

Ofeq Institute (Machon Ofeq)
For the research of original Hebrew medieval manuscripts
and their publication in critical, annotated editions

Machon Ofeq was established to discover unknown, unidentified or unpublished classical Hebrew manuscripts, to locate them, edit them according to the highest Torah and scientific standards, and publish useful, high-quality editions. Recently, new sources have opened and many collections that had been previously sealed have become available. The sophisticated resources at our disposal enable us to attain major achievements in this field, and to offer Torah scholars and students of Judaic studies books of the highest importance.

Machon Ofeq devotes itself to tannaitic literature (*Torat Kohanim*, *Tosefta*) and post-Talmudic writings, i.e., the writings of the *geonim*, the *rishonim* and the early *aharonim*. These classical works — mostly previously unknown, others, works published in inaccurate or incomplete editions — are deciphered anew from original manuscripts, and annotated by an expert staff of *talmidei hakhamim* and academic scholars who also add source references, interpretations, introductions and indices. Among the members of Machon Ofeq are young and gifted *talmidei hakhamim*, as well as experienced scholars, and experts in the research of Hebrew manuscripts. Attention is given to the aesthetic side as well; all of Ofeq's publications are designed to be pleasant to the eye.

Heading Machon Ofeq is its founder, Rabbi Avraham Shoshana, who also serves as the chief editor of its publications. Rabbi Shoshana is the editor of numerous classics by *rishonim*, books which have become essential items on the bookshelves of study halls.

In a relatively short period of time, the Institute has published a series of reputable classics, all of them distinguished by excellent uncompromising editing — accurate copying of the manuscripts, clear concise notes and interpretations, as well as scholarly well-written introductions. Most of the books enjoy repeated editions. Special mention should be made of Ofeq's prestigious project, *Sifra*, or *Torat Kohanim*, and its *rishonim* commentators, especially that by RABaD (Rabbi Abraham b. David of Posquieres), which was awarded a grant by the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities.

In recent years, when the libraries of Eastern Europe began to open their doors to Western scholars, after being inaccessible for decades, Ofeq Institute was among

the first, if not the first, to be granted permission to publish choice material from their Hebrew manuscripts collections. Rabbi Shoshana was one of the first to be received by the Russian State Library (formerly, the Lenin State Library) in Moscow; its directors granted Ofeq Institute exclusive rights of publication to choice material from the Baron Guenzburg Collection. The current publication of these long lost classics of Jewish learning is enriching our spiritual culture with jewels of Torah and Judaic learning, long awaited for decades.

List of publications of Ofeq Institute

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דרך בינה' על ספר שופטים

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by Rabbi Avraham Shoshana

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Prof. Moshe Ahrend
Hatzofeh, 26 Adar II 5749

Jerusalem-Cleveland 1988

308 pp. 17 x 24 cm

ISBN 1-881255-03-4

Revised and expanded version of the 1988 edition with an English introduction

Jerusalem-Cleveland 2003

319 + 35 + 7 pp. 17 x 24 cm

ISBN 1-881255-38-7

ספר איוב מבית מדרשו של רש"י

The Book of Job with the commentaries of Rashi, Rabbenu Jacob b. Meir Tam, and a disciple of Rashi (Rabbenu Shemaya)

A revised and augmented critical edition of Rashi's commentary based on the best medieval manuscripts; R. Tam's commentary edited anew from Oxford and Rostock

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The commentary by a disciple of Rashi (most probably R. Shema'ya) has never been published previously, but quotations and selections from it can be found in other commentaries in a variety of manuscripts.

The editing is very erudite, yet elegant and readable.

Jerusalem 5760 (1999)

Second impression, 2000

112, 308, viii pp., 24 x 17 cm

ISBN 1-81255-30-1

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With source notes, variants and explanatory notes, introduction and indices

By Rabbi Avraham Shoshana and Prof. Moshe A. Zipor

Jerusalem 2006, 571 + 81 pp.

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The Book of Ovadiah with the Commentary of Rabbi Joseph Hayyun of Lisbon

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By Prof. Moshe A. Zipor

Jerusalem 5765

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Jerusalem-Cleveland 1991

32, 175 pp., 21 x 32 cm

ISBN 1-881255-09-3

כרך ב(א): ויקרא דיבורא דנדבה

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A facsimile of *Sifra*, Venice edition, 1545, is published in a special appendix with glosses of R. Suliman b. Ohana (16th cen. Fez and Sefad).

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Latest revised edition, Jerusalem 5758 (1998)

25, 365 pp., 22 x 30 cm

ISBN 1-881255-24-7

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By Robert Brody, and associates: Carmiel Cohen, Yehuda Zvi Stampfer

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11, 369 pp.
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First edition, Jerusalem 1988

Third edition, Jerusalem 5758 (1998)

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ISBN 1-881255-04-2

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Jerusalem 5756 (1996)

36, 316 pp., 24 x 17 cm

ISBN 1-881255-19-0

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Latest revised edition, Jerusalem 5758 (1998)

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Jerusalem 5759 (1999)

Second impression, Jerusalem 2005

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Supercommentary of R. Asher b. Jehiel on tractate Hagigah of the Babylonian Talmud

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Addenda: Novellae of R. Yehuda b. Kolonymus of Speyer, R. Solomon Sirilio, R. Bezalel Ashkenazi.

Jerusalem 2002, 374 + 38 pp.

ISBN 1-881255-37-9

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Jerusalem 2000, 370 + 114 pp.

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מסילת ישרים לרבי משה חיים לוצאטו

Mesillat Yesharim by R. Moshe Hayyim Luzzatto (RaMHaL)

Mesillat Yesharim A: Dialogue Version

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