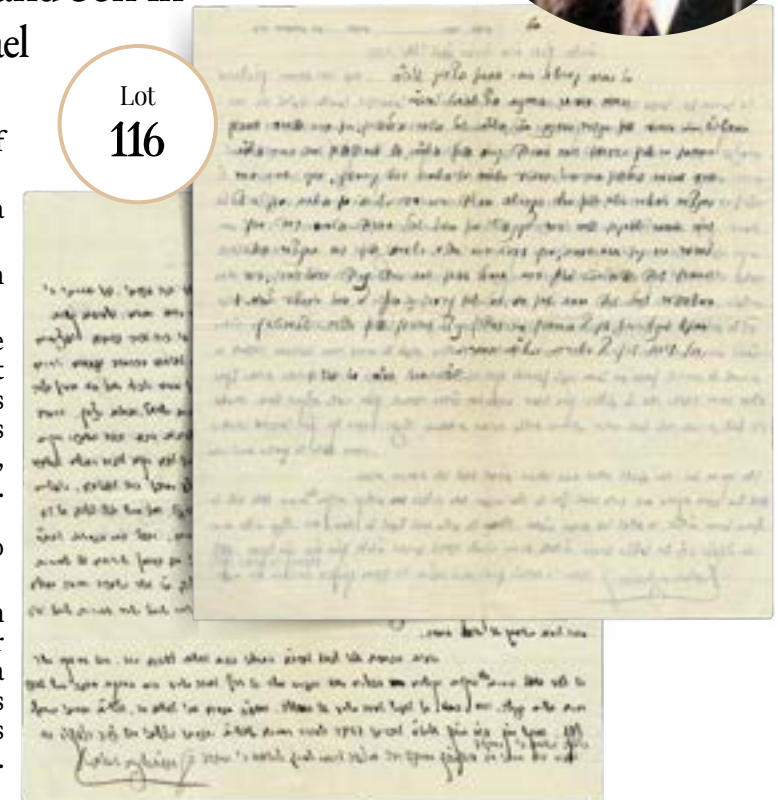
Side 2. Letter from his son-in-law Rabbi Chananya Yom Tov Lipa Teitelbaum, Av Beis Din of Szentmihály.

In his letter, Rabbi Chananya Yom Tov Lipa describes the tragic wave of pogroms and terror targeting the innocent Jews of the Yishuv that followed the United Nation's proclamation to divide the State. He vividly conveys the dangers and terror felt when walking the streets, and the urgent prayers being held in shuls everywhere. He expresses his concerns regarding the impending departure of the British and entreats his father-in-law to pray for their safety and welfare.

The righteous Rebbetzin Chaya Roiza Teitelbaum (d. 1953) daughter of the Admor Rabbi Yoel of Satmar was renowned as a great tzaddekes. She passed away at a relatively young age, and her death evoked tremendous pain and grief in her father and all Satmar chassidim as she was the very last remnant of his illustrious family.

Jerusalem, 1948. Size: 20x22 cm.

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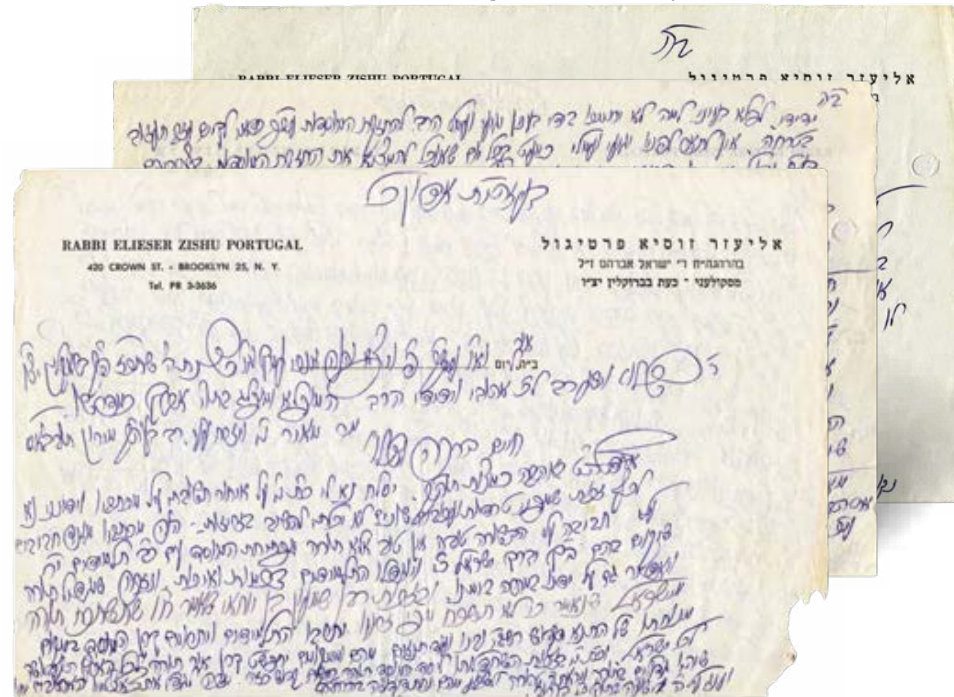
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Lot 117

Lengthly Letter by the Admor of Skulen

Rabbi Eliezer Zusia Portugal. *Brooklyn, 1967*



“The institution shall be established at the resting place of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai”

The Admor of Skulen put in great effort on behalf of underprivileged Jewish children, he established a Talmud Torah and Yeshiva in Meron for children who weren't accepted into the mainstream school system.

The letter was sent to the Rabbi of Meron; Rabbi Meir Stern zt"l who was appointed by the Admor to oversee his institutions.

Brooklyn, 1967.

Condition: Corner tear affecting text. • **Additional Info:** Written on two small pieces of stationery. The first page is double-sided. Entirely handwritten and autographed.

Opening Bid \$2,000
Estimate \$2,000 - \$5,000



Lot 118

Lengthy Psak by the Klausenburger Rebbe Netanya, 1971

A lengthy letter of chiddushei Torah on the subject of accepting converts in contemporary times authored by the Admor Rabbi Yekusiel Yehuda Halberstam of Klausenburg. The letter was typewritten but features several handwritten glosses. **The last page boasts 5 lines of a handwritten conclusion replete with blessings in the Admor's handwriting and with his autograph.**

The Admor Rabbi Yekusiel Yehuda Halberstam (1905-1994), author of Shefa Chaim, was reknown for his genius and righteousness. After surviving the Holocaust, he dedicated his life to facilitating his fellow survivors physically and spiritually, and rebuilt the decimated Sanz Chassidus in Eretz Yisrael and the United States.

