New Reference Books from Israel

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The Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem receives, by law, two copies of every book published in Israel. In addition, the library makes every effort to collect books published by and about Jews and Judaism throughout the world.

Our Reference Service's semi-annual publication, *New Reference Books*, lists guidebooks, bibliographies, biographical dictionaries, and other reference books in the field of Judaica published outside Israel, along with Israeli reference books.

The following items were selected from *New Reference Books;* annotations have been added for *Judaica Librarianship.* The list includes books published in Israel, and also some from other countries (except the United States) which may not have come to the attention of U.S. librarians.

Hebrew bibliographic data is given at the end of the article for all the starred entries. For Hebrew books which have no English title-page, English titles are supplied in brackets. Starred page numbers indicate pagination in Hebrew letters. Prices in dollars are given when known; otherwise in NIS (New Israeli Shekels), with approximate dollar equivalents.

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I. Bible

 Ecole Biblique et Archeologique Française, Jerusalem. Bibliothèque. Catalogue de la Bibliothèque de L'Ecole Biblique de Jerusalem. Paris: Editions Gabalda, 1986. 12 v. FF 6,500 (about \$1,100).

The French School for Bible and Archeology was founded in 1890 by French Dominicans. This catalog of its library has about 360,000 entries (approximately 150,000 items), mostly periodical articles in all languages—dealing with Bible, archeology, oriental history, and related fields; each article is listed under authors and subjects.

The subject headings are in French, e.g., Jeremie, Isaie, Alexandre le Grand. Of special importance is the treatment of books of the Bible as separate subjects, with subheadings by chapter and verse. For example, under Isaie 53.10 there are eight articles, arranged by year of publication.

This edition replaces the catalog published by G.K. Hall in 1975 in 13 volumes. As in that catalog, the entries are photocopies of catalog cards. By leaving less space between cards, this edition succeeds in listing more items in fewer volumes.

*2. [*Encyclopedia of the Bible.*] Raphael Posner, editor. Shalom Paul, Bible editor. Ephraim Stern, archeology editor. Tel-Aviv: Yediot Aharonot, 1987. 4 v., ill., facsims., maps. In Hebrew. NIS 180 (about \$110).

This attractively illustrated work is arranged by topic, like the *Entsiklopediya Miqrait* (*Encyclopaedia Biblica.* Jerusalem, 1955–1982. 8 v.) The entries in this new encyclopedia are shorter, however, and in contrast to the older one, the entries are unsigned and lack bibliographies. An interesting feature is a list of chapters and verses accompanying each topic, which indicates where the topic is found in the Bible. The editors and contributors are members of the faculties of Israeli universities.

*3. [Encyclopedia of the World of the Bible], v. 3: Leviticus. Moshe Weinfeld, Editor. Ramat-Gan: Revivim, 1987. 222 p., ill., facsims., maps. In Hebrew. v. 3: NIS 60 (about \$40).

Each book of the Bible is treated in a separate volume in this fine, illustrated encyclopedia. The arrangement within each volume is by chapter and verse, with most verses given a separate analytic treatment.

The entries are signed by contributors who are faculty members of Israeli universities. The editor of the volume for Leviticus is a professor of Bible at the Hebrew University.

Each volume in this encyclopedia is attractively illustrated. Published prior to Leviticus were: Genesis (1983), Numbers (1985), Samuel I (1985), Isaiah (1986), Jeremiah (1983), Ezekiel (1984), Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations (1987), Ezra, Nehemiah (1987).

*4. [Merhavim—Torah Center for Judaism and Education. Research Center. "Bible Index." In: *Merhavim; an Organ for Torah and Teaching,* v. 2.] Jerusalem: Merhavim—Torah Center for Judaism and Education (17 Hillel Street), 1987. p. 89– 142. In Hebrew. Entire volume: about \$15.

Unlike the other entries in this section, this index is limited to articles which conform to the traditional Jewish interpretation of the Bible. Its publisher, Merhavim, is affiliated with the well-known Lifshitz Teachers' Seminary of Jerusalem.

The index lists about 750 Hebrew articles from periodicals and festschriften, arranged according to the verses of the Bible. For example, there are five items under Samuel I Chap. 15 dealing with Saul and Amalek, and eight items under Judges Chap. 5, analyzing the Song of Deborah. This will prove useful to teachers and students alike.

*5. Tel-Aviv University. School of Education. Unit for Curriculum Research and Development. [*Kings: an Annotated Bibliography, based upon the Bible Curriculum.*] Compiled by Yaira Amit and Ronit Shoshani. Tel-Aviv, Tel-Aviv University with the Ministry of Education and Culture, Curriculum Division, 1987. 4*, 96 p. In Hebrew. No charge.

This bibliography on the Book of Kings lists 372 Hebrew items, most of them articles from periodicals and festschriften. Articles about the Book of Chronicles are also included if they deal with parallel topics.

There are two indexes: one by chapter and verse, and one by subject. Among the subjects are literary treatment, everyday life, the Assyrian exile, the relationship between the kingdoms of Judah and Israel, place names, and personal names.

Tel-Aviv University's Unit for Curriculum Research has published similar bibliographies in recent years: Jeremiah (1985), Judges (1986), and Ezra-Nehemia (1987).

II. Dissertations

 Catalogue des Doctorats, Hebraica-Judaica, Janvier, 1974-Décembre 1984. Nanterre: Université de Paris X., Fichier Central des Thèses; Clichy: Centre de Documentation et de Recherche, Etudes Hébraïques et Juives Modernes et Contemporaines (104 Quai de Clichy, 92110 Clichy), 1986. 73 p. No charge.

Doctoral dissertations from more than 40 universities in France are arranged within broad subject groupings: Jewish philosophy, law, literature and history, Zionism, antisemitism and more, with an index of authors and universities. This catalog was first published in 1980, covering dissertations written from 1970 to 1979.

