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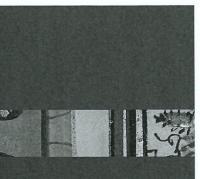
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ancient phrases and languages. Illuminations also added a certain level appearance transformed the meaning of the liturgy and of the celebraof entertainment. ther, or Christian Books of Hours helped lay readers understand the infor personal use, such as personal prayer books, Haggadot, Books of Estentions of texts whose meaning was not always clear due to the complex tory feasts that marked the annual calendar. Illuminated religious texts In the past, illuminated texts usually had religious content. Their artistic

Some medieval religious authorities, such as Nicholas of Cusa, expressed God, saints, and prophets was debated and not welcomed by all religions. pose of these manuscripts: contemplation. Moreover, the depiction of concern that illuminations would distract readers from the original pur-



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therefore, while including animals and plants, only a few medieval Jewish manuscripts depicted humans. tradition was also somewhat ambivalent about portrayals of prophets; miniatures of humans, animals, and landscapes. The pre-modern Jewish not follow this strict injunction, and manuscripts from Iran often depict manuscripts from this culture. The Persian Islamic tradition, however, did tended to be only calligraphic illustrations in the illuminated religious piction of God, humans, and sometimes even animals, and thus there The strict rules of the Arab-Islamic world, for example, forbade the de-

personas, and scenes in history according to the authors' perceptions. With the emergence of encyclopedic works, science textbooks, and ing of the written text. Illustrations were now used to visualize insights, reflective value of the text and more to enhance the actual understandchronicles in the Middle Ages, illustrations served less to transform the

illustrate the daily news with images led newspapers to even prioritize engraving heralded the inclusion of realistic illustrations. The ability to news, often conveying messages without the need for additional text. cartoons became an integral part of newspapers' presentation of the pictures over long texts ("a picture is worth a thousand words"). Editorial The technological progress of printing machines and new methods of

words. Have we perhaps gone back to the very beginning? es, sometimes comprising the whole message with no need to include end of a long history of development. A short look at digital messenger applications shows the frequent addition of emojis to short messageditorial cartoons speaking for themselves - this is apparently not the Scripture emerging from images, illuminations enriching the text, and

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Maimonides, Code of Jewish Law (Mishneh Torah), 14th century

YITZCHACK GILA

man wrapped in a tallit cradles a Torah scroll like a baby, gazing lovingly at the scroll and expressing his love for Torah. This magnificent illumination serves as a visual commentary on Maimonides" "Book of Love," part of his monumental code of Jewish law known as the *Mishneh Torah*. The "Book of Love" summarizes laws and practices relating to the closeness between humans and God, such as prayer, blessings, tzitzit, and Torah scrolls.

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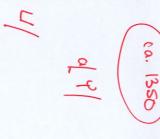
Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides) was one of the greatest Jewish sages of the medieval period, as well as a judge, philosopher, and physician. Maimonides was born in Cordoba, Spain, in 1138. His wanderings led him to Cairo, where he lived and worked until his death in 1204. Though there were those who disagreed with his writings and opinions, Maimonides was widely admired for his halachic and philosophical work. This is evidenced by various magnificent manuscripts of his masterpieces, the *Mishneh Torah* and the *Guide of the Perplexed*, in which the text is accompanied by colorful illustrations and ornamentation.

This illuminated manuscript of the *Mishneh Torah* was copied on parchment in Spain in about 1350. The scribe, known only as Isaac, copied the manuscript but left empty spaces for an artist to insert accompanying illustrations. The introduction and opening pages were illustrated by an unknown Spanish painter. The remaining first forty pages were illustrated decades later by Matteo di Ser Cambio, a non-Jewish painter from Perugia, Italy, who probably lived in the late fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries. He based his paintings on other contemporary manuscripts of the Mishneh Torah, bringing them to life with polished gold and dazzling colors.

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Mishneh Torah, Maimonides, Spain, 0.350. Illuminated opening of the "Book of Love," the second book of the Mishneh Torah, featuring text from Psalm 119 and a figure embracing a Torah scroll, folio 32r. Ms. Heb. 4° 1193.

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Above Left: Maimonides lists each of the 248 positive biblical commandments, folio 2v. Right: The first of the Halbooks of Maimonides code is entitled Mada', meaning knowledge. It discusses the fundamental principles of physics, astronomy, ethics, and theology according to Maimonides, folio 10v. Ms. Heb. 4° 1193. Mishneh Torah, Maimonides, Spain, c. 1350.