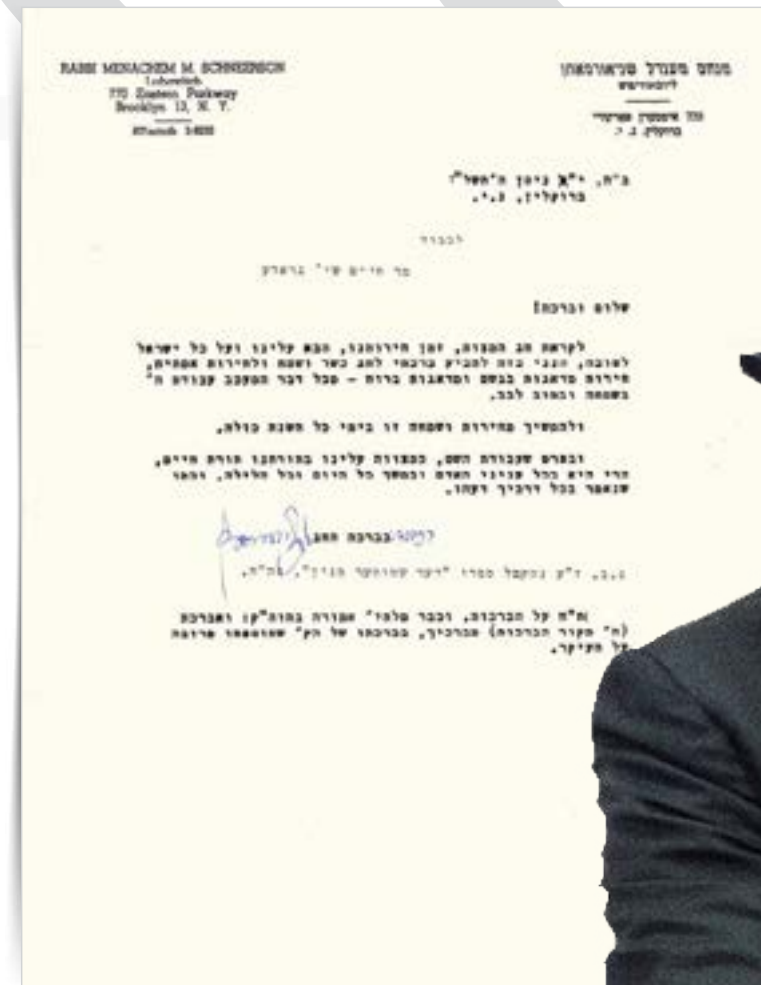
Netanya, 1971. Size: 28 cm • **Page Count:** 7 leaves • **Additional Info:** Printed in Shu"t Divrei Yatziv Vol. 6 Ch. 1 without the Admor's concluding words.

Opening Bid \$1,500 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

How are we to receive converts in our times?

Lot 119

“Freedom from Material Worries, Freedom from Spiritual Worries”



Good Wishes from the Lubavitcher Rebbe

Igeres Kodesh with warm blessings for Pesach 1977, autographed by the Admor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of Chabad Lubavitch.

“As Chag Hamatzos approaches...I express my blessings for a happy and kosher Yom Tov and for true freedom...and to continue this freedom and happiness into the entire year.”

The Admor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson (1902-1994). Until this day, the Torah empire he built extends to

countries throughout the world, where his emissaries engage actively in outreach and promote mitzvah observance.

This letter was sent to Chaim Grada (1910-1982), a well-known Yiddish author. At the bottom of this letter the rebbe thanks the writer for sending him a copy of his book, Der Shtumen Minyan.

Brooklyn, New York. 10th of Nissan, 1977. Good Condition.

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$4,000

Commentary on
Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim by
**THE VILNA
GAON**

Lot
120

First Edition. *Shklov, 1803*

This is the first edition of Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim with Biur HaGr"a.

Printed from "His holy handwritten manuscript in his own precious words."

Biur HaGr"a is one of the fundamental sources of halacha. The Chafetz Chaim consistently rules accordingly, as he relates in his preface to Mishnah Berurah Vol. 1: "In every place where I see two opinions between two Achronim on the same matter, I did not shy of searching among the other Achronim, and especially in the **Biur HaGr"a z"l** who was the luminary of Yisrael and the stake that all depends onit..."

Shklov, 1803. First edition.

Size: 35 cm • **Page Count:** [1], 3, 346, [1], leaf. Printed together with Magen Avraham and Be'er Hagolah, who was the Vilna Gaon's ancestor • **Condition:** Stains and signs of use. New half-cloth binding • **Bibliography:** Winograd. Otzar Sifrei HaGr"a #747. Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod #169.



Opening Bid \$4,000 • Estimate \$5,000-\$7,000



This copy is with distinguished provenances amongs them: Autograph of Rabbi Yaakov Berlin of Mir (1794-1870) Rabbi Yaakov Berlin was the father of the Netziv of Volozhin. In 1854, he journeyed to Jerusalem where he served as one of the leaders of the Ashkenazic Yishuv.

The Vilna Gaon's Customs
**MAASEH
RAV**

Vilna-Grodna, 1832
First Edition

Lot
121

The customs, rites, practices, and special prayers from the Vilna Gaon. Edited and compiled by Rabbi Yissachar Ber ben Rabbi Tanchum of Vilna.

Sefer Maaseh Rav has been accepted as a reliable source for the customs of the Vilna Gaon. The Chafetz Chaim cites most of the customs that relate to Orach Chaim in the Mishnah Berurah. A letter by Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin appears at the beginning of the sefer, as do approbations of the Chayei Adam and more.

Vilna-Grodna, 1832. First edition.

Size: 18.3 cm • **Page Count:** [3], 67 leaves • **Condition:** professional restoration of both title pages, good condition • **Bibliography:** Winograd, Otzar Sifrei HaGr"a # 808. Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod p. 63 in supplements.

Opening Bid \$1,800 • Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



Lot
122

Alfei Menashe
by Rabbi Menashe of Ilya
First Edition. *Vilna, 1822*

Chiddushim and commentary on the Torah and Chazal; the essence of the world and its spiritual rectification, and mussar lessons by Rabbi Menashe of Ilya.

Rabbi Menashe of Ilya (1767-1831) was privileged to study under the Vilna Gaon and perpetuate his legacy in Torah. In the present sefer, he writes "Without him [the Gr"a], Torah would have been forgotten among Yisrael" (Leaf 38b). Rabbi Menashe followed the Torah of the Vilna Gaon, focusing on the clarity of pshat instead of on pilpul (see leaf 73b).

