

The Breakaways #4 - Charleston S.C.

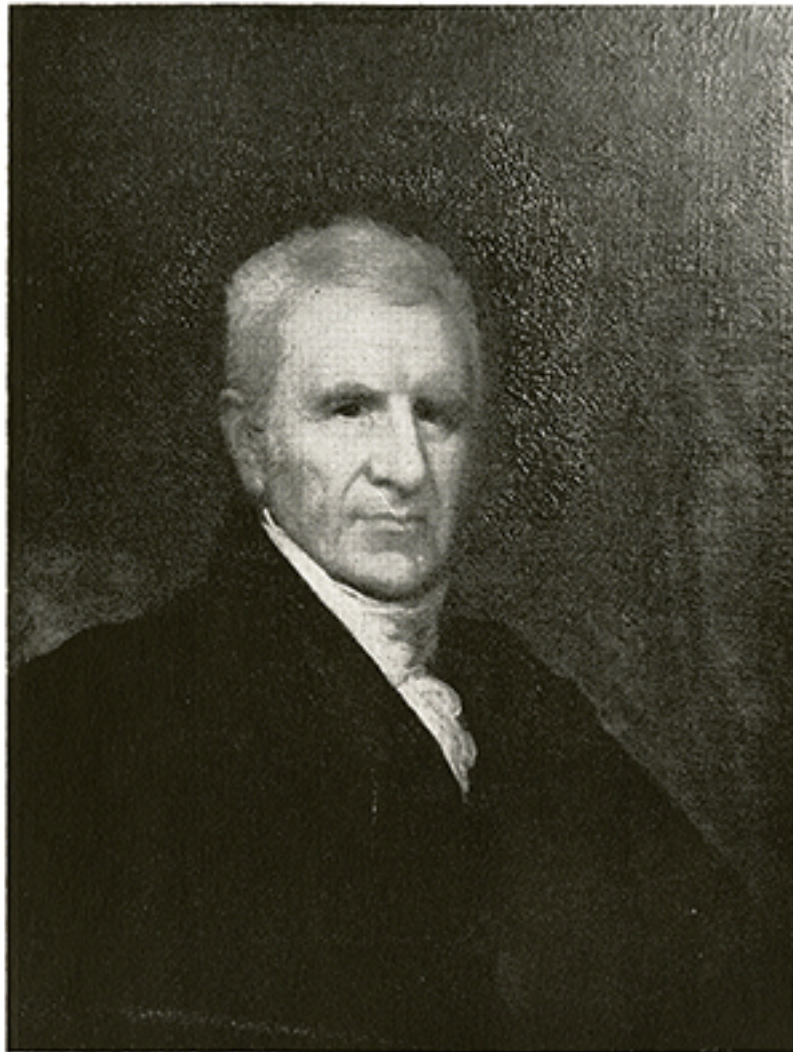
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Jacob Mordecai - Response

It requires no schism nor the dignified title of reformers to affect every allowable change in the minor concerns of the synagogue-lectures on the law and prophets, abolishing the offerings or not promising them to be made in Spanish, that being the only purpose for which that language is used and forms no part of the ritual, using translated prayer books, introducing a uniform mode of chanting the prayers, and several other regulations having a tendency to preserve order and harmony can be easily effected.

'We wish nothing more was in the contemplation of the author whose views we believe to be hostile to the custom and laws of the Jews.'



Isaac Harby - Discourse

Our desire is to yield everything to the feelings of the truly pious Israelite; to take away everything that might excite the disgust of the well-informed Israelite. To throw away rabbinical interpolations...these were the men, who retired within their closets, and shut up over their useless volumes, literally "wrought up in darkness," and drew no light either from the heavens above, or the beautiful scenes of nature around them;-who substituted shadow for substance, and form for reality. Men, who nursed and fed in the lap of idleness like the monks of the middle ages, converted into mystery and absurdity what God intended his people should plainly read and rationally understand, and practically follow.