*7. World Union of Jewish Studies. *Newsletter* no. 27, Winter 1987. Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies (Hebrew University, Givat Ram Campus), 1987. 60, 8 p. In Hebrew and English. ISSN 0334-116X. \$25 annual membership fee includes subscriptions to this *Newsletter* and to the *Index of Articles on Jewish Studies.*

This newsletter is an important source of information on Judaica dissertations. The latest issue lists dissertations in progress as well as those completed at the Hebrew University and at Tel-Aviv University. Previous issues listed dissertations in progress or completed at those two universities and at Bar Ilan University, Haifa University, Hebrew Union College, and Yeshiva University.

*8. Zigler, Yosef. *Research at the Institute of Philosophy and History, 1929–1985.* Jerusalem: Hebrew University, 1985. v, 224 p. No charge.

Lists doctoral and masters dissertations completed since 1929, including many in the field of Jewish studies. Most are in Hebrew.

III. Hebrew Printing

*9. [Katsav, Shlomo. Book of Subscribers, Part 2]. Petach Tikva: The Author (30 Alexander Zeid Street), 1986. ca. 300 leaves. In Hebrew. NIS 60 (about \$40.)

This list of pre-subscribed Torah books is useful for genealogical research as well as for historical research. The book provides indications of the locations of centers of Jewish life in the 18th and 19th centuries.

This is a supplement to Berl Kagan's *Sefer Ha-Prenumeranten* (*Hebrew Subscription Lists.* New York, 1975). It lists 152 books not listed by Kagan. Katsav discovered the books in the libraries of Bar Ilan University and Tel-Aviv University. For ease in use, the same arrangement is followed as in Kagan's book, with the addition of a geographical index.

*10. Rosenfeld, Moshe. Antique and Rare Books: a Guide and Catalogue of Hebrew Antique and Rare Books. Part 1: Incunables, Italian Printings, Chasidic Books and Polish-Russian Printings. Part 2: Konstantinopel (!), Saloniki, Smyrna (Ismir), Central Europe (Part 1). Alon Shvut, Gush Etzion: Yad Shapira, 1987. 2 v. (159, [12] p.; 147, [8] p.), facsims. (Distributed by R. Mass, P.O.B. 990, Jerusalem.) In Hebrew. v. 1: NIS 150 (about \$100); v. 2: NIS 80 (about \$55).

Antique and Rare Books consists largely of facsimiles from the books listed. Often the comment 'rare' or 'common' is added to the brief bibliographical details accompanying the facsimile. The section of reproductions is followed by a list of books sold at public auction, indicating price as well as place and date of printing. Volume one lists about 1,400 books; volume two about 700 books.

*11. Tishby, Peretz. "Hebrew Incunables: Italy—Bologna." In: *Ohev Sefer; a Journal on the History of Hebrew Printing* (Jerusalem, P.O.B. 24273), Issue No. 1, September 1987, p. 23*-50*, [28], 29–39, facsims. Entire issue: \$15. This is part of a bibliography of Hebrew incunabula which is to identify and describe all known items. Detailed descriptions in Hebrew and English of five incunabula printed in Bologna include typography, water marks, contents, bibliographical references, information about the printer, current location, and facsimile reproductions.

Previous installments covered nine incunabula printed in Rome *(Kiryat Sefer,* v. 58, 1983, p. 808–857) and thirteen incunabula printed in Reggio di Calabria, Pieve del Sacco, Mantua and Ferrara (ibid., v. 60, 1985, p. 865–962).

*12 Vinograd, Yeshayahu. Rare Hebrew Books: a Listing of Books that were Auctioned Publicly between 1976–1987, including Estimates and Prices, edited by Yeshayahu Vinograd—Valia Trionfo. Prepared by the Institute for Computerized Bibliography. Jerusalem: Society of Judaica Collectors (25 Strauss Street), 5748–1987. [8], L, ca. 250 p. NIS 250 (about \$160).

Printed in a limited edition of 320 copies, this is a list of closing prices of books sold at public auction in Israel and elsewhere (Sotheby's, Christie's, etc.). There are 3,246 items, arranged alphabetically by Hebrew title, with the following information for each: author, place and date of publication, and details of the sale—firm, sale date, and price.

For the benefit of the non-Hebrew reader, all the information is given in Latin as well as Hebrew characters, and both Hebrew years and common era years are given. The indexes, in Hebrew and Latin characters, list authors, titles, places, and years of publication.

The Institute for Computerized Bibliography (7a Narkis Street, Jerusalem) is planning to publish a *Thesaurus of the Hebrew Book,* which will list all Hebrew books from the beginning of Hebrew printing to 1863. This is projected as a three or four-volume work. (As compared to the project of the Institute of Hebrew Bibliography described in *JL*, v. 3, p. 116, this will cover less material and provide less information for each book.)

Other recent bibliographies on early Hebrew printing:

13. Cohen, Gershon. *Hebrew Incunabula* [*in the*] *Mendel Gottesman Library of Hebraica-Judaica, Yeshiva University.* New York, 1984. (Describes 40 incunabula).

- Fuks, Lajb. *Hebrew Typography in the Northern Netherlands,* 1585–1815.
 Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1984. (278 items). Gld 85 (about \$40); v. 2, 1987: \$54.50.
- Goldstein, David. Hebrew Incunables in the British Isles: a Preliminary Census. London: British Library, 1985. (Lists 106 incunabula). £ 9.50 (about \$17).
- *16. Tishby, Peretz. "The Hebrew Incunabula In Israel." In: *Kiryat Sefer,* v. 59, 1984, p. 946–958. In Hebrew. (100 incunabula).
- *17. Yudlov, Isaac. The Israel Mehlman Collection in the Jewish National and University Library: an Annotated Catalogue . . . Jerusalem: Jewish National and University Library, 1985. (1,817 rare books and 24 incunabula). In Hebrew. \$60.

