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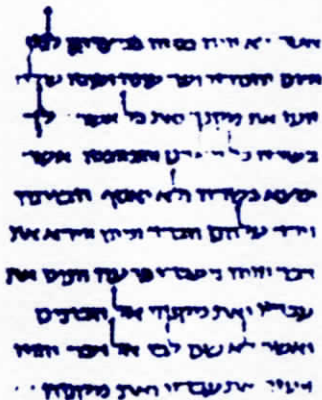
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THE MANUSCRIPT

ONE OF THE OLDEST EXTANT FRAGMENTS OF A TORAH SCROLL, DATE AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN UNKNOWN ALTHOUGH LIKELY MIDDLE EASTERN CIRCA 8 - 12 CENTURIES. WRITTEN ON LEATHER, THE MANUSCRIPT ORIGINATED IN THE CAIRO GENIZAH AND IS NOW HELD IN THE LIBRARY AT JEWS' COLLEGE. THE SHEET IS 115 CM LONG AND AVERAGES 50 CM IN HEIGHT (45 X 19 INS). THE SEVEN COLUMNS OF TEXT ARE FROM EXODUS DEALING WITH THE LAST FOUR PLAGUES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL LAMB AND THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT (EXODUS 9:18 THROUGH 13:2). UNIQUE FEATURES OF THIS SCROLL INCLUDE THE ABSENCE OF CROWNLETS ON CERTAIN LETTERS AND THE USE OF ONE OR TWO DOTS AT THE END OF SOME LINES.



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I congratulate all associated with this project, especially Dr David Khalili, whose initiative and generosity made it possible. The funds raised will go to the work of the College, one of the world's oldest extant rabbinical seminaries, and thus facilitate the study and teaching of Torah into the next generation. That is how our tradition has been renewed throughout the millennia: through reverence for the Torah and support of its teachings and scholars.

Jonathan Sacks



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C O L L E G E

J E W S ' C O L L E G E H A S B E E N G R A N T I N G R A B B I N I C A L
D I P L O M A S A N D P R O V I D I N G R A B B I S F O R T H E A N G L O -
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O F T H E C O M M U N I T Y O N A N I N D I V I D U A L B A S I S .
T H R O U G H T H E S E A N D O T H E R P R O G R A M M E S , T H E C O L L E G E
A I M S T O P R O V I D E A N D T R A I N T H E F U T U R E R A B B I S ,
C O M M U N I T Y L E A D E R S A N D T E A C H E R S O F A N G L O - J E W R Y .



THE LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY AT JEWS' COLLEGE IS ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE JUDAICA LIBRARIES IN EUROPE. WITH HOLDINGS OF MORE THAN 80,000 VOLUMES, 20,000 PAMPHLETS AND 700 MANUSCRIPTS, AND AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL EXPANSION OF 1,000 BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, THE LIBRARY HAS BECOME A KEY FACTOR IN THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF THE COLLEGE AND THE COMMUNITY. IT IS USED BY STUDENTS, RABBIS AND TEACHERS, AND IS A RESOURCE FOR SCHOLARS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

AMONG ITS TREASURES ARE THE MONTEFIORE MANUSCRIPTS - SOME 600 VOLUMES ENTRUSTED TO THE COLLEGE BY THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE; THE COLLEGE'S OWN EXTENSIVE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION; AND A SECTION OF 4,000 RARE BOOKS. OF SPECIAL INTEREST ARE THE RARE 15TH CENTURY MACHZORIM. THE LIBRARY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR ESRA KAHN, COVERS ALL AREAS OF JUDAICA, AND IS PARTICULARLY STRONG IN EARLY RABBINIC LITERATURE, JEWISH HISTORY AND MAIMONIDEAN STUDIES. THE HISTORY OF ZIONISM SECTION ALONE NUMBERS OVER 1,000 VOLUMES. MAJOR EXPANSION IS PROJECTED IN THE FIELDS OF JEWISH ETHICS, CONTEMPORARY JEWISH THOUGHT, HALAKHAH AND MODERN JEWISH HISTORY.

RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR WIDER SUPPORT, DR N.D. KHALILI COMMISSIONED THE FACSIMILE WHICH IS A VEHICLE NOT ONLY FOR YOU TO HELP JEWS' COLLEGE RAISE VITAL FUNDS, BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THEIR JEWISH HERITAGE.

THIS BROCHURE CONTAINS HOLY SCRIPTURES. PLEASE KEEP SAFELY OR RETURN IN ENVELOPE PROVIDED.



Fragment of a papyrus scroll, likely containing a letter or document, displayed in a dark wooden frame. The scroll is unrolled, showing several columns of text written in a cursive script. The papyrus is aged and stained, particularly at the edges. The text is arranged in approximately seven columns across the length of the scroll. The scroll is mounted on a light-colored background within the frame.



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