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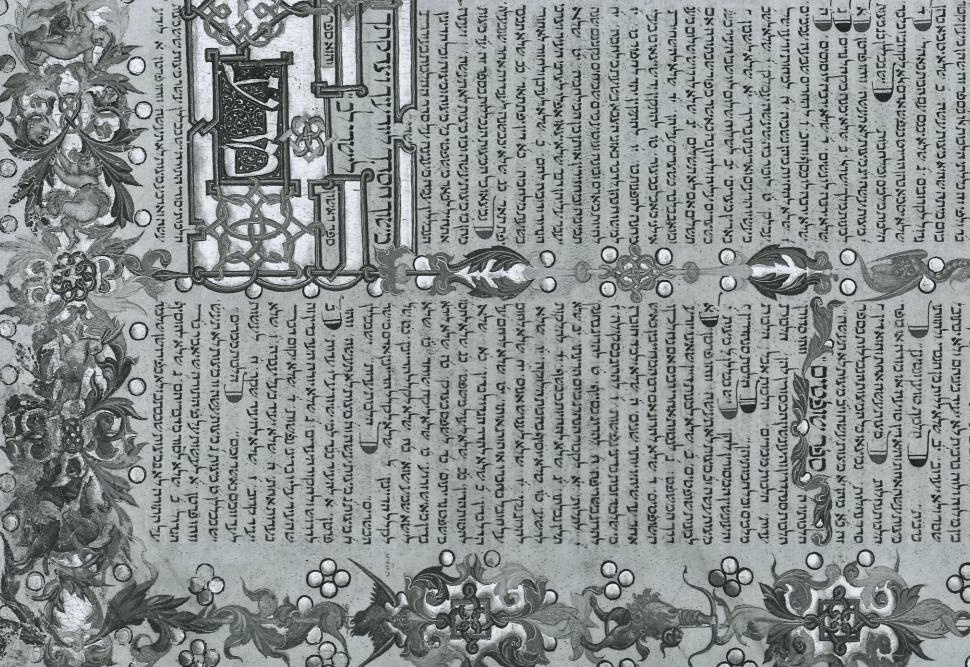
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Books of Hours, 15th century

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Christian economic elite with a fondness for luxury goods. trade. Business and prosperity soon created a well-educated made the merchants with business contacts throughout all of Europe Southern Netherlands a hub of early international Þ visit to the old cities of Flanders, such as Bruges and Ghent, still gives an indication of the region's role in world trade in the late Middle Ages. successful textile industry and numerous

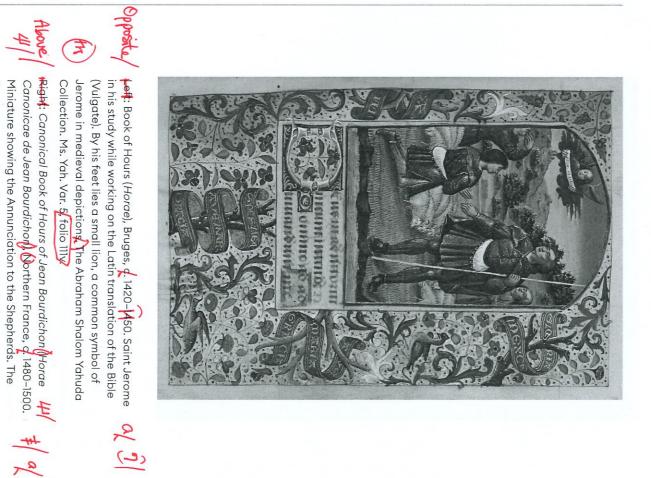
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in the Southern Netherlands and Northern France in the devoted to Christian religion and prayer. clients, who, despite their fairly secular lifestyles, were still manuscript books were the perfect match for their wealthy (Horae or Books of Hours). Often these small and precious their products were richly illuminated Christian prayer books course of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Among workshops started producing books for stock and distribution It was thus not by chance that more and more private

psalms, hymns, and other parts of the Holy Scriptures. These texts were prayers that lay people_often women_ of book printing with moveable type heralded the end of presumably welcome, layer of contemplation. The invention between the prayers, offered the books' owners another, attractive. the lives of Christian saints made these books extremely they were unintentionally adapting the older Jewish habit of would recite privately seven times a day at specific hours, these manuscripts' heyday by the early sixteenth century. depicting scenes from the Passion of Jesus Christ and praying three times a day. The inclusion of artful miniatures as mandated by Western Christian tradition. In doing so, Books of Hours usually contained common texts alongside These masterful illustrations, interspaced