IV. Encyclopedias

*18. Encyclopedia Hebraica. [*Index Vol-ume*]. Menahem Zvi Barkai, editor. Jerusalem; Tel-Aviv: Encyclopedia Publishing Company Ltd., 1985. [4], 541 p. In Hebrew. NIS 100 (about \$70.)

This long awaited index enhances the usefulness of the *Encyclopedia Hebraica*, which was published in 32 volumes from 1954 to 1981.

*19. *The Israeli General Encyclopedia.* General editor, Yon Feder. Jerusalem: Keter (P.O.B. 7145), 1986–88. 4 v., ill., facsims., maps, ports. In Hebrew. NIS 480 (about \$300).

This reference work features short entries on a great variety of subjects, both general and Judaic, with many biographical entries on historical and contemporary figures. Jews listed in the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* (Jerusalem: Keter, 1971) are listed here as well, but the entries are much shorter and lack bibliographies. Volumes one to three cover the letters *aleph* to *tav*.

Volume four is the *yedi'on* (almanac). In the section on Israel, there are lists of government officials, laws, statistics on demography and economics, maps, historical documents, and more. The section on Judaism has, among many interesting features, a detailed chronology of Jewish history and a breakdown of the 613 mitzvot by subject, with details of each mitzvah and its source in the Bible.

20. The Shorter Encyclopedia Judaica in Russian (Kratkaya Yevreiskaya Entsiklopediya), v. 3. Jerusalem: Hebrew University, Centre for Research and Documentation of East European Jewry, 1986. 1024 columns, ill., facsims., maps, ports. v. 1 (1976): \$20; v. 2 (1982): \$25; v. 3: \$40.

This is the third of seven planned volumes. In this volume, the main article 'Israel' takes up almost two-thirds of the text. It has three sections: The land of Israel (history), the people of Israel (communities in the Diaspora), and the State of Israel.

The material is based on the 16-volume *Encyclopaedia Judaica* (Jerusalem, (1971), but it has been updated by the editors of the Russian version.

V. Periodicals and Indexes

*21. Bar-Ilan University. Central Library. [Index to Articles in the Literary Supplements of the Daily Newspapers, 1985.] Edited by Arye Ben-Yosef. Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University, 1987. 288, 48 p. In Hebrew. NIS 75 (about \$50).

This is a computer-produced index to the literary supplements of the following news-papers: *Ha-aretz, Davar, Yediot Aharonot, Ma'ariv, Al Ha-mishmar and Ha-zofeh.* The literary supplements contain important articles, poems, and short stories, which are now accessible through this index.

It lists, in one alphabet, authors and translators of short stories, poems, articles and books under review, together with subjects dealt with in the articles. Among the subject headings are: art, antisemitism, Israeli society, and theatre, as well as various aspects of literature. The subject headings are based on the thesaurus developed for the *Index to Hebrew Periodicals* at Haifa University.

Under the subject headings "poems" and "stories," works are listed by title, making it possible to find an individual poem or short story under title as well as author or translator. A 48-page appendix gives full bibliographical details for all books cited, as these are often incomplete in the newspaper articles. The appendix is especially useful because it cites non-Hebrew books in Latin characters. For each title, there are references to articles about it.

This index fills a gap left by existing periodical indexes. *Index of Articles on Jewish Studies* and *Index to Hebrew Periodicals* do not index the daily press. *Leket Divre Bikoret 'al Sefarim Hadashim (Digest of Criticism on New Books.* Jerusalem: Center for Public Libraries in Israel, 1968–) is an index of sorts to the literary supplements, but covers selected book reviews only.

The only index to the daily press is Katalog Analiti Selectivi . . . (Analytic Selective Catalog of Articles from the Hebrew Daily Press. Tel-Hai: Tel-Hai Regional College, 1981-), which is on microfiche. In 1985, the Katalog Analiti Selectivi changed its name to Mafteah Le-itonut Yomit Ivrit [Index to the Daily Hebrew Press] and revised its format to that of the Index to Hebrew Periodicals. It continues, however, to be selective in its coverage. For 'Soloveitchik, Joseph Dov,' its 1985 edition has one entry, while the Bar-Ilan index has seven entries. Under 'Tolstoy, Leo,' it lists four items as compared to Bar-Ilan's nine items. For 'Lasalle, Ferdinand' there is no entry, whereas the Bar-Ilan index lists five articles.

This is a useful, well-executed work. The volume for 1986 is to be published shortly.

22. Brown, Michael. *Directory of Israeli English-Language Periodicals.* Kiryat Shmonah: The Author (PO.B. 135, Rosh Pina), 1986. 42 p. (An Israel Book Bulletin Publication). \$9.00.

This list of current periodicals fills a long-felt need. Ruth Tronik's *Israeli Periodicals and Serials in English & Other European Languages: a Classified Bibliography* (Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press, 1974), is excellent but does not list current periodicals separately, nor is it up to date.

*23. Gilboa, Menucha. *Hebrew Periodicals in the 19th Century. 1: The Precursors, 1691–1856.* Tel-Aviv: Tel-Aviv University, Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies, Katz Institute for Literary Research, Azriel Carlebach Chair for Journalism, 1986. 148 p. In Hebrew. NIS 20 (about \$13).

Chronologically arranged, this work has detailed information on approximately fifty Hebrew periodicals published from 1691 to 1856. The information includes historical background, dates published, pagination, editors, sponsors, names of contributors, and bibliographical references. It is indexed by titles, places of publication, editors and selected contributors.

*24. Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem. *Microfilms of Periodicals.* Jerusalem: Jewish National and University Library (P.O.B. 503), 1987. 57 p. No charge.