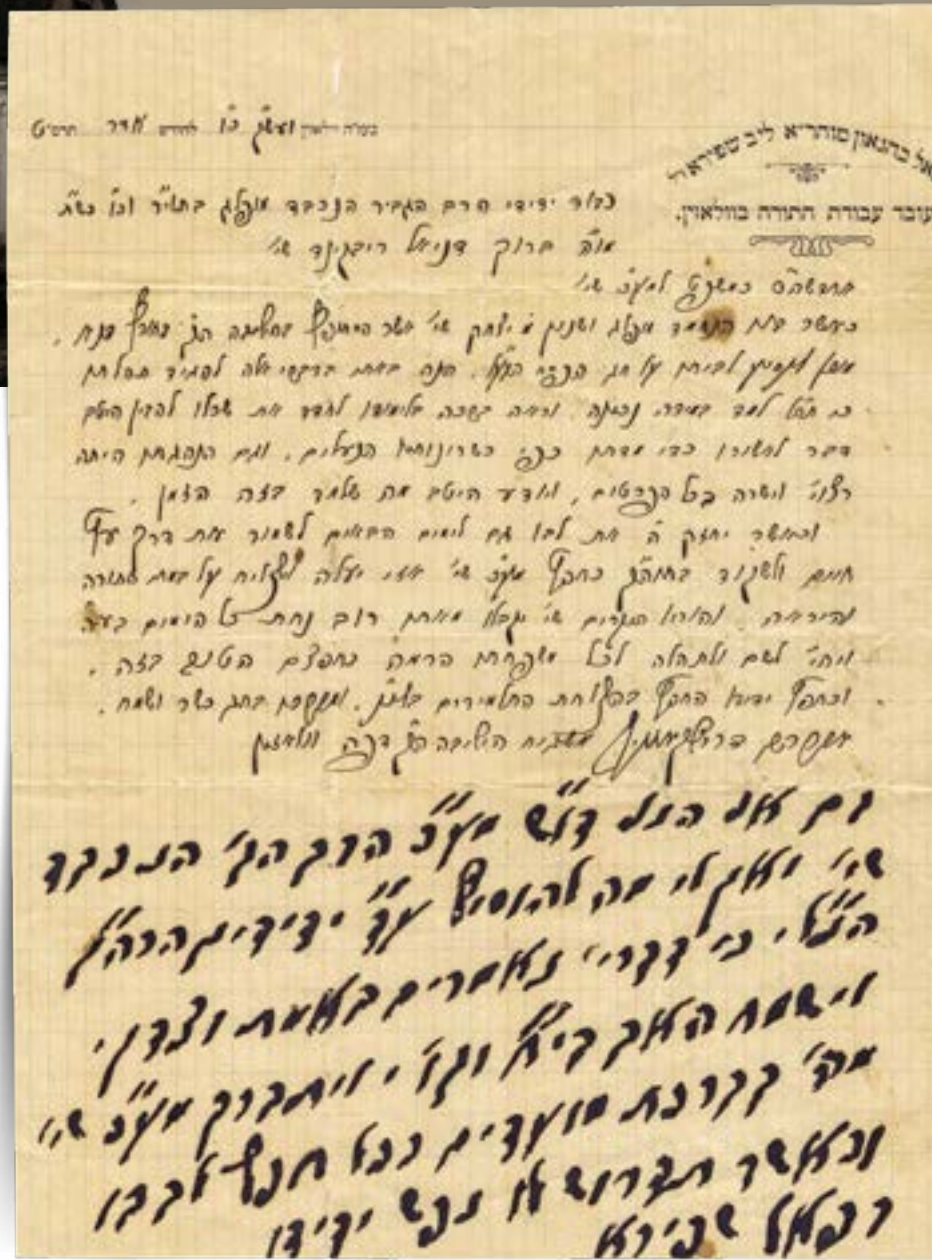
Adhering to the Vilna Gaon's methods, Rabbi Menashe authored original chiddushim that had never been discussed by previous authors of sefarim. His sefer Alfei Menashe won great acclaim and favor in the scholarly world.

Vilna, 1822. First edition. **Size:** 16 cm • **Page Count:** [2], 92 leaves. • **Condition:** Good condition. New leather binding.

Opening Bid \$800 • Estimate \$1,800-\$2,500



Lot
123



NACHAS

Letter by the Rosh
Yeshivah of Volozhin
**Rabbi Refael
Shapiro**
Volozhin, 1909

This letter, written to the parents of a talmid of the Yeshivah in Volozhin who returned home for Pesach after being in Yeshivah for a while. In the letter they describe the young man's achievements in learning and his fine comportment. "His conduct was pleasing and proper in all matters, and he knows the material learned during the zman well."

Rabbi Refael Shapiro of Volozhin (1837-1921) was the son of Rabbi Leibele of Kovno. In his youth, he joined the yeshivah of Volozhin, where he quickly became a rising star and drew the attention of the famed Netziv of Volozhin who took him as a son-in-law. In 1899 he



was appointed Rosh Yeshivah and stood at its helm until his passing in 1921. His son-in-law is Rabbi Chaim Solovazhig of Brisk. The writings on the upper half of the letter are from **Rabbi Avraham Drushkowitz Hy"d** who was the last mashgiach in the Volozhin Yeshivah. He was a disciple of the Alter of Kelm. Rabbi Avraham greatly influenced the study of mussar in Volozhin. He authored Shaarei Hora'ah on Yoreh Deah (Kovno, 1933). He perished in the Slabodka ghetto.

Volozhin, 1909.

Personal stationery of the Rosh Yeshivah Rabbi Refael Shapiro. **Size:** 27x20 cm • **Condition:** Fold marks. Good condition.

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"I request that you write me any chiddush or kushya, and it will bring me great nachas,

for this is my life's purpose and goal"

יצחק אלתר



Fascinating Letter by
Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Spektor
Kovno, 1890

A heartwarming letter by Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Spektor, Av Beis Din of Kovno and spiritual leader of Klal Yisrael. Written to his grandson Rabbi Avraham Yosef Rabinowitz whom he raised and loved.

In this letter Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan writes to his grandson "I request that you write me any chiddush or kushya, and it will bring me great nachas, for this is my life's purpose and goal".

Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Spektor (1817-1897) Torah

luminary and the uncontested spiritual leader of Russian and Lithuanian Jewry in his era.

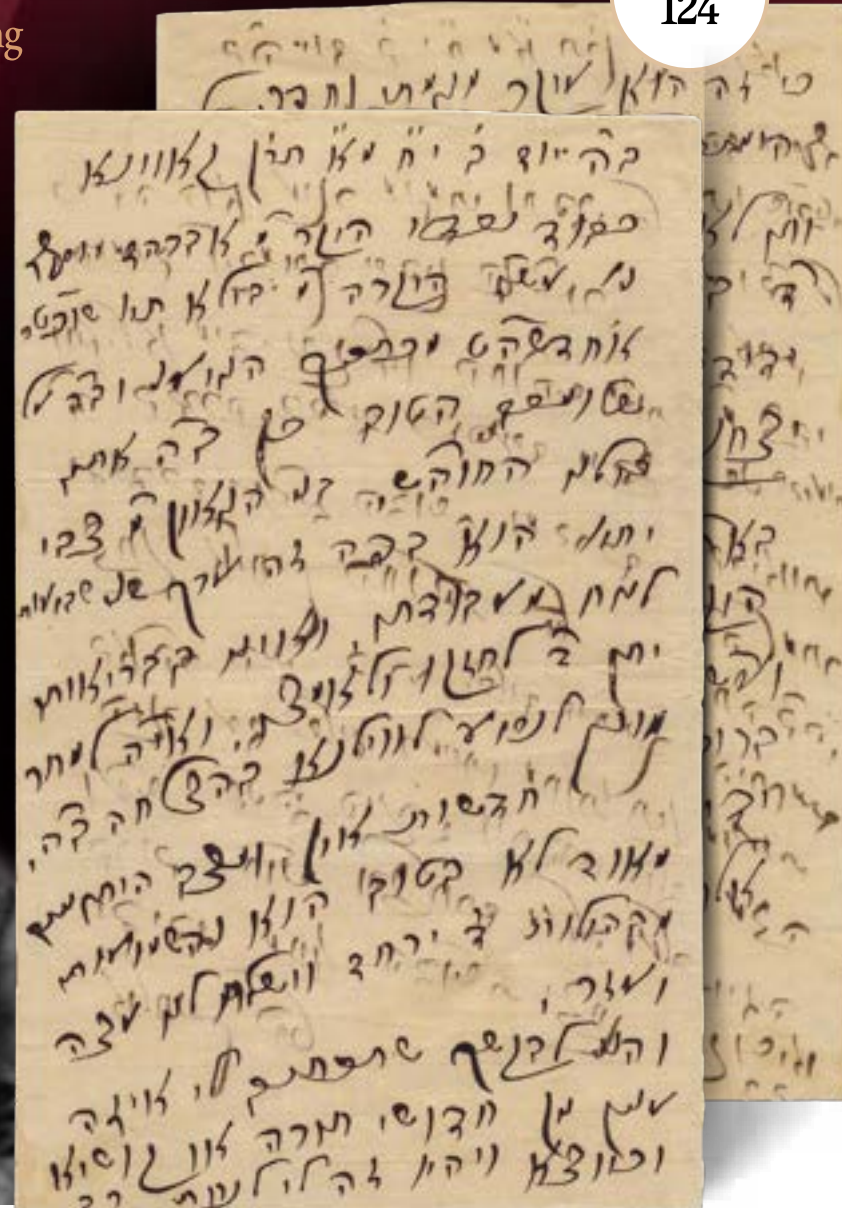
Rabbi Avraham Yosef Rabinowitz was raised by his grandfather and learned with him a daily shiur in Gemara and Poskim (Toldos Yitzchak p. 25).