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u p.61 illustrations. <u>He also served as court painter to several French</u> kin<mark>as</mark>. The Abraham Shalom Yahuda Collection. Ms. Yah. Var. 10, folio 47). illustrator, Jean Bourdichon, was famous for his manuscript

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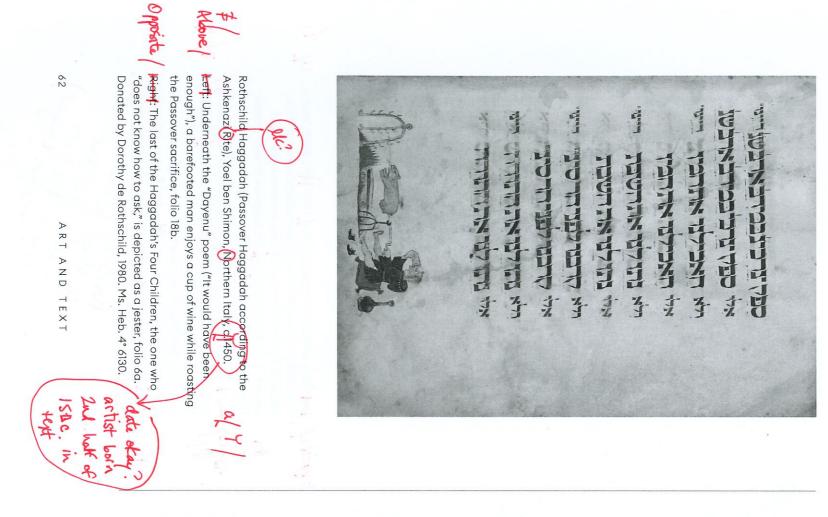
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Beauty and Prayer



YOEL FINKELMAN



oel ben Shimon (15th century) was not only one of the most famous Jewish scribes of the Renaissance; he was also a very funny man. Born and trained in Germany in the second half of the fifteenth century, he moved between Germany and Northern Italy, copying and illustrating magnificent prayer books. Around thirty of his works have survived and are examples of some of the most beautiful Hebrew prayer books and Passover Haggadot in existence. His impeccable calligraphy is matched by evocative illuminations, such as the enslaved Israelites building castles for the Egyptians or taskmasters drowning Israelite babies in the Nile.

Yoel ben Shimon used his license as an illustrator to amuse readers. For example, the wise son in the Haggadah is picking his nose, thus making a witty pun on the Hebrew word *af*, used in the Haggadah to mean "even" but which can also mean "nose." Likewise, the son "who does not know how to ask" is depicted as too foolish to wear matching shoes or put on trousers. One drawing depicts a nude woman in the margins of the holy book. There is also a depiction of a lazy man responsible for preparing the Passover sacrifice who, after making himself comfortable and removing his shoes, is far more interested in warming his feet by the fire and enjoying a bottle of wine than in the sanctity of the religious ritual.

This manuscript was stolen by the Nazis from the Paris branch of the Rothschild family, keepers of a renowned collection of Hebrew manuscripts. After the war, it made its way to the United States, where it was bought by an innocent collector who was unaware of the theft. He donated it to Yale University, from where it was returned to the Rothschild family, who, in turn, donated it to the National Library.

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Right: Scenes depicting the Exodus from Egypt and central commandments of Passover. From top right counterclockwise, folios 20b, 21a, 23a, 22b. Donated by Dorothy de Rothschild, 1980. Ms. Heb. 4° 6130.

and Far-Off Lands **Animals, Monsters,**

Zakariyya al-Qazwini, The Wonders of the Creatures and the Marvels of Creation, 1659

SAMUEL THROPE

in the Iranian city of Qazwin, he spent his life either fleeing Chinggis Khan's Mongol armies, which by 1283 had forged an empire stretching from China to Eastern Europe, or racing to find his place in the world the Mongol conquests had left behind.

