A CAUTION

TO ALL WHO BEAR THE NAME OF ISRAEL.

From the Chief Rabbi, and the Beth Din of the several Congregations of Great Britain

OUR BRETHREN, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, WHO PURSUE JUSTICE, AND SEEK THE LORD!

Incline your ears to the words of righteousness; Hearken that your souls may live!

It is known throughout the dispersions of Israel, that the Prayers and Blessings which we address to the Creator of the world, (blessed be His Holy Name) have been arranged and appointed, by our Sages of the Great Convocation, among whom were some of our Prophets; and that these forms have been adhered to by the whole House of Israel, from generation to generation, for more than 2000 years.

But now behold, we have seen innovations newly springing up, and a new Book of Prayer, called "Forms of Prayer used in the West London Synagogue of British Jews", edited by D. W. Marks, Printed by J. Werthiemer & Co. A. M. 5601." in which it is evident to the eyes of all, that the manner and order of our Prayers and Blessings have been curtailed and altered, and otherwise arranged not in accordance with the Oral Law by which we have so long been guided in the performance of the precepts of the Lord, and of which it is acknowledged, "that who so rejecteth the authority of the Oral Law, opposeth thereby the Holy Law handed down to us on Mount Sinai by Moses the servant of the Lord;" and, without which it is also admitted, that we should have no true knowledge of the Written Law.

Seeing this evil, we have risen and strengthened ourselves for the service of God, in order to remove and set aside this stumbling block from the path of our Brethren the sons of Israel, and hereby we admonish every person professing the Faith of Israel, and having the fear of God in his heart, that he do not use, or in any manner recognise the said Book of Prayer, because it is not in accordance with our Holy Law: and whosoever shall use it for the purpose of prayer will be accounted sinful; for the wisest of men hath said "That he who turneth away his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayers shall be an abomination:" but he who regardeth his soul will avoid the iniquitous course thereby attempted, and pursue the righteous path so long trodden by our ancestors.

And we supplicate the Lord God of our Fathers, to incline and unite our hearts that we may all serve Him with one accord, and that He may bring peace and brotherly love among us, and that the Redeemer may speedily come to Zion. These are the words of Truth and Justice!

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