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LC Romanization Tables and Cataloging Policies, compiled by Sally C. Tseng; assisted by David C. Tseng and Linda C. Tseng. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1990. 284 pp. ISBN 0-8108-2353-5. $32.50.

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This compilation is of potential interest to Judaica and Hebraica catalogers. The book covers over 100 languages, among them Hebrew and Yiddish. For each language, the compilers have reproduced the latest versions of romanization tables and descriptive cataloging policies from *Cataloging Service Bulletin,* including complete bibliographic data on the original source.

The body of the work is arranged alphabetically, which would appear to make the book self-indexing; however, a detailed index is provided, which allows one to quickly locate such topics as "Corporate Body—Hebrew—Capitalization" or "Abbreviations—Yiddish."

There is quite a bit of redundancy in the book; for example, much of the information under Hebrew is replicated under Yiddish. The compilers claim that this is an advan-

tage, however, because all the tables and policies that apply to one language are juxtaposed, and there is no cross-referencing between related languages.

The book complements Paul Maher's *Hebraica Cataloging* (1987), which was reviewed in *Judaica Librarianship* by Adler (1989) and Weinberg (1989). The Tseng compilation is slightly more up-to-date than Maher's guide, as the former includes material on Hebrew from the Fall 1987 issue of *Cataloging Service Bulletin.* Maher's guide, however, includes explanations of LC Hebraica cataloging policies that have never been published in *CSB,* so it is by no means superseded.

The work under review will be a handy reference tool for Judaica catalogers who work with scripts other than Hebrew, e.g., Cyrillic or Arabic. Judaica reference librarians are often asked to provide au-

thoritative romanization tables for such languages as Greek and Russian; the Tseng compilation will be useful in this regard as well.

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Library of Congress Subject Headings in Jewish Studies. Joseph Galron-Goldschlager, comp. 2nd enlarged and updated edition. Bexley, Ohio: [s.n.], 1991. 2 v. (392 pp.)

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The first edition of this compilation was briefly described in the prior issue of this journal (Weinberg, 1990a, p. 40) and reviewed in the *AJL Newsletter* (Weinberg, 1990b). A feature of the second edition (lacking in the first edition) is an introduction that clearly identifies the sources and currency of the headings, and that defines the scope of the work.

The compilation does not have a separate list of generally applicable subdivisions or geographic headings, but the introduction notes that it does include "the generally applicable subdivisions for *Jews, Judaism, Hebrew language,* and *Israel.*" The compiler goes on to explain that "some of these subdivisions are based on the pattern headings for ethnic groups, religions, languages . . . , and places." Subdivisions based on pattern headings are interfiled

with generally applicable ones (e.g., *Encyclopedias*), so it is hard for the Judaica cataloger to identify the subdivisions of *Israel* that may be applied to *Holocaust,* for example. Tagging the pattern subdivisions might be useful in this regard.

The second edition includes narrower term (NT) references in addition to broader term references, which were found in the first

edition. This allowed me to discover that there is a more specific LC subject heading than *Conservative Judaism: Traditional Conservative Judaism*.

The new edition still lacks the reciprocals of *use* references (used for), and the generation of other reciprocals does not seem automatic. For example, under *Hebrew language — Pronoun*, we find BT *Hebrew language — Nominals*, but under the latter term, we do not find NT *Hebrew language — Pronoun*. The use of thesaurus software that generates reciprocals automatically (Milstead, 1990) would obviate this type of problem.

While neither completely independent of LC publications on subject cataloging nor totally error-free, the Galron compilation is the most comprehensive, accurate list of LC subject headings for Judaica available. The compiler notes in the cover letter to the review copy that he is working on a "third updated edition." We look forward to its publication.

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Library of Congress Classification for Judaica: Recent Changes (1989–1990)

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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:* 235 (July–September 1989), 236 (October–December 1989), 237 (January–March 1990), and 238 (April–June 1990).

The scope of this column encompasses the entire LC classification, with particular emphasis on the classes of major importance to Judaica libraries. Changes in LC classification as they pertain to Judaica, including additions, cancellations, or replacements of class numbers are reported.

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BM—Judaism

BM 503.8	In List 235, the Library of Congress corrected a misspelling of the word *Pilpul* (until now erroneously spelled Philpul) under class number *BM503.8* (use of the method of Pilpul in the Babylonian Talmud).
BM 525 A6 I22–I2279	Under class number *BM525.A6* (Individual cabbalistic Zohar supplements), the same list corrected another error, with the addition of the following note under:
BM 525 A6 I3	BM525.A6I22–2279 Idra de-maskena (*change* from "1" to "I" following ".A6" here and through ".A615" below) The schedules until now read:
BM 525 A6 I5	A6122–2279 Idra de-maskena A613 Idra raba A615 Idra zuta In all three cases, the number "1" is to be corrected to the letter "I", thereby adding a second cutter to this class number for those Zohar texts (i.e., A6I22–2279, A6I3, A6I5).
BM 530	List 235 added the following note under *BM530* (Jewish Myths and Legends): cf. PN6120.95.J5, Jewish legends and tales (PN6120.95.J5 is the class number for special collections of fiction by subject or form, A-Z.)