Tzfunot

Auction 19 - Ancient books, & Rabbis Letters.
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LOT	Image	Description
1		16th Century. Kabbalah. Avodas HaKodesh by Kabbalist Rabbi Meir Gabai. Krakow, 1576. Avodas Hakodesh, kabbalah and avodas Hashem by Rabbi Meir b"r Yechezkel Ibn-Gabai. The title page notes 1576, but the colophon indicates 1578. A number of glosses in a Leghorn-Italian hand (cropped in their margins). *** Krakow, 1576-1577. Yitzchak of Prostitz press. 139 leaves. 29.5 cm. Worming holes, a drop of loss on the first two leaves at the start of the sefer that has been supplied with a professional reproduction. Dampstains, moderate-fine condition. Start price: $700
2		16th Century. Alshich. Chavatzelet HaSharon. Venice [1592], signatures and notations. Chavatzelet HaSharon, commentary on Daniel (with text) by Rabbi Moshe Alshich. Second edition, which was also printed during the Alshich's lifetime. Solitary marginal glosses and lengthy owner notations at the beginning and end of the work in a rabbinical Sephardic hand. ** Venice [1592]. 110 leaves, 20 cm. Tear in the blank, bottom half of the last leaf, worming damage, moderate condition. Antiquated, leather binding. Start price: $1,000
3		17th Century. Classic. Lechem Mishneh on the Rambam – First Edition. Venice, 1604 Lechem Mishneh – The renowned commentary on Mishneh Torah of the Rambam, authored by Rav Avraham de Boton of Salonica. One of the foremost nosei keilim on the Rambam. Aside from this first edition, in which this work was published independently, this commentary is always printed on the page of the Mishneh Torah, alongside the Maggid Mishneh and Kesef Mishneh. *** Venice, 1604–1606 – First edition . Two parts in two volumes: Section 1 : 42, 163 leaves – missing the title page. Section 2 : 239 leaves (should say 242) – missing leaf 211. Severe worming throughout the volumes. The leaves at the end of the second section are detached and cropped at their margins, with damage to text. Poor condition. Stefansky Sifrei Yesod #145 Start price: $400

4		17th Century. Extremely rare! Single copies in the world! Sefer Evronot - Lublin 1615 Sefer Evronot - Classic work for designating the Jewish calendar and calculating the tekufos, moldos and evronos [=astronomy], rearranged by Rabbi Eliezer Bellin Ashkenazi. Many illustrations, charts and spheres to calculate seasons. This is the first edition of the Sefer Evronos edited by Rabbi Eliezer Bellin Ashkenazi. The sefer is primarily based on the Sefer Evronos printed in Riva di Trento 1561 by Reb Yaakov Marcaria (which is partially based on Chachmas HaMazalos, Basle, 1526). However, Rabbi Eliezer Bellin Ashkenazi redacted the entire sefer and added supplements, commentaries, expansions and made changes and omissions. All later editions were reprinted from this edition. Extremely rare edition! *** Lublin 1615, at the press of Tzvi bar Avraham Kloynmous Yaffe 36 leaves, from 41 leaves. Missing the last 5 leaves and one of the spheres attributed to "Igul D'Rav Nachshon." 18.5 cm. Blemish to the last leaf (refer to picture). Cropped margins with blemish to some page titles. Overall fine condition. Start price: $5,000
5		17th Century. Knesses HaGedolah, Leghorn, 1658. First edition. Sefer Kenesses HaGedolah – chiddushei dinim and likutei teshuvos on the Tur and Beis Yosef Orech Chaim, by Rabbi Chaim Benveniste, av"d Izmir. Solitary notes and glosses. Knesses HaGedolah is a classic halachah work that is quoted often in works of halachah and poskim. The Chida wrote about the author and his work: "The aforementioned rabbi illuminates the eyes of the diaspora with the Knesses HaGedolah that was printed in eight sections. Without it no one, not even an expert in psak, should make a psak. He should first study this sefer and then can serenely go to issue his psak." This is the first section of Knesses HaGedolah that was printed. It was the only one printed in Italy, the other sections were printed in Constantinople and Izmir. Leghorn 1658. First edition. 6, 164 leaves. 27 cm. The first and last leaves have tears with light losses – including text, dark stains. Fine condition. Stefansky, sifrei yesod, 170. Start price: $300
6		16th Century. Shu"t Maharshach, Salonika, 1586 – First Edition – Signature and glosses of the Nechmad Lemareh Shu"t Maharshach - Section one. Responsa by Rav Shlomo ben Avraham HaKohen, the Maharshach, prominent halachic authority of his time. Includes chiddushim on the Talmud by the author, as well as rulings from the Gedolim of his generation: Rav Shmuel Taitazak, Rav Yosef Furmán (the author's rebbe), Rav Chaim Bassan, Rav Shmuel de Medina, and Rav Mordechai Matalon. The title page is graced with the signature of the Nechmad Lemareh, Rav Nissim Avraham Ashkenazi, with a few of his glosses scattered amongst the pages of the volume. Section 1. Salonica, 1586 – First edition. Printed by David ben Avraham Azubib. 244 leaves. Missing leaf 1. 28.5 cm. Severe worming holes throughout the volume, stains and mold, no binding and not bound. Poor condition. Stefansky, Sifrei Yesod 295. Start price: $200