Kovno, 1890.

Size: 21x13 cm • **Page Count:** Folded leaf with 2 handwritten sides • Good condition.

Opening Bid \$2,000 • Estimate Price \$3,000-\$5,000

Lot
124





Lot
125

Founding of Slabodka Yeshivah in Chevron

In 1924, the Lithuanian government issued a decree annulling the rights of yeshivah students to defer their military service, unless the yeshivos would undertake to adopt a secular curriculum.

The Alter of Slabodka vigorously objected the foreign attempt to influence Torah education of yeshivah students, yet this resulted in a draft-call of 50 bachurim to the Lithuanian army. As the yeshivah faced existential threat, the Alter of Slabodka decided to relocate the entire Slabodka Yeshivah to Eretz Yisrael, to the ancient city of Chevron.

In 1925, the first 70 bachurim emigrated from their native Lithuania and arrived to Eretz Yisrael, eager to rebuild their yeshivah. This letter is dated from that period, on 5 Adar, 5685 (1925).



Chevron Yeshivah in Chevron

Historic Document

The Establishment of the Jewish Settlement in Chevron



Lot
126

Historical Letters by Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Epstein and Rabbi Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld

Fascinating historic letters on behalf of the Jewish settlement in Chevron from the early days of the founding of Yeshivas Slabodka in the city of the forefathers - Chevron.

Following the relocation of Yeshivas Knesses Yisrael from the town of Slabodka to Chevron, the Rosh Yeshivah Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Epstein began campaigning for the establishment of a Jewish community in Hebron that would be based around the yeshivah. His goal as he describes in the present letter was to “acquire members and build the holy city, to [found] a Jewish settlement in its vicinity.”

Rabbi Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld, Rav of Yerushalayim, also joined this public appeal to help establish a Jewish settlement in Chevron.

He writes in his letter “And it is nearly proper to call it **Atchalta d’Geulah, the beginning of the Redemption**’ to make this sacred city a place of Torah and service [of Hashem].”

Chevron, 1925.

Letter written on official stationery of Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Epstein, with supporting letter by Rabbi Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld on verso.

Polemic: Kollel America Letter by Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski to Rabbi Shmuel Salant. Vilna, 1899

Letter sent by Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, Av Beis Din of Vilna, to the legendary Rav of Yerushalayim Rabbi Shmuel Salant regarding the conference of Rabbanim who opposed the founding of Kollel America.

Written while Rabbi Chaim Ozer was still in his thirties, this is one of the earlier known letters penned by Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski.

Vilna, 1899. Size: 20x13 cm • **Page Count:** Folded leaf. Handwritten on 3 sides and autographed • Preserved in its original envelope!

The Kollel America Controversy

In 1896, American immigrants in Israel founded Kollel America with the goal of supporting American Jews (only) who emigrated and settled in the Holy Land. The founding of this Kollel elicited strong objections from Rabbi Shmuel Salant and other Roshei Kollel in Jerusalem who feared that it would lead to the dissolution of the Vaad Haklali which had been supported primarily by American donations. This dispute continued for five years until 1901 when all sides finally reached a compromise (See Genazym Catalog 1 Lot #86).

Bibliography: Printed in Iggros Rabbi Chaim Ozer Vol. 3 p. 198. An additional letter sent by Rabbi Dovid Karliner on this subject was printed by Rabbi David Kamenetzky in his work Rabban shel Kol Bnei Hagolah Vol. 1 p. 607 (also see ibid pp. 606-609 for further information regarding this letter).

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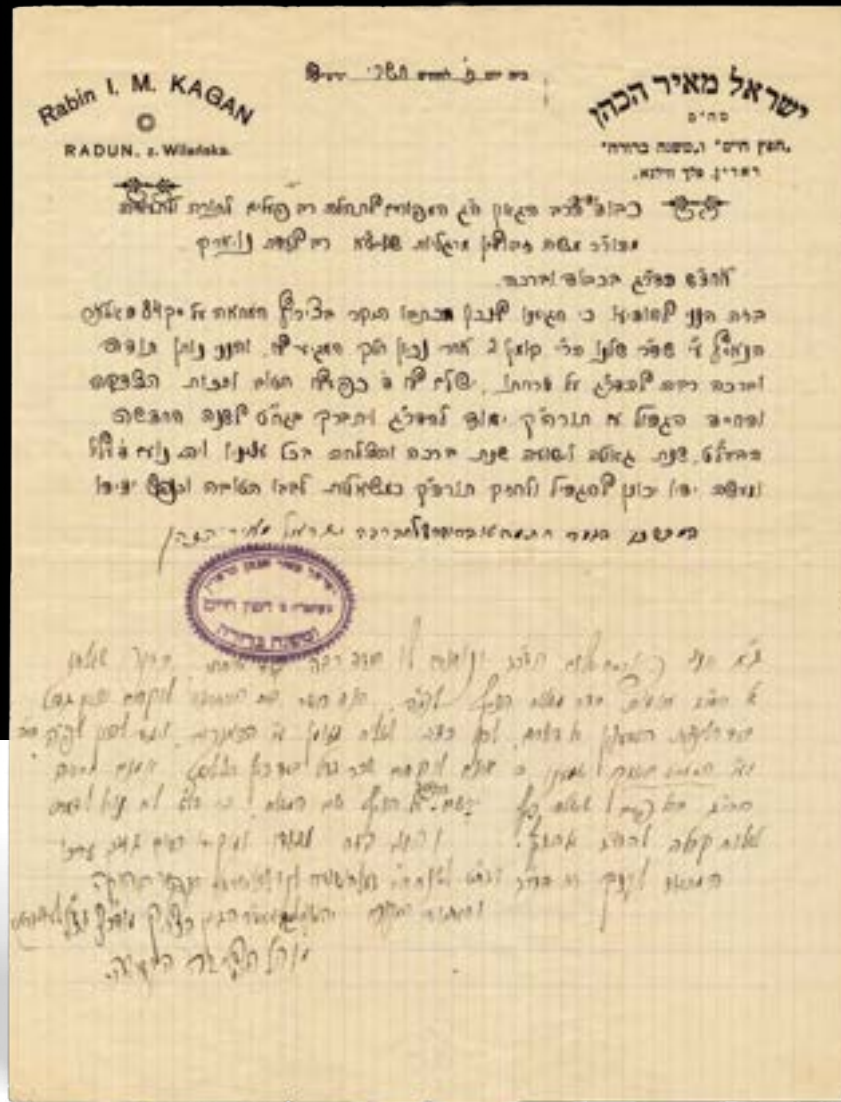
Letter of Blessings

by the Chafetz Chaim Radin, 1925

Letter replete with warm blessings by the Chafetz Chaim, to Rabbi Moshe Zevulun Margalios, elder of the American Rabbanim of the time. In this letter, the Chafetz Chaim expresses gratitude for his generous support of the great yeshiva in Radin.

