Library of Congress Classification for Judaica: Recent Changes (1988–89)

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Introduction
The additions and changes to LC classification reported in this column were culled from the following Lists of LC Classification Additions and Changes: 230 (April–June 1988), 231 (July–September 1988), 232 (October–December 1988), 233 (January–March 1989), and 234 (April–June 1989).

The scope of this column encompasses the entire LC classification, with particular emphasis on the classes of major importance to Judaica libraries. As in the first installment of this column (Judaica Librarianship vol. 4 no. 2 (Spring 1988–Winter 1989), p. 153–156), changes in LC classification as they pertain to Judaica, including additions, cancellations, or replacements of class numbers are reported.

Erratum
It has been brought to the author’s attention that there was a misinterpretation in the first edition of this column (p. 153–154) of new and old class numbers in the D schedule as found in LC Classification Additions and Changes List 228 (October–December 1987). The class number D810.J4 is now to be used for Jewish participation in World War II—and not the Holocaust, as reported in the column. For example, a book about Jews on the battlefield, or about Jewish partisans in France, would now be classified under this number. D804.3 is LC’s new number for general works on the Holocaust. D804.35 is for books on Holocaust denial—whether they are written by a specific person refuting the Holocaust or by a scholar reviewing the work of such a person.

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Class B—Psychology
In List 230, under the class number BF1311 (Spirit messages, inspirational record, etc.), the Library of Congress has added the cutter .D38 David, King of Israel.

In List 233, under BF724.3 (Developmental psychology for adolescence and youth, special topics, A-Z), a note and a new cutter have been added:

Bereavement, see .G73
.G73 Grief. Bereavement. Separation

Class BJ—Ethics
In List 231, the Library of Congress added a cutter, accompanied by a note under BJ1533 (Special virtues, A-Z in individual ethics, character and virtue):

Considerateness, see .T45 .T45 Thoughtfulness

Class BL—Religions, Mythology, Rationalism
The class number BL65 (Religion in relation to other subjects, A-Z) has been expanded in Lists 230, 231, and 233. The following cutters and notes have been added:

.A46 Aging
.
.C58 Civil rights
.
.G73 Gratitude cf. BL65.H78, Human rights
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.H78 Human rights cf. BL65.C58, Civil rights

Nursing, see RT85.2

RT85 is the class number for Nursing ethics. List 231 added the decimal subdivision .2 for works dealing with religious aspects of nursing.

Class BM—Judaism
In List 232, the Library of Congress added another cutter under BM175 (Individual sects, parties, etc. A-Z, in the history of ancient Judaism):

.H36 Hasideans, for the religious sect, originating in about the third or fourth century B.C.E., which centered around the revival and promotion of Jewish rites.
BM 197.8 List 230 established the class number BM197.8 for Humanistic Judaism, to cover the topic of one of the reform movements in modern Judaism.

BM 496.9 The class number BM496.9 (Special topics in rabbinical literature, A-Z) has been expanded in List 234, with a new cutter and a note: cf. BM518 Special topics in the Midrash .S38 Saul, King of Israel

BM 518 In the same list, the following note is inserted under class number BM516 (Special topics in the Midrash, A-Z), in order to clearly separate topics in Midrashic and rabbinic literature: cf. BM496.9, Special topics in rabbinical literature

BM 520.86 The new class number BM520.86 (Code of Jacob ben Asher, ca.1269—ca.1340, the author of the Arba'ah Turim), The new note says: Subarranged like BM520.88 (the class number for the Shultan arukh, or the Code of Jewish Law, of Joseph ben Ephraim Karo, 1488-1575). Until now, this code had been subarranged like BM520.82+, the class number for the most important code prior to the Mishneh Torah of Maimonides, authored by Isaac ben Jacob Alfasi, 1013-1103 (known by his acronym, the Rif), the last of the Geonim.

BM 545 Under the class number for the Jewish philosopher Maimonides, List 230 reports an alteration in the scope of the number. Until now, next to the number BM545 was the caption Maimonides. Moses ben Maimon. Now, the feature heading above the class number is Maimonides. Moses ben Maimon, and below it are two class numbers: BM545 General works BM546 Criticism

BM 546 The latter list expanded a caption in Table I under .BS-5–53 Bekhorot to: .BS-5–53 Bekorot (Bekhorot). The romanization of this tractate now reflects the rules for romanization, as set forth in Paul Maher's Hebraica Cataloging: A Guide to ALA/LC Romanization and Descriptive Cataloging (Washington, DC: Library of Congress, 1987).

Class BS—The Bible

Under class number BS579 (Collective biography of other special groups of the Bible, A-Z), List 232 added the following note: Married people, see .HB (.HB is the cutter for Husbands and wives. Parents).


