

Introduction

This sefer, משל אברהם על תרי"ג מצוות, was written by our grandfather Rav Avrohom Sochen זצ"ל, in New York, in the 1920's. There exists one handwritten manuscript of about 700 pages. These were written by him in 18 spiral notebooks. His handwriting is beautiful and perfectly legible, as you will see.

Rav Avrohom Sochen was born in Europe around the year 1874 and died in New York in 1942. He had 5 children, 3 sons and 2 daughters. They left Europe in the early 1920's. Rav Avrohom Sochen, together with his wife Feige, one son, and one daughter came to America. One son went to Israel and one son to South Africa. One daughter remained in Europe and perished with most of her family in the Holocaust. Dr. Mordechai Sochen, the son who came to America, lived and taught for many years in the U.S., and later in Israel. He was in possession of this manuscript until recently. Mordechai died recently in Israel, and his wife Frieda, came to live near her daughter in New Jersey. She took the notebooks with her, and sent them to us. We are now presenting it to the public after 75 years of it being preserved.

Rav Avrohom Sochen, had another sefer called דרך אברהם, published posthumously by our father, Rav Ephraim Berman. Rav Sochen's daughter Raizel, our mother, married Rav Ephraim Berman. He was the author of 3 published works: חמדרש, אמר קדשים, and גואם אפרים, וחתיין.

Another manuscript of Rav Sochen, ספר בר מצוה, is also now being presented to the public, from a single manuscript.

All of these 6 seforim are found on the Internet, and on the CDs put out through חיים at <http://www.hebrewbooks.org>

Serayah Berman and Rabbi Saul Berman