

THE CHOSEN BOOK

Publishers of German Judaica

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It is ironic that the country that tried to destroy the Jews and Judaism a generation ago generates a wealth of publications on Jews and Judaism. In addition, some well-known publishers of Germanic (German and related languages) exist outside of Germany.

Many libraries order foreign publications through a blanket order plan. Klein and Erenyi (1985) described such a plan for German Judaica. Otto Harrassowitz (Taanusstrasse 14, 6200 Wiesbaden) was the dealer selected. While approval plans are generally satisfactory, some titles from smaller publishers may be overlooked. Thus, it may be useful for the librarian to become aware of the full range of publications available by writing directly for publishers' catalogs.

Specific titles may be ordered from a German bookstore. One I have dealt with that can provide German Judaica is: Wolff's Bucherei, Bundesallee 133, 1000 Berlin 41, (030) 851 42 64. The owner of the bookstore is Barbara Steiss. She is knowledgeable in the field and can be of assistance to the Judaica librarian.

Listed below are German-language publishers who include Judaica in their catalogs.

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Herderstr. 4
7800 Freiburg/Br.

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Leuchtenburgstr. 30
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Postfach 800430
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6900 Heidelberg
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Conclusions

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The imprints from the pioneer presses in Eastern Europe: Grodno, Minsk, and Nowy Dwor, join the books from other areas and ages—the sober volumes from the Proops press in Amsterdam, the comely exemplars from the Hebrew presses in Venice, Riva di Trento, Sabbionetta, and their homely step-sisters from Constantinople, Salonika, and Smyrna—to remind us that books represent but the bridge between the generations that have gone before and that will follow. In a Jewish context, they fill us with a tremendous sense of pride at our bibliographic richness.

The idea of scholarly generations is reinforced in perusing a scholar's library; Salo

Baron's Collection includes many books that formerly belonged to other scholars. Many works relating to Oriental Studies bear the autograph of Richard Gottheil (1862–1936), Baron's colleague at Columbia University. Some items contain the bookplate of Elkan Nathan Adler (1861–1946), who retrieved the treasures of the Cairo Genizah for scholarly study at the end of the 19th century. Adler's own private library consisted of over 30,000 volumes and was sold before his death to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. The acquisition by these institutions of such a significant scholarly resource considerably enhanced their stature in the world of Jewish Studies, and we at Stanford hope to find ourselves in an analogous position.

Although the Taube-Baron Collection is still partially in darkness, our efforts over the past year have begun to shed some light upon it. Our cataloging efforts will probably require several more years and will be revealed to the users of the Stanford libraries and the RLIN database. A major exhibit focusing on the Taube-Baron Collection will be mounted in the Winter of 1988–89, to be accompanied by an exhibition catalog. We look forward to the flourishing of our Jewish Studies program at Stanford. Most of all, we look forward to generations of scholars actively using the Collection and continually revealing its "ot-serot hoshekh," its hidden treasures.

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