The Chafetz Chaim added with his own pen "Blessing you with a g'mar chasimah tova and great success. Yisrael Meir Hakohein."

Rabbi Yisrael Meir Hakohein Kagan (1839-1933), universally renowned as the Chafetz Chaim was "Rabban shel Yisrael" in every sense of the word. He was regarded as most brilliant, humble and pious among the Achronim, and there is no one whose legacy impacts the contemporary



Torah world as the Chafetz Chaim.

His landmark sefarim, including Mishnah Brurah, Chafetz Chaim and Shemiras Halashon, are studied universally by young and old, men, women and even children alike.

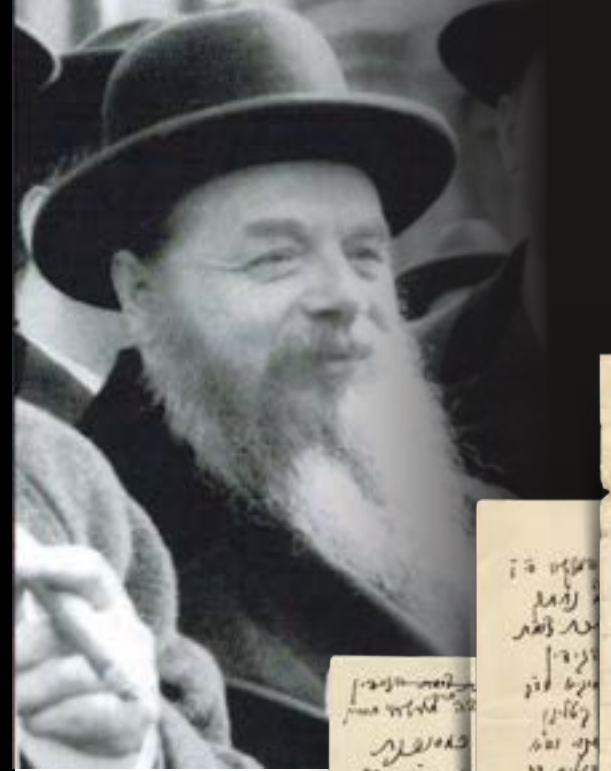
The Chafetz Chaim's grandson, who was his right-hand man and administrator of the Radin Yeshiva **Rabbi Yehoshua Leib Levinson Hy"d**, added a personal letter on the bottom half of the page.

Radin, 1925. Chafetz Chaim's personal stationery.

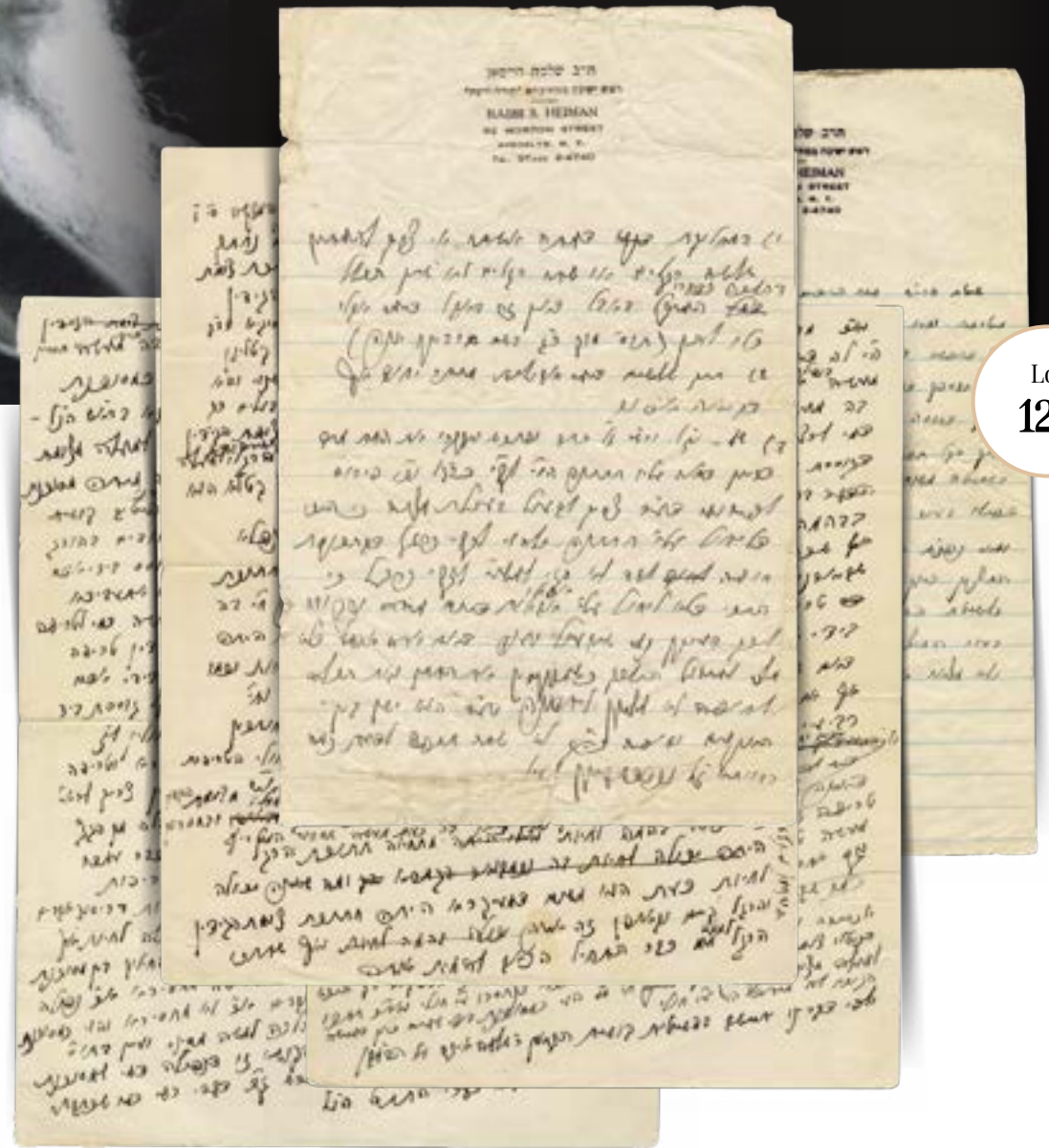
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קהל חסידי חב"ד
נשואו מאת חב"ד

Opening Bid \$18,000 ■ Estimate \$30,000-\$40,000



Handwritten Chiddushei Torah by Rabbi Shlomo Heiman Rosh Mesivta of Torah Vodaath



Lot 128

Chiddushim on Shas by Rabbi Shlomo Heiman, Rosh Mesivta of Torah Vodaath and one of the progenitors of the Torah world in the United States.

