



Portugees – Israëlietische Gemeente te Amsterdam

ק"ק ספרדים תלמוד תורה באמשטרדם

Joseph B. Serfaty, rabbijn
הרב יוסף בנימין צרפתי

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בס"ד

To the attention of Professor Yitzhak Melamed,

The chachamim and parnassim of Kahal Kados Talmud Torah excommunicated Spinoza and his writings with the severest possible ban, a ban that remains in force for all time and cannot be rescinded.

You have devoted your life to the study of Spinoza's banned works and the development of his ideas.

Your request to visit our complex and create a film about this Epicouros in our Esnoga and Yeshiva (Ets Haïm) is incompatible with our centuries-old halachic, historic and ethical tradition and an unacceptable assault on our identity and heritage.

I therefore deny your request and declare you persona non grata in the Portuguese Synagogue complex.

I wish you a meaningful Chanuka,

יוסף בנימין צרפתי
28 בנובמבר 2021

Rabbi Joseph Serfaty