7		Kabbala. Vayakel Moshe. Dessau 1699. Copy of Rabbi Aharon Moshe Migeza Zvi – Founder of the Chassidic community in Jerusalem. Novellae and elucidations on the Zohar "and other true kabbalistic works from the wisdom of the Arizal" by kabbalist Rabbi Moshe Graf of Prague. Printed in the middle of the book: a large illustrated “Ilan” (tree) – ג תיקוני דיקנא..דהימנותא"י. The beginning and end of the book bear the stamp of kabbalist Rabbi Aharon Moshe Migeza Zvi (1775-1844), a disciple of the Chozeh of Lublin and Rabbi Uri of Strzeliska. In 1839, he moved to Jerusalem and founded the chassidic community there. He headed Kollel HaChassidim. Leaf b, bears a notation: for the Menachem Zion Beit Medrash, from the bequest of Reb Tuvia Gedalyia, son of Reb Yehoshua [Freund] of אוגארן, disciple of the Chatam Sofer. Per the instructions of the Chatam Sofer, he studied with Rabbi Menachem Mendel Paneth of Dej (refer to Chatam Sofer V’Talmidav, p. 195-196). Dessau 1699, first edition. 14, 58 leaves. 20 cm. Brown paper, blemishes and tears to the first three leaves. New cloth binding. Start price: $800
8		Chassidus. Shu"t Neta Shashuim. Personal copy of Rabbi Yisroel Yaakov Yukel Teitelbaum av"d Wołową. Shu"t Neta Shashuim, responsa on all four sections of the Shulchan Aruch by Rav Tzvi Hirsch Karo av""d Buczacz, father-in-law and rebbe of Rav Avraham Dovid of Buczacz, author of Eshel Avraham. With approbations from the Yeshuos Yaakov, Chavas Daas and Beis Efraim. The sefer also includes words from his son-in-law, the Rebbe of Buczacz. Siman 39 was sent to the Arvei Nachal, siman 57 to the Ketzos HaChoshen. ******* Leaf 2 bears the stamp of Rav Yisroel Yaakov Yukel Teitelbaum of Wołową , from the time he spent as rav of Berbești. Additional owner signature: שאול טייטלבוים. Rabbi Yisrael Yaakov Yokel Teitlebaum (1838 – 1924) was the son of Rabbi Shmuel of Gorlice, son of Rabbi Eliezer Nissan of Drohobycz, son of the Yismach Moshe. He was a son-in-law of the Yetev Lev. Rabbi Yisrael Yaakov Yokel studied by both his grandfather, Rabbi Eliezer Nissan, and father-in-law. He frequently traveled to Rabbi Chaim of Sanz who accorded him much admiration. He served as Av Beis Din of Barbasht, Gorlice and finally Volovo. In Vololo, he served as an Admor, accepting kvitlach and distributing segulos and amulets. He published his grandfather's manuscript Responsa Yismach Moshe and Tehila L'Moshe recounting his life. His Torah novellae were published in Hativ Aytiv. His son was Rabbi Moshe David Teitlebaum, Av Beis Din of Lapush. Zolkiew, [1829]. First edition. 84 leaves, without title page. 34.5 cm. Fine condition. Start price: $1,000
9		Chassidus. Machzor – Vilna, 1895 – Stamp of Rebbetzin Bluma Raizel of Paşcani Machzor, Part 2, for Yom Kippur, with Yiddish translation (Nusach Sfarad). Vilnius, 1895. Two title pages. The first was printed in red and blue ink (on the second title page: 1892. The date of the former edition) The first title page has a handwritten signature: "Shoshana Shapira". "Bluma Raizel Shapira – Paşcani" is stamped on the second title page. Rebbetzin Bluma Raizel Shapira (died 1975), daughter of Rebbe Moshe Yehuda Leib Freidman (1865-1957) of Buhuşi - Paşcani, son of Rabbi Yitzchak of Buhuşi and great-grandson of Rabbi Yisrael of Ruzhin. She married Rabbi Avi Ezra Zelig Shapira of Drohobych, from the family of the Mogielnica (died 1968). 302 ,30 ,6-128 .חסר 2 דפים בתחילת המחזור pages, 22 cm. Acidic paper. Fair condition, spotting and a few worm holes. Wear and tear to edges of title page and several leaves. Adhesive tape in several places. Wear and damage to binding. Start price: $500

10		Shu"t Maharik – Copy of Reb Leib Stavisker and Rav Eliyahu Lopian Shu"t Maharik by Rav Yosef Colon. The title page bears the stamp of Rav “Chaim Aryeh Rotenberg, Rav of k"k Stawiski.” The flyleaf bears the owner notation of Rav Eliyahu Lopian. Rav Chaim Aryeh Rotenberg-Mishkovsky (1836–1898), known as "Reb Leib Stavisker, " was a prominent Gadol in Lithuania. He learned with the Perushim in Eyshishok and was a close friend of the Chafetz Chaim, who learned with him and consulted with him while composing the Mishnah Berurah. He served as rav in Orlowa and Stawiski. His son was Rav Chizkiyahu Yosef Mishkovsky, av beis din of Krynki. His Torah was published as P nei HaAri Chiddushim in Warsaw, 1902. Rav Eliyahu Lopian (1876–1976) was one of the great baalei mussar of the last generations and a leading talmid of Kelm. In 1950, he moved to Eretz Yisrael and taught Torah and mussar in Yerushalayim. In 1951, he started serving as mashgiach in Kfar Chassidim. His Torah was published in Lev Eliyahu that was edited by his close talmid Rav Shalom Schwardron. Warsaw, 1884. Fine condition. Start price: $200