This is part of a continuing project to microfilm periodicals in Hebrew, Ladino and Yiddish, as well as Judaica periodicals in a variety of languages. Among the more than 200 entries are: "Trybuna Narodowa (Krakow) 1934–1937; 1939. Lack: 1935: 2-3" and "Chwila (Lwow) 1919-1937. Lack: 1920: i-vi."

Microfilm copies are priced at \$34 for a 30meter reel.

VI. Rabbinic Literature

*25. Elon, Menahem. Digest of the Responsa Literature of Spain and North Africa: Historical Digest. Jerusalem: Hebrew University, Institute for Research in Jewish Law, Magnes Press, 1981–1987. 2 v. (278 p.; 314 p.) (Israel Matz Institute for Research in Jewish Law, Publications, no. 12, 20). In Hebrew. ISBN 965-223-399-4. v. 1: NIS 22 (about \$15); v. 2: NIS 55 (about \$35).

The *Digest of Responsa* makes available a wealth of halakhic and legal information, as well as furnishing raw material for historical study of Sephardic Jewry and their customs.

The *Historical Digest* volumes are part of a seven-volume project. Three other volumes have been published to date: 1) The *Legal Digest* (1986, 2 v.), in which 123 subject headings represent all the legal subjects and concepts in the discipline of jurisprudence. 2) The *Index of Sources* (1981, 328 p.), which is an aid to finding the correct subject heading in the *Legal Digest*. It is arranged according to the passages of the Mishnah and the Talmud.

The *Historical Digest* supplements the *Legal Digest* by presenting communal enactments, customs, and foreign laws in a concentrated form. The historical material in the responsa was abstracted by specialists in Jewish history and classified by subject headings such as Daily Life (dress, food, travels), Political Status, and Social Status.

Wunder, Meir. "Annotated Bibliography: Medical Halachic Articles Printed in Volumes of Responsa and Rabbinic Journals in Hebrew . . . 5473 (1982/83)." English Translation: David F. Fink. In: *Proceedings of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists*, v. 8/9, 1987, p. 261–291.

This is a translation of the 194-item Hebrew bibliography noted in JL v. 3, p. 118. Its availability in English makes the Hebrew material more easily accessible to the English reader.

VII. Dictionaries

*27. Klein, Ernest. Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary of the Hebrew Language for Readers of English. Jerusalem: Carta (P.O.B. 2500); Haifa: University of Haifa, 1987. xix, 721 p. ISBN 965-220-093-X. NIS 175 (about \$110).

This is a boon to the English-speaking student of Hebrew. About 30,000 Hebrew words are listed, with short definitions and detailed etymology given in English. Where a word's affinity to a Semitic language is indicated, Hebrew characters are used. Many loan words from Greek and Latin are also listed.

Other recently published dictionaries:

- *28. Artom, Menachem Emanuel; Brawer-Liberanome, Hulda. Nuovo Dizionario Ebraico-Italiano. Tel Aviv: Yavne, 1984.
 3 v. NIS 155 (about \$100).
- *29. Banitt, Menahem. *Dictionnaire Français-Hebreu.* Tel Aviv: Massada, 1983. 4 v. NIS 135 (about \$85).
- *30. Bolle, Menachem; Pimental, Jitschak. Woordenboek Nederlands-Hebreeuws. Naarden: Strengholdt's Boeken, 1984. 974 p. ISBN 90-6010-578-8. NIS 110 (about \$65).
- *31. Grosz, Eliezer. *Magyar-Heber Szotar.* Tel Aviv: The Author (41 Geula St.), 1982. 4 v.
- *32. Inbal, Shimshon. Neues handwoerterbuch deutsch-hebraisch, hebraischdeutsch. Jerusalem: S. Zack, 1985. 257, 344 p. NIS 22 (about \$15).
- *33. Modern Hebrew-Japanese Dictionary. Tokyo: Makuya Bible Seminary (1-20-1 Tamazutsumi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo 158), 1984. 21*, 640 p. ISBN 4-89606-103-9. 5,500 yen (about \$40).
- *34. Sciloni, Gaio. Dizionario Italiano-Ebraica, Ebraica-Italiano. Tel-Aviv: Achiasaf, 1987. 371, 348 p. NIS 45 (about \$30).
- *35. Sharoni, Avraham. The Comprehensive Arabic-Hebrew Dictionary. Tel-Aviv: University of Tel-Aviv, Ministry of Defence, 1987. 3 v. NIS 320 (about \$200).

VIII. Biography

36. Cohen, Benjamin Raphael. [A History of Tunisian Rabbis]. Netivot: The Author (P.O.B. 697), 1986. 19, 411 p., ill., facsims., ports. In Hebrew. NIS 40 (about \$25).

Rabbis from the region of Tunisia from Talmudic times up to the present are listed here. Arrangement is by historic period, and under each period, alphabetically by family. The biographies are detailed, with bibliographies, bibliographical references, and facsimiles of title-pages and documents. Many entries are accompanied by pictures or photographs.

*37. Nir, Moshe. [Who's Who in Beersheba and the Negev], 1987. Beersheba: Kol-Bi: the Weekly for Beersheba and the Negev (P.O.B. 750), 1987. 383 p., ill., ports. In Hebrew. NIS 25 (about \$16).

More than 500 men and women who have made significant contributions to the growth of Beersheba in government, science, industry, education, medicine, religion, and other fields are listed, with detailed biographical information and photographs for each one.

There are also attractive colored photos of sites and people in Beersheba, as well as information about the industries located there.

 Schochow, Walter. Juedische Bibliothekare aus dem Deutschen Sprachraum; eine erste Bestandsaufnahme. Sonderdruck aus: Antisemitismus und Juedische Geschichte: Studien zu Ehren von Herbert A. Strauss. Berlin: Wissenschaftlicher Autorenverlag, 1987. p. 515–544.

This list of Jewish librarians born in German-speaking countries gives their degrees, fields of expertise, libraries, and vital statistics.