Under class number BS637.A2 (General works of Biblical chronology), List 230 added the following note: Chronology of the Kings of Israel and Judah, see BS1331+ (BS1331+ deals with the Books of Kings).

In the same list, an interesting and timely addition to BS649 (Prophecy of special future events, A-Z) is the new cutter .C83 Computers.

List 231 added the number BS664, which is for the Natural History topic of Birds within the subclass Bible and Science. This is a topic formerly included in the 2nd edition (1962) of the BS schedule, and subsequently omitted in the 3rd edition (1987). Now it has been reinstated.

In Lists 230, 231, 232, 233, and 234, the Library of Congress added the following cutters and notes under BS880 (Auxiliary topics about...
List 233 changed the caption for class number BS741 (Septuagint, under Special Versions of the Old Testament). The caption formerly read: Special editions. By editor, A-Z.

The new caption reads: Special editions. By editor or date.

In Lists 230 and 234, the Library of Congress added the following cutters and notes under the class number BS1199 (Topics about, or in, the Old Testament, not elsewhere provided for, A-Z):

- .A34 Aesthetics, Human beauty
- .A35 Aging
- .A77 Asherah (Semitic deity)
- Beauty, Human, see .A34
- Coins, see CJ255 (CJ255 is the class number for Coins of the Bible)
- .E9 Egypt
- .F35 Fasts and feasts
- Feasts, see .F35
- Human beauty, see .A34
- .J5 Incense
- Justice, Administration of, see .L3
- (L3 is the cutter for Law. There is a separate cutter .J8 for Justice alone)
- .R55 Roads
- .W22 Water

List 233 added the class number BS1216, with the caption: Paraphrases, and the qualifier: Including such medieval works as Sefer ha-yashar. At the same time, this same caption and qualifier under BS1226 were cancelled.

The following note is added in List 230, under the class number range BS1241-1245.5 (Exodus):

For The Exodus, see BS680.E9
(BS680 is the class number for auxiliary topics about the Bible, A-Z, and the cutter .E9 is for Exodus, The)

Next to the caption for the class number BS1286 (Prophets (Nevi'im). Prophets of the Hebrew Bible), List 230 added the table number in parenthesis: (Table II)

Under the class number BS1445 (Special groups of Psalms in the Old Testament, A-Z), the Library of Congress changed the caption for the cutter .S6 in List 234, by adding the words Songs of ascents:

.S6 Songs of degrees. Songs of the return.

Songs of ascents .Pilgrim Psalms (120–134)

In List 233, the Library of Congress added the class number BS1451 for Study and teaching of the Psalms, a new number within the range of numbers for the Psalms of the Old Testament, starting at BS1419.

In the same list, under class number BS1830 (Special Apocryphal books (The Pseudepigrapha), A-Z), a successive cutter was added:

.S6 Songs of degrees. Songs of the return.

.S6 Songs of ascents .Pilgrim Psalms (120–134)

List 233 reported a major change in Tables I & II of the BS schedules for Historical books of the Old Testament. The new structure of the tables is:

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<td>.S6 Songs of ascents .Pilgrim Psalms (120–134)</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Special topics, A-Z</td>
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</table>

3Use cutters at BS1199

The initial number 5 has been moved down one line to designate Early works through 1950 (formerly .A5–Z7 Early through 1950). Most importantly, the subdivision .6 is added, for Special topics A-Z. Also added is footnote number 3: Use cutters at BS1199 (BS1199 is for topics of the Old Testament, not provided for elsewhere, A-Z). As a result of this addition, all Historical books of the Old Testament using Table I for their breakdown will have .6 added to their range, e.g., 1201–1205.6.

The following is a list of all the class numbers for Historical books requiring this change, as published in LC Classification Additions and Changes List 233:
Class BT—Doctrinal Theology

BT Feminist Judaism, feminist studies in religion, women ordained as rabbis and, thus, feminist theology, have all become realities in the past decade. The Library of Congress has provided a class number reflecting the literature on this phenomenon. List 231 featured BTB3.55, a new class number for Feminist theology, and the following note under BT704 (Women in Doctrinal Anthropology):

cf. BT83.55, Feminist theology

Class DS—Jewish History

In List 233, the caption on top of pages 9–14 of class DS (3rd ed., 1987) has been expanded to include the words Middle East and Arab East. The former addition reflects the subject heading change NEAR EAST see MIDDLE EAST that has been implemented within the past year. The caption now reads:

MIDDLE EAST. SOUTHWESTERN ASIA. ANCIENT ORIENT. ARAB EAST. NEAR EAST.