In 1220, Qazwini left his native town for Mosul and then Baghdad. Still, the conquerors caught up with him in the Iraqi town of Wasit, where they murdered **H0,000** inhabitants. The Mongols spared intellectuals, artisans, and others they deemed useful, and thus Qazwini, a legal scholar and judge, was not killed. He continued his career under his new patrons, serving as judge and a teacher at the city's al-Sharabiyya college.

However, the shock that the Mongol conquest delivered to Qazwini and Islamic civilization as a whole cannot be overstated. And so, when Qazwini came to write *The Wonders of the Creatures and the Marvels of Creation*, the book for which he is best known, he sought to reassure his readers that the order of the cosmos remained secure. The book is an encyclopedic summary of the created world, proceeding in order from the heavens above to the earth below. Illustrations of the constellations, angels, animals, plants, and other creatures, including mythical beasts and fantastic men, accompany the text.

The manuscript seen here, copied in Baghdad in 1659, is a perfect example of Qazwini's orderly world. As a Turkish translation, it also demonstrates how widely Qazwini's book was read and copied over the centuries, making it one of the most ubiquitous Islamic illustrated books.

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The angel Israfil, who blows the trumpet to signal the Day of Judgement, Zakriyya al-Qazwini, The Wonders of the Creatures and the Marvels of Creation Aja'ib almakhluqat waghara'ib al-mawjudad Baghdad, 1659. The Abraham Shalom Yahuda collection. Ms. Yah. Ar. 1113. Folio 37.

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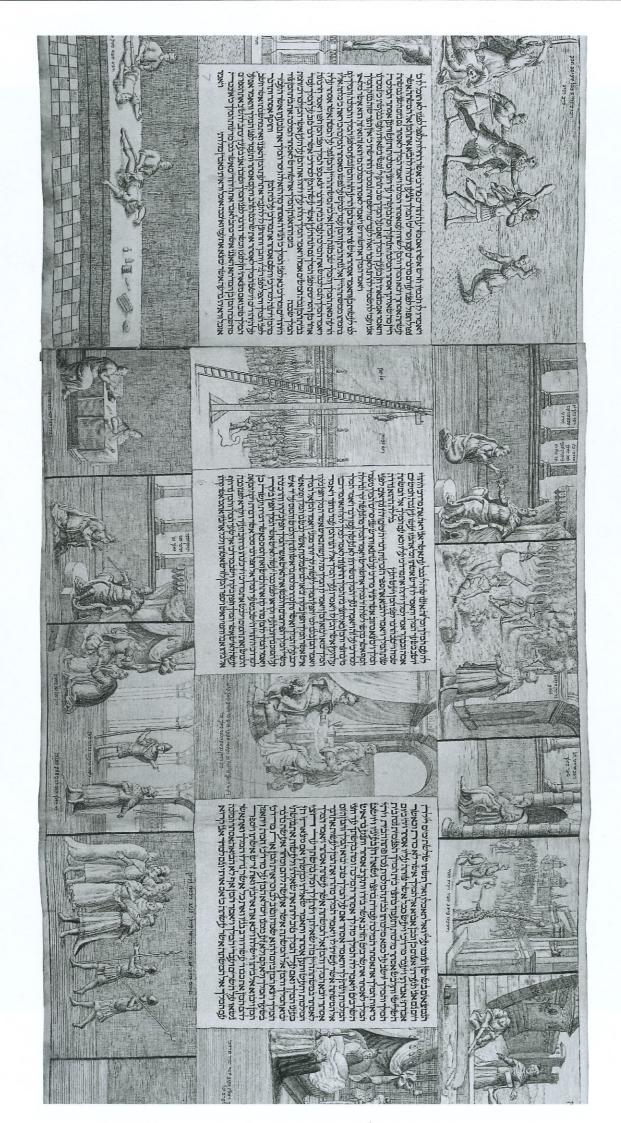
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Left: Peoples from far-off lands: the queen of the island of Waq-Waq with her attendants and pygmies from the island of Ramni and the Sea of Zanj, folios 125v–126r.

Zakariya al-Qazvini, The Wonders of the Creatures and the Marvels of Creation (Aja'ib μ/a) al-makhluqat waghara'ib al-mawjudat) Baghdad, 1659.



DAFNA SIEGMAN



egillat Esther is the only liturgical scroll permitted by Jewish law to be decorated and illuminated. Throughout the seventeenth icense and commissioned dozens of elaborate scrolls of the Book of Esther. These scrolls added an artistic element to the carnivalesque atmosphere of the Purim celebrations. The Book of Esther is fertile terrain for illustrations as it contains all the elements of a great story: heroes and villains, death and violence, sex and power, war and love.