 Toledano, Joseph. La Saga des Familles: les Juifs du Maroc et Leurs Noms. Tel-Aviv: Editions Stavit (% Y. Amir, 25 Bet Yosef Street), 1983. 345 p., ill., ports. NIS 65 (about \$40).

Under each family name is a brief essay on the origins of the name and short biographies of prominent persons—historical and contemporary—bearing that name, often with pictures or photographs.

For example, under the name Chetrit there are entries for Hayim Chetrit, a rabbi in Rif in Northern Morocco in the late 17th century and Shimon Chetrit, a professor of law at Hebrew University.

40. Wolff, Egon; Wolff, Frieda. Dicionário Biográfico. v. 1: Judaizantes e Judeus no Brasil, 1500–1808. v. 2: Judeus no Brasil, Seculo XIX. Rio de Janeiro: ERCA Editora, 1986–1987. 2 v. (222 p.; 444 p.) v. 1: \$7; v. 2: \$10.

The entries in this biographical dictionary of Brazilian Jews are based on archival and

other sources, which are cited following each entry. Volume one has almost 2,000 entries. The names of the 'Judaizantes,' i.e., Marranos, are taken from the records of the 'visiting' Inquisition in Portugal from 1536 to 1773.

Volume two, covering the 19th century, has almost 6,000 entries. It includes not only prominent persons, but also the 'poor cousins.' Most of the information is based on the records of Jewish burial societies, and the marriage and birth records of other communal organizations.

The authors are staff members of the Instituto Histórico e Geográfico Brasileiro in Rio de Janeiro.

*41. Wunder, Meir. *Meorei Galicia; Encyclopedia of Galician Rabbis and Scholars.* v. 1–3. Jerusalem: Institute for Commemoration of Galician Jewry (13 Panim Meiroth St.), 1978–1986. 3 v., facsims., ports. Each volume, \$30.

This important biographical encyclopedia lists rabbis and scholars who were born in Galicia or were active there as well as those who printed or published their works. The entries give detailed genealogical histories. Many go back several generations and include information on contemporary descendants. There are portraits, genealogical charts, facsimiles of manuscripts and documents, bibliographies, and bibliographical references.

The three volumes published so far cover the letters *alef* to *ayin*. Volume four, to cover *peh* through *tav*, is in preparation, with a fifth volume projected for supplementary material.

IX. Israel—Geography, History

*42. Atlas of the Negev. Chief editors: Eliahu Stern, Yehuda Gradus, Avinoam Meir, Shaul Krakover, Haim Tsoar. Beersheba: Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Geography, Blaustein Institute for Desert Research-Sde Boker, 1986. xvi, 80 p., ill., maps. ISBN 965-222-074-4. NIS 60 (about \$40).

This is an attractive, authoritative work. Map titles and notations, as well as the essays which accompany each section are in both English and Hebrew. Titles of selected sections are: Minerals and Industry, Climate, Transportation, and Settlement System.

43. Bahat, Dan. Carta's Historical Atlas of Jerusalem: an Illustrated Survey. Moshe Aumann, translator. Jerusalem: Carta, 1986. 91 p., maps. NIS 15 (about \$10).

Dan Bahat, of Israel's Department of Antiquities, presents maps of Jerusalem in twelve historical periods, and accompanies each with an essay about the period.

Among the periods surveyed are Second Temple, Byzantine, Ayyubad-Mamluk, Turkish, and British. Both the maps and the essays are indexed by place names and personal names. This is supplemented by an index of street names to the 12th map, entitled "Jerusalem Reunited Since 1967."

*44. Bibliography of Works on Jewish History in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Periods; Publications of the Years 1981–1985, compiled and edited by Devorah Dimant, Menahem Mor, Uriel Rappaport. Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar Center for Jewish History, Historical Society of Israel, 1987. 129 p. NIS 10 (about \$7).

Among the subjects in this computer-produced bibliography are: Jewish sects, synagogue, prayer, pilgrimage, period of Ezra and Nehemia, Bar Kochva's revolt, post-exilic biblical books, and demography.

Most of the 1,214 items are articles in Hebrew, English, and other languages, from the "Hellenistic-Roman Period in Eretz Israel" data base at Haifa University. For this volume, the scope was expanded to include the Persian period. In the near future, the data base will also include the Mishnaic and Talmudic periods.

Professor Uriel Rappaport has been compiling bibliographies on Jewish history in the Hellenistic and Roman periods since 1969. Earlier bibliographies were:

"Bibliography of Works on Jewish History in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods, 1946–1970." In: *Mehkarim betoldot am yisrael ve-eretz yisrael (Studies in the History of the Jewish People and the Land of Israel)*, v. 2. Haifa: Haifa University, 1972. p. 247–321.

Bibliography of Works on Jewish History in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods, 1971–1977. Jerusalem: Hebrew University, Institute for Advanced Studies, 1977. 70 p. (In collaboration with Menahem Mor).

Bibliography of Works on Jewish History in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods, 1976–1980, by Menahem Mor and Uriel Rappaport. Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar Centre, Historical Society of Israel, 1982. xvii, 95, 6* p. *45. Saraf, Menahem, compiler. Cathedra for the History of Eretz Israel and its Yishuv, Index: Nos. 1–20, September 1976—July 1981; Nos. 21–40, October 1981—July 1986. Jerusalem: Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi Publications (P.O.B. 7660), 1984–1987. 2 v. (21*, 205 p.; 19*, 192 p.) In Hebrew. v. 1: NIS 10 (about \$7); v. 2: NIS 15 (about \$10).

An excellent periodical, dealing with archeology and history from the ancient to the modern period, is made even more useful by this author/subject index. Among the subjects are: children, wine, Sanhedrin, *kollelim*, battles, and place names.