List 234 added the following note under the class number DS59 (Individual elements in the population of Southwestern Asia, A-Z):

Bedouins, see DS36.9.B4 (DS36.9.B4 is the class number for Bedouins in Arab countries)

In Lists 232 and 233, the Library of Congress added the following cutters under the class number DS80.55 (Individual elements in the population of Lebanon, A-Z):

.A45 Americans
.A75 Armenians
.B43 Bedouins
.D78 Druzes
.M37 Maronites
.P34 Palestinians
.S54 Shi‘ah

The following new cutter and accompanying note have been reported in List 233 under class number DS99 (Provinces, regions, cities in Syria, A-Z):

.G65 Golan Heights. jawlán

Jawlán, see .G65

The class number DS101 covers Periodicals, societies, and serials on Jewish History. List 230 added the decimal subdivision .5, to form the new class number DS101.5 for Congresses.

Until now, the class number DS109 was designated for General works on Description, Antiquities and Exploration of Jerusalem. List 230 has provided a chronological breakdown of this aspect of Jerusalem's history:

DS109 To 1981
DS109.15 1981–

In List 233, the Library of Congress added an important cutter under DS110 (Regions, towns, etc., west of the Jordan River, A-Z): .G3 Gaza Strip.

The class number DS113.8 (Other elements in Israel's population, A-Z) was expanded by two new cutters in Lists 231 and 233:

.L58 Lithuanian Jews
.T85 Turkish Jews

Under class number DS125.3 (19th–20th century Biography and memoirs of Jews in Israel), beneath the words .A3-Z Individual, A-Z, the Library of Congress has instructed us in List 231 to insert the abbreviation "e.g." before the cutters and, thus, change the indentation of the cutters.

The List features the following example:

e.g. .B37 Ben-Gurion, David
The class number DS135 (History of Jews outside of Palestine by region or country, A-Z) has been expanded and changed.

Under Austria, the cutter for Biography of Jews in Austria is .A93. List 234 has added the following alphabetical range next to this number: .A93 Biography, A-Z.

Under Germany, the cutter for other local cities, A-Z is .G4. List 234 enumerates the following cities beneath .G4:

\[ .B1614-169 \text{Baden-Württemberg} \]

List 233 and List 230, respectively, added the following cutters for countries:

\[ .N65-653 \text{New Zealand} \]

Under class number DS146 (Anti-Semitism by region or country, A-Z), beneath the words By region or country, A-Z, the Library of Congress has instructed us in List 230 to insert the initialism “e.g.” before the cutter and, thus, change the indentation of the cutters.

The list featured the following example:

\[ .A67 \text{Arab countries} \]

In the same list, the Library of Congress added a new range of numbers for local Biography and memoirs of countries and regions allotted a single number or cutter number. In addition to the .A2 A-Z range for Collective Biography, we now have:

\[ .A3-2 \text{Individual, A-Z} \]

Class DT—History of Africa

In List 233, the Library of Congress added a cutter under DT72 (Ethnology of individual races in Egypt, A-Z):

\[ .P35 \text{Palestinian Arabs} \]

Class E—F—History. America

Under class number F3359 (Individual elements in the population of Bolivia, A-Z), List 230 reported the addition of the cutter .J47 Jews.

Class GV—Recreation. Leisure

The following “fun” cutter was added under class number GV1202 (Games not otherwise provided for, A-Z) in List 234:

\[ .D72 \text{Dreidel} \]

Class H—Sociology and Economics

List 234 reported on the expansion of class number HD1537 (Agricultural laborers in Asia by region or country, A-Z) through the creation of two new decimal subdivisions:

\[ .3 \text{Middle East} \]
\[ .4 \text{Arab countries} \]

Class N—Fine Arts

Under the class number NX652 (Special characters or persons in the arts, A-Z), List 233 noted the new cutter .J64 Jonah (Biblical Character)

Class PJ—Oriental Philology and Literature

Under the class number PJ3595 (Other Oriental dialects, A-Z), the same list featured the new cutter .U34 Ugarit.

List 233, under class number PJ5050 (Individual medieval authors and works through 1700, A-Z), reported the new cutter .I35 Ibn Ghiyyat, 1038–1089 for this noted halakhic authority and commentator.

Class number PJ5052 (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A-Z, 1821–1885) was expanded in the same list, with the following cutters and notes:

\[ .B67 \text{Brandstädtcr, Mordecai David, 1844–1928} \]
\[ .L32 \text{Levensohn, Abraham Dob Baer, 1794–1878} \]

The following note is to be added to the schedule:

\[ .Hacohen, Adam, 1794–1878, see .L32 \]

Class number PJ5053 (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A-Z, 1886–1945) was expanded in Lists 231 and 233. The Library of Congress added notes and also added and/or changed the headings for the following authors and their respective cutters:

Under the existing note Malets, D. (David), 1889–1981, see .M3, we are instructed to change the dates to 1899–1981 (the cutter .M3 currently features the heading Maletz, David, 1900– ).

