

IN MEMORIAM

Moshe Henry Goshen-Gottstein
1925 - 1991

The editors of the Hebrew University Bible Project announce with deep sorrow the passing away in Jerusalem of the Project's general editor, Professor Moshe H. Goshen-Gottstein, on 14 September 1991 (ר' תשרי תשנ"ב).

Professor Goshen founded the Hebrew University Bible Project some thirty-five years ago, together with Professors Chaim Rabin and Shemaryahu Talmon, with Professor Emanuel Tov subsequently joining the team of editors. Professor Goshen brought to the task of preparing a comprehensive critical edition of the Hebrew Bible a masterly command of philology, text-critical methodology and Semitic languages. He formulated the fundamental goals of the Project, devised the working procedures of gathering and assimilating information, and defined the principles and the layout of the planned critical edition. As General Editor, he participated in and oversaw the ongoing research, together with his colleagues, collaborators and devoted staff, always setting the highest standards of scholarship for himself and his co-workers.

Professor Goshen's immense amount of learning in a wide array of scholarly pursuits, his rigorous working methods and exactitude in scholarly research left their imprint on his many publications. They will remain a source of inspiration to his colleagues and his many students all around the world.

A high point in Professor Goshen's scholarly achievements was the publication in 1976 by the Magnes Press of the Hebrew University of his facsimile edition of the Aleppo Codex, the text of which serves as the basis of the HUBP edition.

Prof. Goshen also initiated the publication of *Textus*, the annual of the HUBP, edited in turn by his colleagues C. Rabin, S. Talmon, and E. Tov, which to this day is the only scholarly journal devoted entirely to the textual research of the Hebrew Bible. The editors and his collaborators dedicate this volume to the memory of Moshe Goshen-Gottstein in deepest appreciation of his scholarly leadership.

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