*46. Yahav, Dan. [Bibliographic Guide to Articles in Geography . . .], v. 3. Jerusalem: Ministry of Education and Culture, Pedagogic Secretariat, 1986. 298 p. In Hebrew. NIS 10 (about \$7).

The articles in this bibliography will be of 'interest to students of Jewish history and of modern Israel. Among the subject headings are: human geography, with sub-headings such as Eastern Jews, Bedouin, Druse, and Samaritans; settlement geography, with sub-headings such as moshav and kibbutz; urban geography, including ancient and modern cities and urban populations in specific cities; historical geography, ecology, geology and more.

The importance of this bibliography is attested to by the fact that it is the third of its kind. Volume one (365 pages) was published in 1976; volume two (344 pages) in 1981.

See also Nir (No. 37) under BIOGRAPHY.

X. World Jewry

47. Publications of the Study Circle on World Jewry in the Home of the President of Israel, Series One to Thirteen: Index. Compiled by Meir Hovav. Jerusalem: Shazar Library, Hebrew University, Institute of Contemporary Jewry, 1987. 40, 153 p. In Hebrew. NIS 40 (about \$25).

Written by prominent scholars, this series of publications consists of booklets which average 50 pages each, dealing with subjects such as assimilation, Jewish identity, the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora, Israeli society, the Holocaust, and more.

This index covers 81 booklets written between 1966 and 1983. Each booklet is indexed in depth, with the index entries referring to booklet number and page number. Among the entries are subjects such as Golders Green, Treblinka, Chanukah, and Law of Return, as well as authors' names.

48. *Jewish Travel Guide, 1988.* Sidney Lightman, editor. London: Jewish Chronicle (25 Furnival Street), 1988. 308 p. ISSN: 0075-3750. £5.50 (about \$10).

The guide, which provides information about countries on every continent, is arranged alphabetically by country (e.g., Brazil, India, Israel, Malawi, Morocco, U.S.A., Yugoslavia) and under each country by city. A city is listed if it has at least one Jewish site.

Thus, under France, for example, the city Orleans is listed as having one synagogue with a mikvah on the premises, while in the eight pages covering Paris and its suburbs, there are long lists of synagogues (those used by North African Jews are starred for their Sephardic rite), cultural and educational organizations, schools, youth groups, bookstores, Jewish newspapers, radio programs, restaurants, and more.

This is a valuable source for names and addresses of Jewish institutions throughout the world. Names of persons (rabbis, directors) associated with the institutions are often listed as well.

Formerly titled *Jewish Chronicle Travel Guide*, this important reference work has been published annually since 1949.

49. Travel Guide for Jews: Europe, Israel, USA = Guide Touristique pour Israelites, 1986/87. Antwerp: Belgisch Israelitisch Weekblad (Pelikaanstraat 106–108), 1986. 151 p. 350 BFr (about \$12).

The text here is in French and English in parallel columns. A good part of the book (41 pages) is devoted to Jewish and general tourism in Belgium. The remainder gives less information than the *Jewish Travel Guide* (JTG), especially since it is limited to Europe, Israel, and the U.S.A.

This guide has its own special features, however. In the six pages devoted to Paris, for example, there are fewer organizations listed than in the JTG, but more synagogues (about 20%) and more mikvaot. In addition, the synagogue listing specifies Ashkenazic or Sephardic rite and lists separately those synagogues not affiliated with the Consistoire, the umbrella Jewish organization.

This was published from 1961 to 1982 as European Travel Guide for Jews = Guide Touristique Européen pour Israélites. 50. World Union of Jewish Studies. [*Central Address List of Institutions and Researchers in the Field of Jewish Studies throughout the World*.] Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies (Hebrew University, Givat Ram, Jerusalem), 1988. Researchers and Institutions Outside Israel: \$120; Researchers only: \$100; Institutions only: \$70; Researchers and Institutions in Israel: \$100. Postage & Handling: \$25.

This is a computer printout from the database of the World Union of Jewish Studies. Arranged by countries, it lists the names and addresses of about 1,200 institutions and 2,500 researchers outside Israel and about 1,500 institutions and researchers in Israel.

The present print format does not leave the fold line clear of print, and the alphabetic arrangement is not immediately obvious. These factors make the printout difficult to use for quick reference.

The information in it is, however, quite useful and not readily available in any other single source. Mailing labels may also be ordered, at higher prices.

XI. Western Europe

51. Consistoire Central des Israélites de France. *Annuaire, 1988/89.* Paris: Union des Associations Culturelles Israélites de France et de Algérie (17, rue Saint-Georges), 1988. 535 p. ISSN 0761-1005.

Detailed lists of rabbis and other community officials, synagogues, communal organizations, schools, kosher butchers, and more appear in this annual guide. It has far more information about French Jewry than the travel guides listed above. For example, data on Paris covers more than 30 pages.

52. Germania Judaica. Band 3: 1350– 1519. 1. Teilband: Ortschaftsartikel Aach-Lychen. Herausgegeben von Arye Maimon in zusammenarbeit mit Yaakov Guggenheim im Auftrag der Hebräischen Universität in Jerusalem. Tuebingen: J.C.B. Mohr (P. Siebeck), 1987. xxx, 769p. ISBN 3-16-745107-6. DM 248 (about \$150).

This historical-geographical encyclopedia on the history of German-speaking Jewry is arranged by locality. For each locality, the entry cites bibliographic sources, including Responsa literature and archival material.

Scholars at the Hebrew University are responsible for the preparation of volume three. Volume 1 covered the earliest times to 1238 and was published in 1934 (2d ed., 1963). Volume 2 covered 1238–1350 and was published in 1968.

53. *Jewish Year Book, 1987–5747/5748.* Roger Japhet, editor. London: Jewish Chronicle Publications (25 Furnival St., London EC4A 1JT), 1987. 276 p. ISBN 0-900498-98-6. £9.50 (about \$17).