11		Kabbalah. Shaarei Orah. Offenbach. 1715. Shaarei Orah [title page lists: Shaar Orah]: fundamentals of kabbalah by Rav Yosef Gikatilla. Notation on title page. A number of handwritten glosses. Offenbach [1715]. [4] 112 leaves. 20 cm. Slightly worn binding. Minimal worming holes in the gutters of a few leaves. Fine condition. Start price: $150
12		Shivchei HaAri – Aleppo 1872. Inscribed by Rav Shaul Dayan Shivchei HaAri – Biography of the Arizal with miracles and stories. Corrections, glosses, and supplements by Rav Shaul Dayan, with his handwritten inscription before the titlepage. Aleppo, 1872. 48 leaves. 14.5 cm. Aging stains. Last leaf bound at the edge of the text. Fine condition. Start price: $150
13		Ladino. Shivchei HaAri – Yerushalayim, 1911 Shivchei HaAri – The life and deeds, miracles and stories of the Arizal. Translated into Ladino by Rav Amram ben Shlomo Aburabia. Yerushalayim, 1911. 104 pages. Fine condition. Start price: $100
14		Kabbalah. Matzav HaYashar. With lengthy handwritten inscription by the author. Matzav HaYashar – Responsa regarding "niglah" in the Sefer HaZohar, reconciling it with ideas from the Talmud and Medrashim, by Rabbi Shneur Zalman Dovber Anushishki of Vilna, av"d Dubno. Interesting and unique work of responsa. The title page bears a lengthy inscription written by the author to Rabbi Shimon Segal Halevi Horowitz, av"d Leipzig. The first responsa in the sefer deals with arranging and editing the Zohar and discusses learning the Zohar. Unusually large amount of haskamos: Over 30 haskamos from Gedolei Hador. ** Vilna, [1881]. First edition. 80, [10] pages. Missing the last leaf of the introduction. The binding is detached, without spine. Fine condition. Start price: $300

15		Chassidus. Geulas Yisroel. Divrei Torah from the Besht and his talmidim. First edition. Ostrog, [1821]. Geulas Yisroel, compilations, maamarim and hanhagos from the Baal Shem Tov, his talmidim, and the talmidim of his talmidim, by Rabbi Yehoshua Avraham of Zhitomir. Includes Torah from the Besht, the Maggid of Mezeritsch, Rabbi Pinchas of Korzec, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchov, the Degel Machaneh Efraim, Rabbi Baruch of Mezibuzh, Rabbi Shalom of Prohovitch (father of Rabbi Yisroel of Ruzhin), Rabbi Aharon of Zhitomir and others. This is the first anthology of maamarim and hanhagos of Rebbe Pinchas of Korzec and it is the classic source for his Torah. Further Torah was printed in later years. In the introduction to the first section, the author writes that he doesn't have the resources to print another section because of a fire in his home in Zhitomir, but a little later he did print the second section. In later editions, only portions of this sefer were printed, with changes and omissions, and even under a different tile: "Pisgamin Kadishin." It was reprinted in its entirely only once: Piotrkow, 1913. Owner signature on the title page. ******* [Ostrog] (the title page lists Amsterdam). [1821]. First edition. 2 sections, [2], 31: 25 leaves. Missing two leaves: the title page of the second section and introduction to the second section. 20 cm. This book apparently includes some pages from another copy The title page and some leaves have severe worming blemishes with loss that affect the text but have been professionally filled in. Stefansky, Sifrei Chassidus, 107. Sifsei Tzaddikim , kovetz 2, p. 67-74. Start price: $2,000
16		The Shapiro Brothers, Rare! Chumash Bereishit - Zhitomir [1851], Shapiro press. Chumash Bereishit with Rashi commentary, Targum Onkelos and Yiddish translation. Printed by the brothers Rabbi Chanina Lipa, Rabbi Aryeh Leib and Rabbi Yehoshua Heschel Shapiro, grandsons of the Rav of Slavuta. Many chassidic leaders greatly desired to own works printed by the Shapiro brothers who were known for their righteousness and their connection to Rabbi Pinchas Shapiro of Korzec. Two title ages at the start of the Chumash. Extremely rare edition! ******* Zhitomir [1851], at the press of the Shapiro brothers. 450 pages, 16 leaves. (The last 16 leaves, the Shabbat prayers, seem to be from a different edition.) Moderate-poor condition, worming holes, stains and tears with loss. Start price: $500
