

Sefer Hayashar



For hundreds of years, Jews, young and old, have spent many delightful hours reading and re-reading the stories of our forefathers as related in the *Sefer Hayashar*. The current edition, a translation of the original Hebrew classic, embodies correct and idiomatic English, while maintaining the flavor of the original.

Sefer Hayashar needs no introduction. It has been quoted and referred to by Torah scholars throughout the ages. The introduction to the book describes the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the original manuscript during the destruction of the Second Beis Hamikdosh. Many, however, are of the opinion that the book was compiled from various sources somewhere between the ninth and twelfth centuries of the Common Era in Spain or southern Italy. It was first printed in Naples in 1553 and has been subsequently printed numerous times throughout Eastern Europe.

The stories related in the *Sefer Hayashar* have left their indelible mark on generations of Jewish readers, young and old. This new edition makes available to the English reading public a true font of inspiration which will be read and enjoyed for many generations.

Note: In many places *Sefer Hayashar* elucidates and elaborates on the Medrashim brought by Rashi in his commentary on the Torah, in other places it brings from Medrashim which are different than those quoted by Rashi.