Rabbi Shlomo Heiman (1892-1945), beloved Rosh Mesivta of Torah Vodaath in New York, was one of the acclaimed 20th century Torah scholars who taught and disseminated Torah in Lithuania and the United States. As the prime disciple of Rabbi Boruch Ber Leibowitz, he perpetuated his distinct methods of Torah study. Rabbi Boruch Ber once inscribed that it was worth coming to the world just in order to teach a student like Rabbi

Shlomo (printed in Yeshurun Issue 8, p. 177).

in 1935 when he was invited to New York by Rabbi Shraga Feivel Mendlowitz to lead Mesivta Torah Vodaath. After soliciting Rabbi Chaim Ozer's approval, Rabbi Heiman accepted this position and had was instrumental in the devolepment of Yeshiva Torah Vodaath. His written legacy includes Chiddushei Rabbi Shlomo and Shiurei Rabbi Shlomo.

New York, Circa 1940. Page Count: 5 leaves. 2 of the leaves on Mesivta Torah Vodaath stationery • Good condition.

Opening Bid \$1,000 ■ Estimate Price \$2,000-\$4,000

Reb Chaim

תרפ"ח-תשפ"ב

Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky (1928-2022), known and beloved to all as "Reb Chaim" was called the Sar HaTorah and the Gadol Hador of our generation. He was renowned for his incredible fluency in every realm of Torah, and people around the world approached him to resolve intricate halachic questions, and to seek his counsel, prayers and blessings.

He authored many sefarim on multiple topics of Torah, yet he placed special emphasis on his Shoneh Halachos series which deals with practical halachah.

The sefer contains the teachings of the Mishnah Brurah and the rulings of his uncle the Chazon Ish. (He quotes the Chazon Ish approximately 70 times in this present manuscript.)

Fearful of erring in halachah and causing others to err as well, Rav Chaim invested untold hours and energies into formulating his Shoneh Halachos series, reviewing, refining and clarifying each word repeatedly, as clearly evident from this handwritten manuscript which features numerous corrections, erasures, additions and amendments.

This manuscript is the result of Reb Chaim's great effort on countless days and nights, learning *Torah Lishma!*



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Shoneh Halachos. v. 3 Original Manuscript Entirely Handwritten by **Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky**



Lot 129

The Halachic Masterpiece of Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky

Shoneh Halachos, Volume 3

Shoneh Halachos is the well-known and fundamental halachic work of Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky; this is his original handwritten manuscript.

Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky listed the Table of Contents on the title page in large block letters. The sefer contains Hilchos Yom Tov, Chol Hamoed, Tisha B'Av, Taanis, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Succah and Lulav, Chanukah and Megillah.

The right corner of the cover is autographed C. Kanievsky.

Shoneh Halachos

Shoneh Halachos was distributed widely and reprinted dozens of times. It is a fundamental

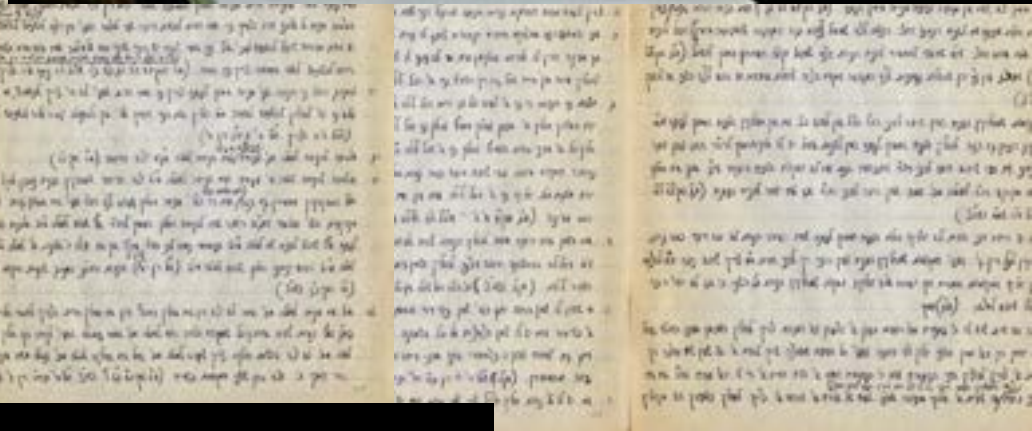
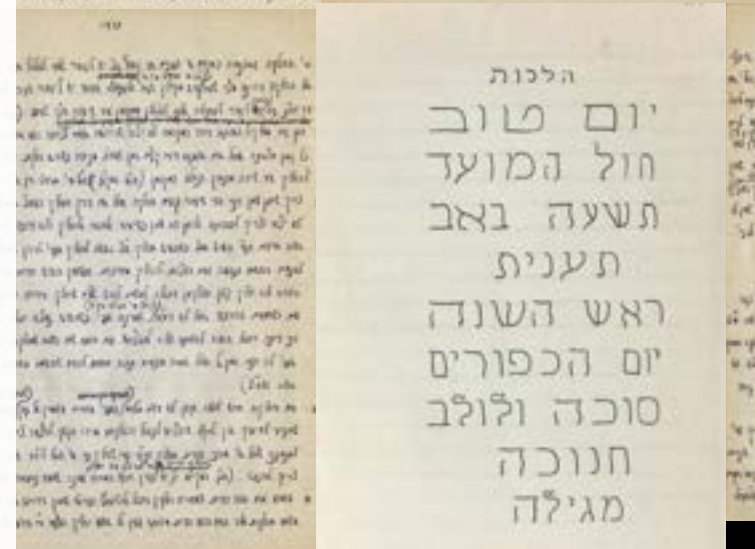
sefer often used for teaching Mishnah Berurah together with the rulings of the Chazon Ish. Rabbi Chaim quoted sefer Shoneh Halachos in his other sefarim and letters.

At the end of the sefer he inscribes: **“Completed with the help of Hashem Yisborach on Motza’ei Shabbos Kodesh Parshas Shekalim, 28th of Shevat, 1975.**

***Bnei Brak, 1975. Size: 19x15 cm • Page Count: 287 leaves, 573 sides • Additional Info:** Entirely handwritten in Rabbi Chaim’s beautiful, neat handwriting. The manuscript includes the third volume of Shoneh Halachos, excluding the halachos of Pesach. Good condition. Original frail cover reinforced and restored.

Handwritten signature: ח. קניבסקי

Opening Bid \$250,000 ■ Estimate *****



287
Handwritten
Pages
(573 sides)



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Chochmas Hamazalos

Basel, 1527



Rare Book on Astronomy and the Calculation of the Jewish Calendar

An important book on the topic of astronomy and the calculation of the Jewish calendar in Hebrew and Latin, edited and published by the scholar Sebastiani Munsteri. This book also includes sections from sefer Olam Zuta and from sefer HaKaballah by Rabbi Avraham ben David (the first Raavad). The present work contains impressive woodcut illustrations, diagrams and charts,



along with 2 folded diagrams of the solar system. (These diagrams are extraordinarily rare and missing from most known copies.)
Basel, 1527. First edition.
Size: 19.5 cm. • **Page Count:** [8], 200, [16] + [2] folded diagram.
• **Condition:** Ornate, beautiful printing with numerous initials. Attractive copy in good condition. Old velvet binding with laces.