17		Title page of Seder Tikunei Shabbos – Minhag Sephard. Part Two. Jozefow – Slavuta, 1842 Title page of Seder Tikunei Shabbos with Derech HaChaim, minhag sephard – section two. Jozefow, at the former Slavuta press, 1842. Only [1] title page 18 cm. Start price: $300

18		Chumash Tikkun Sofrim – Ezrat HaSofer. Amsterdam, 1769 – Complete Set in Original Leather Bindings A complete five-volume set of Tikkun Sofrim – Ezrat HaSofer , bound in original elegant leather bindings, featuring gold embossing and decorative elements characteristic of Amsterdam printings. Chumash Ezras Hasofer is a particularly accurate chumash that was meticulously reviewed and proofread by the expert Rabbi Yehuda Pisa of Amsterdam. The purpose of this chumash was for use by sofrim who could refer to it to write accurate Sifrei Torah. The end of each volume features the haftaros of every parshah and event. The haftarah for Tisha B'Av was printed with its Portuguese translation. Shiras Hayam in parshas Beshalach and Shiras Ha'azinu were printed with wide, folded margins. At the end of the set, a calendar spanning 112 years is included, with a separate title page under the name Luchot Halbur. Each volume begins with two title pages - the first illustrated. Additionally, apart from the two at the beginning, each Haftarot section has an additional title page. Complete set with all title pages and chart (total of 16 title pages). Amsterdam, 1769 – 5 Volumes: Bereishit: [12], 2-65, 26 leaves. Shemot: [2], 67-121, [2], 25 leaves. Vayikra: [2], 123-163, [2], 24 leaves. Bamidbar: [2], 164-221, [2], 16 leaves. Devarim: [2], 223-272, [1]; [3], 277-290 leaves. L uchot Halbur (Calendars): [8] leaves. Size: 18 cm. Good condition. Preserved in a fine new leather case. Extremely rare in such complete condition. Start price: $1,200
19		Rare. Chumash Vayikra. Safed, [1833] Chumash Vayikra with Targum Onkelos, Rashi, Siftei Chachamim, Ba'al HaTurim and Nachal Kedumim of the Chida. Only Chumash Vayikra was printed. One of the first works printed by Yisroel Beck of Safed. Refer to Hadpasat HaSefer, M. Binyahu, Areshet 4, from p. 271. Title page and print location in red ink. ** Safed [1833]. 136 leaves. 20 cm. Missing the last leaf of Song of Songs (leaf 137). Moderate-poor condition, severe worming damage to some leaves . Owner signature on title page, nice, new leather binding, rare. Start price: $1,000
20		Afrot Tevel - London, 1850. Portrait of author Afrot Tevel - commentary on Koheles in Hebrew and English by the famed Chacham, Rav Avraham Belais. Rare, impressive portrait of the author at the age of 87. Hebrew and English poem in honor of Montefiore. Additional title page in English. The author is described in the title page as, "The famed Rav Avraham Belais…One of the ten works he authored…He was the treasurer for the provincial governor in Tunis when he was forty… Then he was Rabbi in Nice …and the European kings adored him. For the past ten years he has been living in London and the light of his Torah has shone from the Talmud Torah Etz Chaim of the Sephardic community." London, 1850. [1], 69,[1] page. Portrait. 27 cm. Original binding in red, slightly blemished and rubbed. Complete with portrait. Fine condition. Start price: $200

21		Bigdei Aharon. Frankfurt A.M. 1711. Bigdei Aharon , homilies on the Torah by Rabbi Aharon Teomim hy”d, av”d Worms, author of Mateh Aharon. Rabbi Aharon Teomim av”d Worms (1632-1690) served as Rabbi of Worms from 1680, when he took over the position of Rabbi Shimshon Bacharach, father of the author of the Chavat Yair . In 1690, he traveled to a meeting of the Vaad Arba Aratzot in Chmielnik. There he was caught by the soldiers of a local nobleman because of the debts of the Krakow community and was beaten to death. This work was published by the author’s son, Rabbi Aryeh Yehuda Leib Teomim dayan of Frankfurt (with his novellae) with the approbation of the author of the Semichat Chachamim and Rabbi Dovid Openheim (received semichah from him). ********** Frankfurt A.M., [1711], first edition. [2], 40, 21, 20, 15, 11 [should say:18] leaves, mispaginated. 30 cm. Completely illustrated title page – like the famed title page of the Shu”t HaBach. Moderate condition or worse, tears in the title page, worming holes, original, worn binding. Antiquated owner signatures in an Ashkenazi hand. Start price: $150
22		Etz Yosef – Karlsruhe, 1763 – Only Edition. Etz Yosef – Chiddushim on Masechtos Berachos, Beitzah, and Megillah, and chiddushei halacha by Rav Yosef Darmstadt. Karlsruhe, 1763 – Only Edition. [1], 66 leaves. 33 cm. Nice leather binding, very fine condition. Start price: $200
