

AN INVENTORY TO THE ISAAC SAMUEL REGGIO  
(1784-1855) COLLECTION

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Isaac Samuel Reggio, Italian Jewish scholar, prolific writer, and Rabbi, was born in Gorizia, near Trieste, in 1784. Besides a religious education in Hebrew and Rabbinics pursued under his father, Reggio attended the local gymnasium in Gorizia (he was later the Professor of Humanities there) where he received instruction in the secular sciences and languages. Thus, in addition to his native Italian and Hebrew, he knew French, German, and Latin, as well as several of the Semitic languages. He was also well versed in mathematics and philosophy. Finding inspiration in the writings of Mendelssohn and Wessely, Reggio made a name for himself in the field of religious philosophy. His famous Ha-Torah ve ha-Filosofia attempts to reconcile Judaism and secular studies. Reggio was also known for his several Italian translations of, among other books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch, with a commentary, and Isaiah. He also deserves much of the credit for the founding of the Rabbinical Seminary in Padova, on behalf of which he petitioned the authorities, drew up the statutes, and planned the program of study. For ten years, he served as unpaid Rabbi of the community of Gorizia, where he died in 1855.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The ISAAC SAMUEL REGGIO COLLECTION consists of correspondence and drafts and notes of some of Reggio's published scholarly works and lectures. The incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically by writer, the outgoing, in draft form, arranged by date. The drafts and notes, few of which are dated, are grouped, to the extent possible, according to the published work or subject(s) to which they refer. In many cases, logical and consistent arrangement proved impossible because of the fragmentary and cryptic nature of the notes. In addition, there is one folder of miscellanea containing a eulogy, a petition, and other correspondence. The years covered are ca. 1815-1852, with most of the material coming from the 1820's-40's.

A large part of the correspondence has to do with the founding of the Rabbinical Seminary in Padova. The nature of much of the other correspondence is scholarly and academic and deals with criticism and defence of Reggio's philosophical works and translations, publishing and printing, the availability of books, libraries, and letters of recommendation. The reform movement in Judaism is frequently mentioned or discussed. There is also an exchange of letters between Reggio and Leopold Zunz (ca. 1815-17). This group has been kept together. In the letters, Reggio and Zunz argue points in religious philosophy and Christianity and discuss mathematics and geometry. A draft of some of Reggio's translation of the Mendelssohn-Lavater correspondence is also found in the collection.

This valuable collection reflects Reggio's scholarly acumen and wide range of philosophical, religious, and scientific interests, including Biblical criticism and translation, Judaism and Christianity, philosophy and religion, mathe-

matics and geometry, and education, especially as it has to do with the Rabbinical Seminary in Padova. His exchange of views with other scholars and, at times, vigorous argumentation give a clear picture of this remarkable person. Much of the material should be edited and published to complement the already large body of scholarship devoted to Reggio and Italian Jewish scholarship of the nineteenth century.

FOLDER LIST

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SUBJECT TRACINGS (last names, title, first name; town name)

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