Opening Bid \$3,000 ■ Estimate Price \$5,000-\$7,000

Lot
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Ibur Shanim

Venice, 1579



Fundamental Work on the Hebrew calendar and customs of Eretz Yisrael!

Comprehensive composition on setting of the Hebrew calendar, along with the calculations of the years, molados and seasons; rules on configuring the dates of Yomim Tovim by Rabbi Yissachar ben Sussan, leader of the Congregation in Tzfas during the era of Rabbi Yosef Karo. This work was originally printed in Constantinople in 1564 under the title Tikkun Yissachar without the author's consent. Rabbi Yissachar later printed the sefer himself with additions and amendments and entitled the work Ibur Shanim. In his preface, he adds sharp criticism to the original printing of the sefer.

Rabbi Yissachar ben Sussan was born in Fez, circa 1510. In his youth, he journeyed to Jerusalem where he studied under the Ralbach, and later relocated to Tzfas to serve as leader of Kehal Adas Hamaaravim. Rabbi Yissachar was acquainted with Rabbi Yosef Karo, and on Leaf 57a notes his ruling. **Venice, 1579.** **Size:** 20 cm • **Page Count:** 136 leaves
• **Additional Info:** This work features six sphere shaped illustrations of calculations for the Hebrew calendar as well as calendrical tables. Margins stained. Good condition. New half-leather binding.

Opening Bid \$1,800 ■ Estimate Price \$3,000-\$5,000

VARIATA

A Peek into Ashkenazic Life in Amsterdam

Takanos Hakehillah

1737-1772

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Seder Hanhagas Beis Kankesses



Takanos Hakehillah Title Page



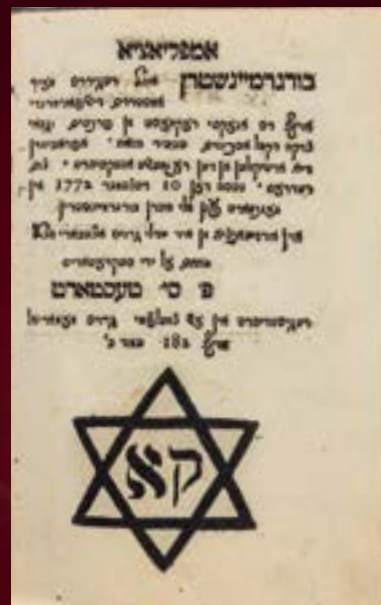
Amendment to Appointment



Amendment to Community Regulations



12 booklets of rules for the Ashkenazic community in Amsterdam



Regulations and Amendments



Takanos Hakehillah



Important collection of 12 booklets presenting the codes and shul policies of the Ashkenazic community in Amsterdam.

These booklets are a rare find. Only a few copies of each of the booklets were printed since they were intended specifically for use by the local Ashkenazic community.

The collection encompasses the Fundamental Code of the Kehillah, 1737; Book of Customs of the Beis Haknesses of the Kehillah, 1759; and ten other booklets with amendments to the policies and code.

The Ashkenazic community in Amsterdam was founded in the early 17th century and functioned in strict accordance with community policies and codes. These codes vividly portray Jewish community life in general and the policies and orders of the shul specifically.

Amsterdam, 1737-1772. Page size: 15.3 cm • **Page Count:** Total 86 leaves • **Condition:** The booklets were printed in German Yiddish interspersed with Hebrew words and phrases. Preserved in case • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection

Opening Bid \$5,000
Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

Purim in Padua

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Pachad Yitzchak Amsterdam, 1685. Only Edition.

The story of the remarkable salvation of the Jews in Padua, written by Rabbi Yitzchak Chaim Hakohen Mehachazanim.

Rabbi Yitzchak Chaim Hakohen Mehachazanim was one of the leading Gedolim of Italy, and the teacher of the Ramcha"l. He was a gadol in Torah and his teshuvos were published in the works of the Italian Rabbanim. He was also a physician and poet, and maintained

a good relationship with government leaders. He lived for over 90 years and died in the year 1753. (Gironi, Toldos Gedolei Yisrael p. 154)

Amsterdam, 1685. Singular edition; never reprinted. **Size:** 18 cm
Page Count: [1], 53, [1] leaves
Condition: Professional restoration of margins of leaves 2-9. Good condition. Old half-leather binding • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection.

Opening Bid \$2,000 ■ Estimate \$3,000-\$5,000



Bimah in the Padua Synagogue

The tale of the miraculous survival of the Jewish congregation of Padua

Purim Padua - the 10th of Elul

In the year 1684 war erupted between the Austrian and Ottoman Empires

The virulently anti-Semitic Christian ruler of Padua spread a libel accusing the Jews of supporting the Muslim Turks in their battle against the Austrian Empire. His incitement caused an enraged crowd to break into the Padua Ghetto which had no protection at all. The book describes the miraculous events which lead to their rescue, and the order of the Venetian government to subdue the outburst.

The Jews of Padua declared the 10th day of Elul as their Second Purim in gratitude for their salvation.



Lot
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Exquisite antique leather binding

Halachah for Women

Venice, 1652

Mitzvos Nashim Melumada.

The laws of Challah, Niddah, and candle lighting with words of mussar and derech eretz—a special compilation for women.

The sefer was originally compiled in Yiddish by Rabbi Binyamin Salanik, author of Shu"t Masa'as Binyamin, and published in Cracow in the year 1577 under the title, Seder Mitzvas Hanashim. This edition is an Italian translation by Rabbi Yaakov Halperin, author of Shu"t Nachalas Yaakov.

This is an exceptionally rare sefer. Israel's National Library only recently acquired one

copy from the Valmadonna Trust.

Unique and magnificent 17th century Moroccan leather binding with gold embossing, geometric designs, decorative frames, leaves and flowers.

The owner's name, Rachel Di Pelestrina, is embossed on both the front and back of the sefer.

Venice, 1652. Size: 19 cm • **Page Count:** [16], [100]: sides. Italian with Hebrew quotes • **Condition:** Good condition, minor wear of binding and corners. New matching case • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection.

Opening Bid \$3,000 ■ Estimate Price \$5,000-\$7,000

Lot
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Historic Document Nashim Ba'Ohel Society Ferrara, Italy 1863



Handwritten document describing the mission of the Nashim Ba'Ohel Society along with the list of righteous women who volunteered and supported the Society.

The Nashim Ba'Ohel Society was founded in 1856 in order to support the Mishmeret Hashem Society which hosted special days of learning and fasts on every Erev Rosh Chodesh. The latter fell into financial distress, which spurred the formation of a parallel women's society to support its efforts.

The present document was drafted in 1863, it includes a handwritten list

of close to 70 women who served as members of the society; the names of the men they supported in the parallel men's society; and other interesting lists and information.

Genazym assumes that this document is from Ferrara due to the mention of "Marat Puerita, wife of the honorable scholar Chacham Yehuda Aryeh Reggio" who was the Rabbi of Ferrara, as well as other last names that we know were Jewish families in Ferrara.

Italy (Ferrara), 1863. Size: 22 cm • **Page Count:** 2 leaves (4 sides) • **Condition:** Good condition. Preserved in new leather binding.