It is clear that the dates for this author are in question. The Library of Congress Name Authority File uses the name and dates of the first note given above. Yet, the PJ schedule refers the cataloger to a different form.
| PJ 5053 | .S7 Sonne, Abraham, 1883–1950  
| PJ 5053 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5053 | Ben Yizhak, Avraham, 1883–1950, see .S7  
| PJ 5053 | .Y55 Yizhar, S., 1916–  
| PJ 5053 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5053 | PJ5054 (which covers a later period than PJ5053): PJ5054:S6 Similansky, Izhar, 1916– . see PJ5053:Y55  
| PJ 5053 | We are also told to cancel the cutter .S6 under PJ5054, substituting the reference.  
| PJ 5054 | .A4954 Agasi, Meir 1947–  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Agasi, Meir, 1947– , see .A4954  
| PJ 5054 | .B3 is the existing cutter for Bar-Yossef, Yehoshu’a, 1912– . The following two references from variant names are to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Bar-Yehoshu’a, 1912– , see .B3  
| PJ 5054 | Bar-Yossef, Yehoshua, 1912– , see .B3  
| PJ 5054 | .H65 Hurwitz, Yair  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Hurwitz, Yair, see .H65  
| PJ 5054 | .L4 Levin, Hanokh  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Hanokh, L., 1912–1980, see .L4  
| PJ 5054 | .N53 Nitzan, Shlomo  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Nitsan, Shelomoh, see .N53  
| PJ 5054 | .T317 Tamuz, Benjamin, 1919–  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Tammuz, Benjamin, 1919– , see .T317  
| PJ 5054 | .W42 Weinberger, Haim, 1919–  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Weinberger, Haim, see .W42  
| PJ 5054 | .W53 Wisler, Israel Menahem, 1930–  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Puts’u, 1930– , see .W53  
| PJ 5054 | .Y497 Yishai, Zion, 1936–  
| PJ 5054 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5054 | Yishai, Ortsiyon, 1936– , see .Y497  

**List 230 altered the structure of a decimal subdivision of class number PJ5111 (Periodicals, societies and collections in Yiddish). In class number PJ5111.5 (which denoted Yiddish biography), LC made the following changes:**  

**PJ5111.4 Collective Biography**  

**.5 Individual Biography, A-Z**  

In class number PJ5129 (Yiddish literature, individual authors, A-Z), the following cutters and notes are to be added to the schedule, according to Lists 231, 233, and 234:  

| PJ 5053 | Yishai, Zion, 1936–  
| PJ 5053 | The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
| PJ 5053 | Yisler, Israel, 1936– , see .Y497  

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**Class PN—Literature**  

An interesting addition to class number PN1879 (Historical drama. Special. By topic, A-Z) is featured in List 230: the cutter .H65 Holocaust, Jewish (1939–1945). In List 234, the Library of Congress added the cutter .J48 Jewish—Arab relations under PN4888 (Special topics in journalism, A-Z). In the same list, class number PN6377 (Riddles in other languages) was expanded, through the creation of the cutter .H4 Hebrew.
Class PS—American Literature


This set of changes underscores that the cutter for a given topic may vary from schedule to schedule.

Class R—Medicine

List 230 recorded the following note beneath class number R725 (Codes of medical ethics): cf. BL65.M4 Medicine and religion (BL65 is the class number for Religion in relation to other subjects, A-Z).

In List 232, under class number RC565.6 (Works about alcoholism, by ethnic groups, A-Z), the Library of Congress added the cutter .M56 Minorities.

The social aspect of Alcoholism and Judaism is classified in HV5185, whereas in class number RC565.6, the medical aspect is dealt with.

Class TX—Home Economics

In Judaica Librarianship, vol. 4, no. 2 (Spring 1988–Winter 1989), Rebecca Dassa, in her article entitled “LC Subject Headings of Interest to Judaica Librarians,” gave a culinary subject heading update, which included the new topic of soylents and tofu. In line with this, in List 231, LC has added a cutter under class number TX401.2 (Special vegetables, A-Z): .S69 Soybeans and soybean products.

In List 230, class number TX739.2 is designated for General works on cookery. A new decimal breakdown of TX739.2 has been added for Cookery, by occasion or holiday, A-Z.

The same list supplied two cutters for this new class number: .H35 Hanukkah .P37 Passover

Class Z—Bibliography

In List 231, the Library of Congress added a cutter under Z1039 (General bibliography of books for special classes, institutions, groups, etc., A-Z): .J48 Jewish children. [Association of Jewish Libraries publications may have contributed to the literary warrant for this number. — Ed.]