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Torah scroll inspection report



A passage from the Torah scroll written with black ink on *gevil* (i.e. parchment made from the whole hide rather than split, processed for writing on the hair-side only) from sheepskin. The leather is fully processed by soaking in the processing mixture. Processing was done by applying *mey afatzim* [wasp residue/gall-nut water]. Pomegranate juice was also used for the processing, which gave the skin the characteristic color of Yemeni Torah scrolls. It is written in typical Yemenite script that hangs below the dotted horizontal line. The end of each verse is marked by an unusual space between the words and a dot made with an awl. It is characteristic of the Yemenite scrolls.

The section begins with Exodus 01:1 and ends with 02:08.

According to paleographic characteristics and the nature of the skin it appears that this scroll was written in Yemen in the 16th Century. Consequently, this section is ancient and rare and has historical value.

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