23		Avraham Yagel – Leghorn, 1843 – First Edition. Avraham Yagel – Chiddushim on the Shas, Rambam, Shulchan Aruch, and Tanach by Rav Avraham HaCohen of Tunis. At the end of the volume: Zecher Tzaddik by Rav Shemariah Catarivas, dayan in Tunis. Leghorn, 1843 – First edition. [2], 104, 86, 8: 17 leaves. 31 cm. Taped tears on title page with slight loss, fine condition. Start price: $100
24		Ner Dovid – Leghorn 1868 – Only edition. Sefer Ner Dovid – Novellae on the Talmud by Rabbi Dovid Gez, Rav”d Tunisia. Section one, no other sections were printed. Handwritten dedication to Rabbi Yitzchak Dana – Tunisian Sage, by the author’s grandson. *** Leghorn, 1868, first edition. [3], 99 leaves. 30 cm. Minimal dampstains, blemished binding. Start price: $150
25		Rishonim Halachah. Piskei Challah. Jerusalem, 1876. Piskei Challah of the Rashba. With piskei dinim by Rabbi Yaakov ben Tzahal and the Chakor Davar ma’amar regarding the practice of taking challah outside of Eretz Israel, by Rabbi Nachman Nosson Coronel. Jerusalem, 1876. [4] 25 leaves, 20 pages. 20 cm. Marginal stains; binding slightly worn; fine condition. Start price: $150

26		Halacha Berurah – Wilhermsdorf 1717 – Inscribed by Rav Naftali Hertz Scheuer, av"d Mainz Halacha Berurah – Chiddushei dinim on the Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim and a compilation from the Magen Avraham and Taz, by Rav Pinchas, dayan of Krakow, son-in-law of Rav Yosef Shmuel, av"d in Frankfurt A.M., author of Mesores HaShas. Important approbations from the author's father-in-law; Rav Avraham Broda; Rav Naftali Katz, author of Semichas Chachamim; Rav Eliyahu Shapira author of Eliyahu Rabbah; Rav Yaakov Reischer author of Shevus Yaakov; Rav Mordechai Ziskind Rothenburg, and others. The title page bears an inscription written and signed by Rav Naftali Hertz Scheuer, Rav in Mainz, to one of his talmidim. Rav Naftali Hertz Scheuer (1753–1823) was a prominent Ashkenazic rav in his generation. He served as Rosh Yeshivah and Rav in Mainz. His works include Turei Zahav and Shekel HaKodesh. He corresponded with the Chasam Sofer, who titles him in his sefer as "HaGaon Moreinu HaRav Hertz Scheuer." Wilhermsdorf 1717. [1], 186, [2] leaves. 32 cm. Worming blemishes, aging stains, moderate to fine condition. Start price: $100
27		Tavnis Os Yosef – Frankfurt on the Oder 1752 – First Edition Tavnis Os Yosef – Chiddushim on a few masechtos by Rav Yosef ben Avigdor Margulies, rav in Chentshin (Chęciny) and Ostrowiec. Frankfurt on the der Oder, 1752 – first edition. [2], 58 leaves. 33.5 cm. Fine condition. Start price: $150
28		Mishnas D'Rabi Eliezer – Altona 1815 – Impressive Copy Mishnas D'Rabi Eliezer – Chiddushim on Shulchan Aruch Choshen Mishpat by Rav Eliezer Lazi Berlin, rav"d Altona. At the end: Chiddushei Mahadura Kama and Basra by the author, and a drashah by the author's son. With haskamos from the "Nesivos" and Rav Akiva Eiger, who advanced payment for the printing and whose names appear in the list of subscribers. Altona 1815 – First edition. [6], 82, 12, [6] leaves. 32 cm. Especially nice copy , very good condition. Start price: $200
29		Halachah and Shu"t. Teshuvot Mahara"m Mintz. Inscribed to the author of Naharot Dameshek Sefer Teshuvot Maharam Mintz. Salonica, 1802. Approbations of Constantinople rabbanim: Rav Chizkiya Refael Chaim Alfandari, Rav Michael Ashkenazi and Rav Moshe Frishko. Printed inscription at the top of the title page for Rav Shlomo Kamondo, author of Naharos Damashek. Salonica, 1802. [2], 136 leaves. 26 cm. Minimal worming holes. Fine condition. Start price: $250
30		Porat Yosef, Izmir 1868. Only edition. Sefer Porat Yosef, responsa on Yoreh Deah, Even HaEzer and Choshen Mishpat by Rabbi Yosef Alfandri. Approbation from Rabbi Chaim Palagi. Printed together with Rov Dagan , section 2, on the Talmud by Rabbi Yitzchak Halevi Atiya. Izmir, [1868]. [2], 150, 44 leaves. 31 cm. Folds and worn margins in the first leaves, worn binding with slight loss, overall fine condition. Start price: $150
31		Mekor Chaim / Pesach HaOhel – Aden (Yemen) 1893 Two works bound together (as in the original): Mekor Chaim – laws of shechitah and treifot by Rav Yechiya b"r Yaakov Tzalach of Sana'a. Pesach HaOhel – laws of gittin, including hilchos kiddushin and kesubos by Rav Yechiya ben Yosef of Sana'a. Aden, 1893–1894. [8], 137; 63 leaves. 20 cm. Light tear to title page. Fine condition. Start price: $100

32		Tefillos and Tikkunim – Seder Mishmeret HaBen – Leghorn, 1765 Seder Mishmeret HaBen recited by members of the Tikkun Chatzos Layla society in the Modena community on the night preceding a bris, as insistuted by the rabbanim in 1763. Leghorn, 1765. Moshe Attias press. [1], 59, [1] leaves. 20 cm. Stains, some worming and mildew on the margins of the last leaves. Overall fine condition. Start price: $200