In this late seventeenth-century or early eighteenth-century scroll from Amsterdam, nearly sixty detailed illustrations surround the canonical text. It is one of a handful of scrolls to use brown sepia ink, thus imitating the visual quality of engravings. It is likely to have been commissioned by a wealthy Portuguese Jew living in Amsterdam who may have been inspired by the saintly and heroic status granted to Esther by Sephardi émigré conversos those who had lived as closeted Jews before fleeing the Iberian Peninsula and reemerging as openly Jewish in Amsterdam. This community

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Scroll of Esther, 17th-18th centuries

Queen Esther in Amsterdam

Scroll of Esther (Megillat Esther) $\psi/h/\psi/\mu/$ Amsterdam, late seventeenth or early eighteenth century. The text of the Megillah is surrounded by illustrated scenes from the story. An image of Queen Esther bravely approaching King Ahasuerus appears alongside the hanging of the traitors Bigthan and Teresh.



idealized Esther and identified with the heroine who hid her Jewish identity yet led the Jewish people to salvation.

Many illustrations in this scroll incorporate traditional Midrashic interpretations of the narrative, such as depictions of the villain, Haman, working in his previous career as a barber and having garbage thrown on his head by his daughter. Other illustrations anachronistically present the characters and scenes with contemporary European dress, architecture, and realia such as chariots, weapons, and

> even guillotines. Some of the images are near-replicas of contemporary non-Jewish artists' renditions of other biblical scenes, adapted to fit the plot of the Book of Esther.



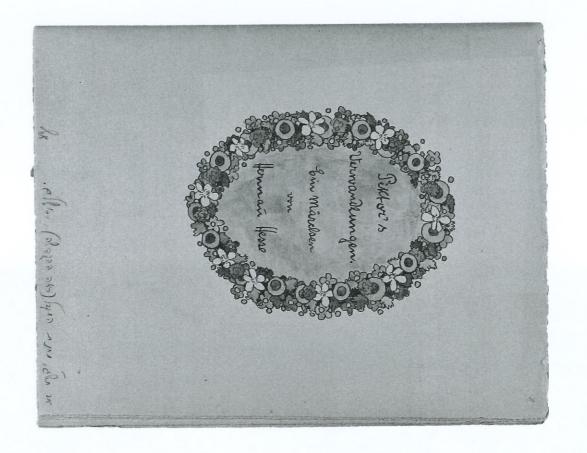


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Hermann Hesse, Pictor's Metamorphosis, 1932

STEFAN LITT



Hermann Hesse, Pictor's Metamorphosis (Piktor's Verwandlungen), Chantarella, Switzerland, 1932.

Left Title page, written in Hesse's own hand. **Right**: Large illustration showing the main figure Pictor close to a tree, which Hesse described as a dual existence: male and female. Sun and moon represent another duality: day and night. Abraham Schwadron Collection. Schwad 03 08 24.

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n the early 1920s, Hermann Hesse (1877–1962), the renowned German-Swiss author and later Nobel Prize laureate, faced a period of crisis that hindered his literary production. It was during these years that Hesse found comfort in aquarelle paintings, painting several thousand of them. He also developed a number of hybrid creations: some illustrated poems and a fairy tale called *Pictor's Metamorphoses*. He made a number of handwritten and illustrated copies of this tale, some of which he gave as gifts to friends and some of which he sold, at first to cover his own expenses and, later, having attained world success, for charitable donations.

Inspired by colorful Eastern manuscripts, Hesse wrote and drew about 100 copies of *Pictor's Metamorphoses*. Among the first people to receive it as a gift were the French author Romain Rolland, his publisher, Samuel Fischer, and his second wife, Ruth Wenger, who had inspired this work. *Pictor's Metamorphoses* is a tale about harmony, the ability to change oneself, and love. The mixture of topics and colorful drawings convinced many connoisseurs and book lovers to purchase a copy. Hesse refused to have this work published as a printed book, giving his consent only in 1954, when he felt too old to produce any more handmade copies.