Published annually since 1896, this reference work lists addresses and phone numbers of institutions, synagogues, organizations (religious, welfare, Zionist and international), libraries and museums. The names of directors or rabbis are often given as well. The major geographic headings are: London, the Regions (of England), Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Israel, and Other Countries.

Among the other features of the *Year Book* are a Who's Who (page 164–264), which lists about 800 Jews in the United Kingdom and elsewhere; Obituaries; and a Book List.

54. Les Juifs en France pendant la Deuxième Guerre Mondiale: Bibliographie. Paris: Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales; Clichy: Centre de Documentation et de Recherche, Etudes Hébraïques et Juives, Modernes et Contemporaines (104 Quai de Clichy, 92110 Clichy), 1986. 25 p. No charge.

Subjects covered in this list of books include Nazi statutes and ordinances in France, collaboration, resistance, and Jews of North Africa.

55. Zeff, Linda. *Jewish London*. London: Piatkus, 1986. 185 p. ISBN 0-86188-539-2 (Paperback). £4.95 (about \$9).

An excellent tourist guide, this book has sections such as Clubs, Media, Organizations, Institutions, Synagogues, Eating Out, Shopping, and Adult Education. It is not as comprehensive as the *Jewish Year Book*, but provides more in-depth information. Whereas the *Jewish Year Book* gives only addresses and phone numbers, Zeff gives detailed histories of the important synagogues. Her list of bookstores includes a short description of each one's field of specialization.

See also Schochow (No. 38) under BIOG-RAPHY.

XII. Eastern Europe

56. Bibliography of Hebrew and Yiddish Publications in Poland Since 1944. Collected by Dvora Zeichner and Ajzyk Szechter. Recorded by Dvora Zeichner. Bibliography prepared for publication by Dalia Kaufman. Edited with Introduction by Jacob M. Kelman. Jerusalem: Hebrew University, Center for Research on the History and Culture of Polish Jews, Center for Research and Documentation of East European Jewry, 1987. 82, 102 p. (*Polish Jewry: Bibliographic Series*, 3). In Hebrew and Yiddish. NIS 15 (about \$10).

Books and periodicals in Yiddish far outnumber those in Hebrew in this bibliography. There are 463 Yiddish books, 47 Yiddish periodicals and only 22 Hebrew items, the majority of which are textbooks for learning the language. There is an index of titles and authors.

Jewish organizations are responsible for many of the items published in the late 1940s. The government-supported Jewish Historical Institute published a number of studies in the '50s and '60s, while the publishing house Dos Yidish Bukh has many fiction titles.

The following statistics indicate the trend of Jewish life in Poland: over 43% of the items in the bibliography were published between 1944 and 1949; almost 33% between 1950 and 1957; over 21% from 1958 to 1967; less than 2% from 1968 to 1975; and about $\frac{1}{2}$ % after 1975.

57. Jews and Jewish Topics in Soviet and East-European Publications, no. 6, Winter 1987/88. Jerusalem: Hebrew University, Centre for Research and Documentation of East-European Jewry, 1988. 135 p. ISSN 0334-6641. Annual subscription (3 issues): \$12.

This work includes bibliographies of Russian publications on Jewish topics, review articles, and Russian documents concerning Jews in English translation.

See also Wunder (no. 41) under BIOGRA-PHY.

XIII. Asia-Africa

58. Kolet, Ezra. List of Synagogues and Prayer Halls in South Asia (India, Burma and Pakistan), compiled by Ezra Kolet and Daniel Elijah Benjamin. New Delhi: Jewish Welfare Association New Delhi, Centre for Jewish and Inter-Faith Studies (E. Kolet, 74 Babar Road, New Delhi 110001), 1983. (Jewish Welfare Association, New Delhi, Bulletin no. 11) [16] p.

Forty-three synagogues are listed and described in detail: historical data, founders' names, architectural information, as well as address and phone number. Most entries are accompanied by a photograph, including the one on a synagogue in Bombay which was built in 1796.

 Leventhal, Dennis A. Sino-Judaic Studies, Whence and Whither: an Essay and Bibliography. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Jewish Chronicle (70 Robinson Road), 1985. 99 p. (Monographs of the Jewish Historical Society of Hong Kong, v. 1). ISBN 962-7184-01-2.

The "Bibliography of Sino-Judaic Studies," p. 36–79, includes 284 books and articles from Chinese and other periodicals and newspapers, in English and other languages. Also listed are dissertations and archival materials.

*60. Stahl, Abraham. [Oriental Jews: books and audiovisual materials.] Enlarged edition. Jerusalem: Center for Public Libraries in Israel (P.O.B. 242), 1986. 152 p. In Hebrew.

Arranged by countries and regions, this bibliography lists books, articles, and audiovisual material on the folklore, history, absorption in Israel, and literature of the Jews of North Africa and Asia.

It is currently out of print, with a new, updated edition planned.

See also Cohen (No. 36) and Toledano (No. 39) under BIOGRAPHY.

XIV. Ethiopia

61. Abbink, Jon. "A Bibliography of the Ethiopian Jews, 1958–1984." In: *Studies in Bibliography and Booklore*, v. 16, 1986, p. 37–48.

In this selective list of 165 items, published from 1958 to 1984, Abbink has included only articles and books which add new information about Ethiopian Jews. It is arranged by subject, with an index of authors.

Material published before 1958 was listed in the exhaustive bibliographies by A. Z. Aescoly, "The Falashas; a bibliography" (*Kiryat Sefer*, v. 12, 1935, p. 254–265, 370–383, 498–505; v. 13, 1936, p. 250–265, 383–393, 506–512) and by Wolf Leslau, "A Supplementary Falasha Bibliography" (*Studies in Bibliography and Booklore*, v. 3, 1957, p. 9–27). Aescoly listed 605 items and Leslau listed 274 items, including articles from daily newspapers.