Opening Bid \$1,200 ■ Estimate \$2,000-\$3,000



Eliezer and Rivka



The Illustrated Tzena U're'ena

With the goal of drawing the hearts of the masses to learn and study this sefer, printers of the era began adding illustrated scenes from Tanach into the Tzena U're'ena. Zoltzbach, in particular, was one of the premier printers of illustrated sefarim.

This early illustrated edition features 54 captivating woodcut illustrations, each with a caption explaining the illustration.

On the title page, the printer writes in regard to the illustrations:

"To notify and publicize the great benefits of this lovely sefer that has never yet been seen. For all the stories and topics written in the Torah and Haftaros, we included charming illustrations called kupper shtich, and above every illustration are several words describing the contents of the illustration...".



Noah's Ark



Hagar And Yishmael

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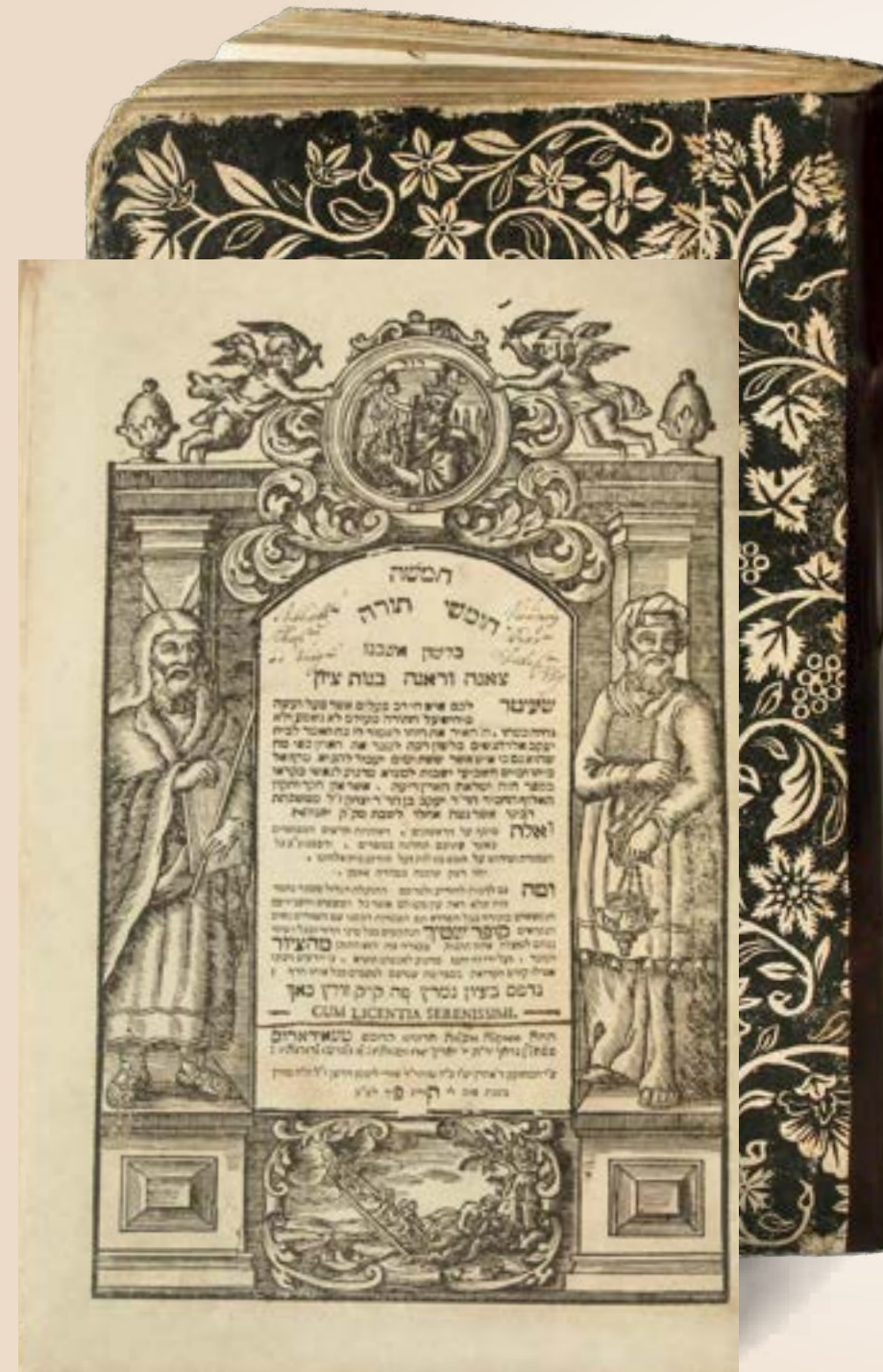
TZENA U'RE'ENA

Zoltzbach, 1720

First Illustrated Edition

Yiddish commentary and anthology of midrashim and stories on the Chamishah Chumshei Torah, Haftaros and Five Megillos by Rabbi Yaakov ben Rabbi Yitzchak Ashkenazi of Yanov.

Extremely Rare!



Tzena U're'ena was written specifically for "the women and daughters of Israel" and the present edition is the first edition printed with illustrations.

Indisputably, the most popular work in the history of Yiddish literature, the Tzena U're'ena was originally compiled for Jewish women who wished to learn, but were not fluent in lashon hakodesh. The author brilliantly draws the reader into the stories of Tanach, interwoven with famous midrashim, parables and stories.

Jewish women would often read it together on Shabbos, as the Chafetz Chaim attests in his famous letter regarding the founding of the Bais Yaakov movement: "In previous

generations, there was a tradition in every Jewish home to follow the way of Torah and religion and to read the sefer **Tzena U're'ena every Shabbos...**"

Due to the extensive use of this sefer throughout the ages, there is not a single known extant copy of its earliest editions, and even 18th century copies of the Tzena U're'ena are rarities.

Zoltzbach, 1720. Size: Approx 33 cm • **Page Count:** 158 leaves. Additional title page for 5 Megillos and Haftaros • **Condition:** Small tear on leaf 148; final leaf with small holes. Otherwise complete and in good condition. Not extant in the Jerusalem National Library.

Opening Bid \$8,000 ■ Estimate \$12,000-\$18,000

Lot
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Embroidered Silk Binding!



Front Cover



Bridal Gift Siddur Tefillos Yisrael. Vienna, 1835

Siddur for year-round use with German translation. Nice copy with gilded edges in pristine condition, with attractive pleasant folk art embroidery on binding.

The front displays a silk embroidery of an Aron Kodesh with the words "Shivisi Hashem L'negdi Samid". The top part of the cover depicts a drawing of a sun surrounded by the words, "Mimizrach shemesh ad mevo'o mehulal shem Hashem".

The other side of the binding depicts an embroidered vase of flowers with a siddur in the midst. Under the vase a four line liturgy poem.

The embroidery is protected by glass windows, surrounded by a metal frame on a velvet binding with the original clasp.

Vienna, 1835. Size: 19 cm • **Page Count:** [2], 306, [2]: 263, [2] • **Additional Info:** Original text and translation appear on facing columns. Two parts bound together. Completely intact • **Provenance:** William L. Gross Collection

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16. In any case of doubt the Hebrew version of this Terms of Sale shall be the binding document.

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