33		Nachal Dimah – Vienna, 1934. Rare booklet with eulogies for the Chafetz Chaim, Rav Meir Shapiro of Lublin, and Rav Yisrael of Chortkov. Nacham Dima. A rare booklet with eulogies for the Chafetz Chaim, Rav Meir Shapiro of Lublin, and Rav Yisrael of Chortkov, by Rav Naftali Reuven Shnor. The hespedim were said shortly after their passing, at the big beis medrash in Radomyśl. A portrait of each tzaddik appears before his eulogy. Eulogies in Yiddish. Vienna, 1934. Only, rare edition. 68 pages. 15.5 cm. Soft paper jacket. Fine condition. Start price: $150
34		Hebrew Grammar. Kehillot Yaakov. Hebrew-English-Spanish dictionary. London [1773]. Illustrated title page. “Vocabulary titled Kehillot Yaakov.” Hebrew-English-Spanish dictionary for terms mentioned in the Written and Oral Torah, arranged according to subject by Rabbi Yaakov Rodrigues Moreira, son of Rabbi Avraham Moreira, av”d Surinam and Barbados, author of Yad Avraham (Amsterdam, 1758). English translation by the author’s son, R’ Avraham Moreira. The first title bears a copperplate engraving, signed in print: M. Marrebeeck excudit. ** London [1773], first edition. [19], 183 pages. 25 cm. Two leaves with English and Spanish indexes were added to some copies. New, green leather binding, light blemishes to the title page margins. Fine condition. Start price: $500
35		Petacḥ Tikvah, Gözleve 1857 Petacḥ Tikvah – concise rules of Hebrew grammar by the Karaite Mordechai Sultansky (Lutsk 1772 – Gözleve 1862), teacher, cḥazzan, and author for the Karaite community. Gözleve 1857. Only edition. [14], 226, [4] pages. Tear without loss on one leaf. Fine condition. Vinograd, Gözleve 32. Start price: $600
36		Karaite literature. Keter Torah. Gözleve [Eupatoriya] [1866-1867] Commentary on the Torah by R’ Aharon son of R’ Eliyahu Nikomodio, written in 1362. Published for the first time by Yehudah Savaskan. The book opens with 22 poems, including 18 from the Gefen MiMitzrayim written by the same author. Poems 21-22 were printed in the shape of tree on a folded plate (leaf 16). Bereishit: [19], 94 leaves. Shemot: 127 leaves Vayikra: 76 leaves Bamidbar: 50 leaves Devarim: 44 leaves Gözleve [1866-1867] at the press of Avraham Yerushalmi Firkovich. Five sections in one volume, aging stains, detached binding, uncommon. Start price: $600

37		Very rare! Manuscript - Derech Moshe mussar work. C. 1740. Manuscript of rare, prominent mussar work, Derech Moshe by Rabbi Moshe ben Rabbi Meir Kahana. Beautiful and clear handwriting. c. 1740. Rabbi Moshe Kahana, was a disciple of his father, Rabbi Meir Kahana and disciple of Rabbi Dovid Oppenheim, author of the Nishal Dovid . He served as av”d in גיבטש and then dayan in Lisa. He was known as a preacher and ethical rebuker. The work was first printed during the author’s lifetime in 1699 and then again by his son in 1734. Both of these editions are extremely rare and uncommon. This manuscript was copied from the second edition that was published by the son. The manuscript is incomplete. It contains the beginning of the book, including the title page text, introductions; the first 30 leaves (the printed edition has 47 leaves, this manuscript reaches leaf 18 of the printed edition). 30 leaves. 17.5 cm. Binding in disrepair, some of the leaves are faded. Fine condition. Start price: $2,000
38		Extremely uncommon. Manuscript Ohalei Yaakov. Casale - Italy, 18th century. Miniature manuscript of the Sefer Ohalei Yaakov – Homily regarding Peikdat Sarah and Akeidat Yitzchak by Rabbi Yaakov of Tomaszow. Rabbi Yaakov b”r Shimon Tomaszow survived the pogroms of 1648-49 in which his wife and three children were murdered. He printed this Ohel Yaakov in Venice with only one of his homilies, in the hope that the sale of the work would enable him to move to Eretz Israel. The book was printed in Venice in 1662 with only 7 leaves and is extremely uncommon. In this miniature manuscript, the entire work was copied in a neat, Italian hand, including the title page with the border. Signature of the scribe/copier to the right of the border and on the front flyleaf: בנימין שמשון לבלין יצ"ו בכ"ר שלמה לבלין יצ"ו די קסאלי מונפיראטו יע"א. Casale- Italy, 18th century. [8] leaves: 8x11.5 cm. Antiquated leather binding, chafed and with small holes, fine condition. Regarding the work and its author, refer to: Avraham Yaari, Mechkirei Sefer, Jerusalem, 1958, p. 16-17; Shalom Lavi, Pinat Yikrat, New York, 1968, p.41-44. Start price: $800