*62. Henrietta Szold Institute. National Institute for Research in the Behavioral Sciences. Behavioral Sciences Information Retrieval Center. *The Jews of Ethiopia* and their Absorption in Israel: Findings, *Conclusions, Bibliography and Abstracts.* 2d ed. Jerusalem: Henrietta Szold Institute (9 Columbia Street), 1986. 39 p. (Publication no. 624). ISBN 965-213-020-6. In Hebrew. \$10.

The bibliography lists 54 items, most of them articles and research reports dealing with the social and educational aspects of the absorption of Ethiopians into Israeli society. It was compiled from the data base "Current Research in the Behavioral Sciences" maintained at the Henrietta Szold Institute.

63. Kaplan, Steven; Kasow, Harriet. Ethiopian Jewry in Israel: Sources of Information. [Jerusalem, 1986.] 19 p. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Librarians Association in conjunction with the 20th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., November, 1986.

This is a valuable research guide. It lists institutions world-wide where the subject of Ethiopian Jews is being studied, together with the names of the researchers and their specific topics.

Also included is a detailed description of the holdings of six libraries in Israel which have specialized research collections in the field of Ethiopian Jewry.

Mr. Kaplan is a lecturer at the Hebrew University; Mrs. Kasow is a librarian there. Their paper is to be published in *MELA Notes* or *MELA Occasional Papers* in 1988 or 1989.

Ethiopian Jewry; an Annotated Bibliography (Jerusalem: Izhak Ben Zvi Institute, 1988) is Steven Kaplan's latest contribution to the study of Ethiopian Jews. It was compiled together with Shoshana Ben Dor and lists 1,461 items.

XV. Latin America

 Antisemitismo en la Argentina, 1909–1929. Buenos Aires: Centro de Documentacion e Informacion sobre Judaismo Argentino "Marc Turkow" (Ayacucho 632, 1026 Buenos Aires), 1985. 53 p. (Bibliografia Tematica Sobre Judaismo Argentino, 3).

This is the third in a series of bibliographies about Judaism in Argentina. Articles in Yiddish and Spanish cover various aspects of antisemitism in Argentina.

The first in this series, *Educacion Judia en la Argentina* (1984, 194 p.), lists articles in Spanish and Yiddish about specific schools

and about various aspects of Jewish education in Argentina.

The second, *Revistas Judeo Argentinas* (1984, xii, 234 p.), lists articles in Spanish and Yiddish in the field of Jewish studies, arranged by topic. Among the topics are Bible, Jewish law, family life, literature, history, biography, and Israel.

The most recent bibliography in the series deals with the Jewish labor movement in Argentina. Titled *El Movimiento Obrero Judio en la Argentina,* it was published in 1987.

65. Oral Documents from Latin America. Jerusalem: Hebrew University, Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Latin American Division, Oral History Division, 1987. 79 p. NIS 10 (about \$7).

A wealth of information about the Jewish community in Latin America can be culled from the interviews on file at the Oral History Division of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry. This booklet lists the interviewees, and provides a brief biographical sketch for each. The interviews deal mainly with Jewish history in Argentina, antisemitism in Argentina, Cuban Jewry, and Jewish education in Latin America.

See also Wolff (No. 40) under BIOGRA-PHY.

XVI. Australia

66. Archive of Australian Judaica. *Holdings to 1987.* Sydney: University of Sydney, Fisher Library, Rare Books and Special Collections, 1987. 14 p. (Archive of Australian Judaica, Monograph no. 4). \$5 Australia (about \$4 U.S.A.).

A good source for the study of Australian Jewish history, this pamphlet lists organizational archives (such as the United Hebrew Friendly Society's minutes and account books, 1918–1973), as well as photographic collections, audio tapes, theses, periodicals, and more.

67. Diary and Directory of the Jewish Community of New South Wales, 1987/88. Darlinghurst: Jewish Board of Deputies (146 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010), 1987. \$6 Australia (about \$5 U.S.A.)

The directory lists prominent persons and institutions of the Jewish community.

68. Diary and Directory of the Jewish Community of Victoria. Melbourne: Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies (401 Swanston Street, Melbourne 3000), 1987/88. 172 p. \$6 Australia (about \$5 U.S.A.).

Names and addresses of organizations, synagogues, and communal institutions, as well as other information, such as details of Jewish radio programs, are given.

69. Liberman, Serge. A Bibliography of Australian Judaica, edited and indexed by Joy Ruth Young. Sydney: University of Sydney, Mandelbaum Trust, 1987. ix, 569 p. (Mandelbaum Trust Series in Judaica, no. 2). ISBN 0-949269-20-4. \$60 Australia (about \$50 U.S.A.).

This is a comprehensive list, arranged by topic. Among the topics are: creative writing by Australian Jews, the Jew in Australian literature, the arts, education, and biography. This bibliography is limited to books, with one exception: *The Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society* is the only periodical from which articles are listed.

There are appendices giving union lists of periodicals, annual reports, and yearbooks. These union lists indicate libraries and their holdings. An index of names and titles covers items in the bibliography and in the union lists.

Periodical Publications from the Australian Jewish Community: a Union List, compiled by Marianne Dacy. Sydney: University of Sydney, Archive of Australian Judaica, 1986. x, 160 p. (Archive of Australian Judaica, Monograph no. 2).
 \$15 Australia (about \$13 U.S.A.).

Over 300 Australian Jewish periodicals and over 100 annual reports and year books of Australian Jewish organizations are listed here. Library locations (in about 20 Australian libraries) are given for each, together with information about years held. Details given include place and dates of publication, sponsoring body, editors, frequency, and nature of content.

Liberman's bibliography (no. 69), which also lists periodicals, is arranged in one alphabet by title, while Dacy's is arranged under place of publication. The information supplied by both is much the same.

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