

GREAT JEWISH THINKERS. OU JERUSALEM

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RABBI YAAKOV EMDEN (1698 - 1776)

Amsterdam- Altona-Hamburg.

WRITTEN WORKS:

1. MANY CLASSIC RESPONSA 'SHEILAT YAAVETZ'
2. COMMENTARY ON SIDDUR 'BEIT YAAKOV'
3. COMMENTARY ON MISHNAH - 'LECHEM SHAMAYIM'
4. COMMENTARY ON SHULCHAN ARUCH. 'MOR U'KETZIYA'.
5. KABBALIST - EXPERT ON ZOHAR & ARIZAL.
6. AUTOBIOGRAPHY 'MEGILLAT SEFER'.

CHARACTERISTICS:

1. SON OF CHACHAM ZVI ASHKENAZI of AMSTERDAM
2. HALACHIC AUTHORITY of WESTERN EUROPE.
3. INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR. HIS OWN PRINTING PRESS
4. ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT. FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT.
5. RABBI of EMDEN FOR FIVE YEARS (1728 -1733)
6. EPIC CONTROVERSY WITH RABBI EYBESCHUTZ. 1750
7. SUPPORT OF 'PNEI YEHOASHUA'
8. INDEPENDENT SHUL IN ALTONA.
9. INNOVATIVE VIEWS ON CHRISTIANITY & GENTILES.
10. LEARNT DANISH, LATIN, DUTCH, GERMAN,
11. KNOWLEDGEABLE IN SCIENCE & MEDICINE
12. CONNECTION TO EARLY HASKALAH THINKERS.