39		Manuscript. Sefer Ben Sira. Persia, 19th century. Mishlei Chachmah U’Mussar L’Ben Sira and Alfa Beita D’Ben Sira, manuscript by scribe Gideon ben Shmuel. Persian hand from the 19th century. Illustrated title page with multi-colored border. Original, antiquated leather binding. The top of the title page and last leaf bear owner notations from [1870-1871] written and signed by Shabtai bar Moshe. Sefer Ben Sira is an early work that was authored about 2500 years ago. It was popular amongst the Jews since the era of the second Beit Hamikdash. It was originally written in Hebrew with wording similar to Biblical texts. It is mentioned by Tanaim and Amoraim in the Gemara and other early works. (Regarding the story of its authorship, refer to: Rabbi Reuven Margoliot, “Mechkarim B’Darchei HaTalmud, ” Olelot 12, p. 29) Starting on leaf 23b, Alfa Beita D’Ben Sira . (Regarding this work, refer to: Epstein, Mikadmoniot HaYehudim, section two, p. 111). 31 leaves with text on both their sides. A few leaves are detached with marginal tears, loss of text in two leaves. Start price: $500

40		Manuscript. Sefer Kisei HaMelachim of Rabbi Refael Moshe Elbaz, av”d Sefrou. Original, interesting work. Jewish history from the time of Adam HaRishon. History of the four kingdoms and the story of how the Jewish Nation fared under their reign, the history of the Ishmaelite kings until the author’s time (1873). Authored by Rabbi Refael Moshe Elbaz av”d Sefrou (1820-1896). At the age of 28, Rabbi Elbaz was appointed dayan in Sefrou. He was well-versed in all subjects and was a kabbalist, wonder-worker and prolific writer. He authored the Shu”t Halachah L’Moshe, Tzion B’Mishpat on Choshen Mishpat, Zivchei Tzedek, Shekel Hakodesh and many other works (refer to Malchei Rabanan , leaf 107,a and Sefer Rabbeinu Sefrou, section four, from p. 66.) ******* [1] 64 leaves (130 pages) 17x21 cm. Tears with loss on the first 11 leaves, marginal tears on the other pages, the leaves are not connected to each other, aging stains. Missing the last leaf with the last line of the work. First printed at the end of the Sefer Rabbeinu Sefrou by Rabbi Dovid Ovadyah, section four (Jerusalem 1985). Start price: $700
41		Halachic teshuvah by Maharash Engel. Radomyśl, [1903]. Halachic response – incomplete – written and signed by the famed gaon Rabbi Shmuel Engel av”d Radomyśl. Large leaf with text on both sides, in his holy hand and with his signature. Missing the first section. Printed in Shu”t Maharash Engel, section one, siman 76, sent to Rabbi Aryeh Leibush Hertzig of Bobov. Rabbi Shmuel Engel av”d Radomyśl (1853-1935) authored the eight sections of Shu”t Maharash, Sifsei Maharash and Chidushei Maharash . He grew up in Sanz, in the shadow of the Divrei Chaim. One of the most prominent halachic responders in his time, leading rabbis and chassidic leaders addressed halachic questions to him. Small tear with slight text loss. Start price: $1,200
42		Letter from the talmid of the Hafla'ah and Rav Nosson Adler - Rav Meir Halevi, "Dayan Medinah, " from Ichenhausen, 1806. Rav Meir Halevi was the talmid of the Baal Hafla'ah and Rav Nosson Adler of Frankfurt. There are extant manuscripts with his notes on their Torah. A response written to him appears in Shu"t Maharzach. Rav Meir merited the title "Dayan Medinah" - a prominent, weighty public role. In this role, he served as a dayan in the Beis Din Elyon, which issued decisions regarding controversies between the varied Jewish community in different countries. (Refer to: Pinkas Vaad Daled Aratoz, second edition, section 1, p. 19). The letter was sent to the Fishcach community and discusses matters pertaining to his communal position. Ichenhausen [1806] Yiddish-Teitsch. Size: 26.5x20.5 cm. Fold marks and creases. Marginal tears. Start price: $300
43		Letter from Rabbi Isaac Mishal, Av Beit Din of Kanizsa – 1834 Rabbi Isaac Mishal, son of Rabbi Gedaliah , Av Beit Din of Pastokha (referenced in Shu”t Chatam Sofer, Orach Chaim, Siman 64 in a responsum addressed to him), served as the rabbi of Kanizsa from 1833 following the passing of Rabbi Meir Santa in 1832. In Kanizsa, he faced opposition from certain townspeople who had initially opposed his appointment. After several years of ongoing conflict, he eventually resigned from the rabbinate. In this letter, among other matters, he writes to Rabbi Shlomo Rosenthal, describing the persecution he endured from his adversaries and requesting that he intervene and plead with them to stop. Kanizsa, 1834. A single folded leaf. Size: 26×42 cm. Folding marks, minor tears along the margins. Partially intact red wax seal. Start price: $200