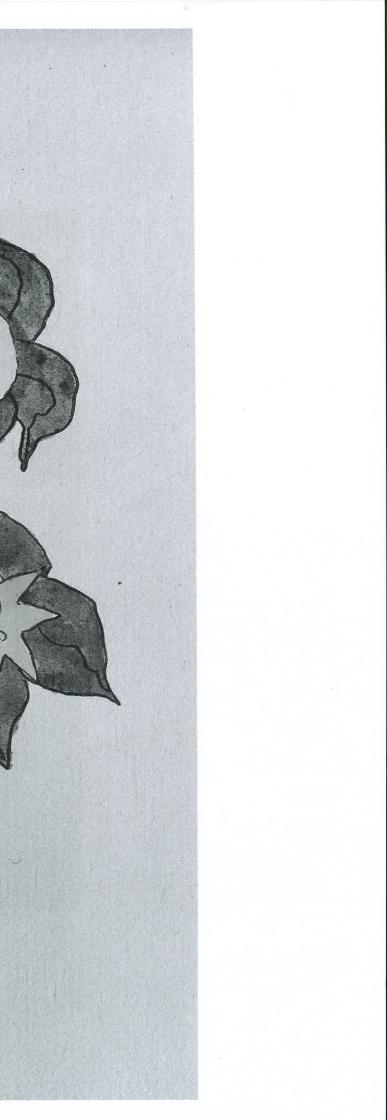
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In 1932, Menahem Weitz, an orchard owner from Jerusalem, contacted Hermann Hesse and acquired a copy. Eleven years later, Weitz donated this precious item to the National Library.

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arts, Zionist values, teaching about the Land of Israel, and connecting young people to educational system. These newspapers played a key educational role by instilling and enriching them with general knowledge to supplement the nascent he cultural importance of children's newspapers during the British language and a community of young people and served as a platform for disseminating news and ideas, exposing children and youth to the Mandate period cannot be overemphasized. They created a common

prominent artist and children's writer, Nachum Gutman, added to its prestige and contributors, such as Leah Goldberg, Natan Alterman, Levin Kipnis, and the and 1950s. It was affiliated with the Labor movement, and its list of illustrious influence. Davar for Children was the most popular children's newspaper in the 1940s (trs?)

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history of modern Hebrew culture. decades, this is quite possibly one of the most influential bodies of artwork in the the thousands exposed to these front pages on an almost weekly basis for children were greeted by a cover showcasing Gutman's unique talent. Considering for the newspaper's front page were his most signficant contribution. Every week, Alongside his stories and epigrams, Machun Gutman's (1898–1980) illustrations

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a cornerstone of Israeli culture, and its earliest beginnings are captured here. soldier and his family—between the battlefield and the home front—has become (M_{1}^{2}) in a quiet pastoral setting amid turbulent times. The encounter between the wearing his brother's army cap, approaches to hug him. It is a moment of innocence returning from the battlefield. He is greeted by his excited younger brother who, times for children living through a difficult war. The illustration depicts a soldier truce of the War of Independence, Gutman managed to capture the spirit of the On the front page of the newspaper from August 26, 1948, a month into the second

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illustration conjuring a carefree world is the polar opposite of the realistic image on the cover page. which takes the young reader on a distant, imaginative adventure. The cheerful from another world. It accompanies Leah Goldberg's poem, "The Sailing Song," The next page features another illustration by Gutman, which seems to come

Goldberg's poem. The national story is always present in Gutman's work alongside respect for the innocent, timeless world of the Hebrew-speaking child, who The power of Gutman's work in Davar for Children lies in the link between the realism of the soldier returning from battle and the whimsy of the illustration for represents the future of the nation.

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Nahum Gutman, Davar for Children (Davar le-yeladim) weekly, Tel Aviv, August 26, 1948, issue no. 18. PA 35.

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Left: Illustrated cover.

Right: Illustration accompanying "The Sailing Song (Shir ha-haflagah" by Leah Goldberg.

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Nahum Gutman, Davar for Children, 1948

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Kariel Gardosh ("Dosh"), illustrations drawn on the afternoon of June 7, 1967, at the height of the Six-Day War, Jerusalem. Left: The Lions' Gate (drawn at 2:15pm): Top right: the Temple Mount (2:30pm); and bottom right: the Western Wall (2:45pm). The Kariel Gardosh Archive. Donated by Daniella and Michael Gardosh. ARC. 4° 1793 06 43. change directionale to Below and bottom? Opposite 2/0/0

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