44		Hungary. Rabbi Yehudah Goldstein av”d Sabinov. Letter written and signed by Rabbi Yehudah Goldstein av”d Sabinov, regarding receipt of funds for the burial of a person who died in his community. Rabbi Yehudah Goldstein (1877-1933) was the son of Rabbi Yehoshua Goldstein of Szerdahely, son of Rabbi Ezra Tzoref rav”d Szerdahely (son-in-law of Rabbi Aharon Shmuel Assad, son of the Mahari Assad). He was a disciple of the Shevet Sofer and son-in-law of Maharam Sofer, av”d Tisza-Füred. In 1900, he became av”d Károlyváros, and then was av”d in Sabinov for thirty years. He published the Divrei Maharia on the Torah, the teachings of his grandfather, Rabbi Yehudah Assad (Chatam Sofer V’Talmidav p. 571). 17×20.5 cm. Filing holes, fold marks, overall good condition. Start price: $200
45		Letter from Rabbi Meir Naftali Herzka Halevi Jungreis of Tiszafüred , Grandson of the Menuchas Osher - 1927 Letter written by Rav Meir Naftali Herzka Halevi Jungreis of Tiszafüred , sent to Rav Yitzchak Rosenberg av”d Hajdúhadház , author of Gevuros Yitzchak . Rabbi Meir Naftali Herzka Halevi Jungreis of Tiszafüred was the son of Rav Moshe Nosson Neta Halevi Jungreis, av”d Tiszafüred, author of Menuchas Moshe, the son of Rav Asher Anshel Halevi Jungreis, the "Tzaddik of Czenger, " and author of the Menuchas Osher . A letter he wrote about his great father is printed in Toldot Anshei Mofet (Brunn) 87. Tiszafüred, 1927. Damaged letter, torn, with text loss. Start price: $300
46		Letter from Rav Shlomo Aharon Wertheimer to Rav Simcha Bamberger, rav in Aschaffenburg. Yerushalayim, 1888. Letter written and signed by Rav Shlomo Aharon Wertheimer of Yerushalayim, sent to Rav Simcha Bamberger, rav in Aschaffenburg. Rav Shlomo Aharon Wertheimer (1867-1935) was one of the first to publicize the Cairo Geniza. A prodigious Yerushalmi sage, he printed dozens of works and seforim from the Cairo Geniza and Geniza in Yerushalayim, sifrei Medrashim and Rishonim. Yerushalayim, 1888. Start price: $100
47		Soloveitchik Family. Letter from Rebbetzin Miriam Soloveitchik with the signature of her husband, Rav Yisrael Gershon, to their son Rav Moshe Soloveitchik Letter written and signed by Rebbetzin Miriam Soloveitchik, addressed to her son Rav Moshe Soloveitchik, who had fled to Switzerland. Rav Yisrael Gershon Soloveitchik added his signature to the letter. Rav Yisrael Gershon Soloveitchik, the oldest son of Rav Chaim, was born in Volozhin in 1875. He merited to spend time with his grandfather, the Beis HaLevi. He was deeply attached to his father and was a brilliant, diligent talmid chacham, righteous and modest. His wife, Rebbetzin Miriam, was the daughter of Rav Moshe Dovid Alter of Biała, a descendant of the Chiddushei HaRim. She was renowned for her piety and devotion and dedication to running her home. After her father-in-law, Rav Chaim, passed away, she collected money to publish his Chiddushei Rav Chaim HaLevi Al haRambam . Once, when she visited her son in Kamenitz, Rav Baruch Ber told his talmidim to show honor and greet the daughter-in-law of the Rav, Rav Chaim (Uvdos ViHanhagos LiBeis Brisk, p. 122). Rav Moshe Soloveitchik (1915–1995) was one of the outstanding Gedolim of the previous generation, a grandson of Rav Chaim Soloveitchik. He was a talmid of the Imrei Moshe and Rav Baruch Ber. He fled to Switzerland to escape conscription to the Polish army together with his friend Rav Aharon Leib Shteinman. He spent the rest of his life in Switzerland, teaching Torah and yiras Shamayim. Postcard from Brisk, undated (between 1938–1943). Fine condition. Start price: $200

48		Pruzbul signed by Rav Michel Yehuda Lefkowitz. Pruzbul contract signed by Rosh Yeshivah Rav Michel Yehuda Lefkowitz. Additional signatories: Rav Moshe Yitzchak Deutsch, rebbe in Yeshiva and Kollel Tiferet Tzion Rav Elkana Moshe Muller, rebbe in Yeshivas Karlin. Rav Michel Yehuda Lefkowitz (1914-2011) was the Rosh Yeshivah of Ponevezh L'Tzeirim from the day it was established. For over sixty years, he gave shiurim there and educated thousands of talmidim. He was a member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah and was a leader of the charedi community in Eretz Yisrael. He embodied a mix of Torah genius and greatness in mussar and middos. Thin paper, 21x8 cm. Start price: $150
49		Inscription written and signed by Rabbi Yaakov Edelstein on his grandfather's work. Sefer Chidushei ben Aryeh ; Responsa, novellae and elucidations by Rabbi Yerachmiel Gershon Edelstein av"d Szumiaczi, published by the author's grandsons, Rabbi Yaakov and Rabbi Gershon Edelstein, with the approbation of the Steipler and Rav Berel Soloveitchik. The flyleaf bears the inscription and signature of Rabbi Yaakov Edelstein, Rabbi of Ramat HaSharon, the author's grandson. Jerusalem, 1981. Fine condition. Start price: $100
50		Two kuntressim Maareches HaKinyanim by Rav Shimon Shkop. 2 stencil prints of Maareches HaKinyanim by Rav Shimon Shkop. Kuntress from 1954 in fine condition. Kuntress from 1959, with tape on the paper jacket and light tears in the pages. Start price: $200