

SCATTER OF THE LITERATURE

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Editor's Note (B.H.W.)

With this issue, we introduce a new column that notes articles of interest to *Judaica* librarians that have appeared in other periodicals. Some have been brought to our attention by the authors of the articles or editors of the journals; others have been noted by members of the editorial board of *Judaica* Librarianship.

"Scatter of the Literature" is a term from the field of bibliometrics, a subdiscipline of information science. The term derives from the observation of S.C. Bradford (in his book, *Documentation* (London, 1948), pp. 110–120) that articles relevant to a single subject are scattered in numerous periodicals, although the majority of articles in one field are concentrated in a few journals.

Articles of interest to *Judaica* librarians may be found in general library science periodicals and in journals devoted to Jewish education or Jewish studies. All these categories are represented in this column.

The readers of this journal undoubtedly scan numerous periodicals in the fields of library science and/or Jewish studies. Please send copies of items that might interest your fellow *Judaica* librarians to the column editor:

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Ben-Zvi, Hava. "Heartbeat: The Central Role of the Library." *Jewish Education*, Winter 1988, pp. 51–53.

The head librarian of the Peter M. Kahn Jewish Community Library, Bureau of Jewish Education in Los Angeles, CA, describes the diverse tasks of her library and the vast community it serves—both young and old, Jews and non-Jews. Combining the best traditions of public and Jewish libraries, this small library serves as a vital resource for the Jewish community.

Lipman, V. D. "The Littman Library after Twenty Five Years." *L'Eylah*, no. 29 (April 1990), pp. 39–40.

This article describes a unique Anglo-Jewish publication series and the man who founded it. In 1944, Louis Littman, a young Jewish solicitor, frustrated at the lack of good Jewish sources in English, established a library of Jewish classics, covering many aspects of Judaism and Jewish civilization. This article examines the achievements of the first twenty-five years.

Lubetski, Edith; Martin, Barbara. "Bibliography I: Contemporary Israel." *Ten Da'at*, vol. IV, no. 2 (Spring 1990), pp. 31–32.

An annotated bibliography on the Arab-Israeli conflict, this list offers titles with various perspectives on how the effects of war have influenced Israeli history and society. A good overview for both educators and students.

Rosen, Nathan. "Book review of *Jewish Law: Bibliography of Sources and Scholarship in English* (Fred B. Rothman: Littleton, CO)." *Legal Publishing Review*, vol. 2, no. 4 (July–August 1990), p. 156.

Rosen examines this major new source on Jewish law, which contains sections on general references in Jewish law, literary sources of Jewish law, and bibliographies. The reviewer, a legal librarian, cites the growing interest and need for sources in Jewish law. He highly recommends this book for all types of libraries, and for attorneys and lay people interested in Jewish law.

Salinger, Peter Shmuel. "Review of *Published Material from the Cambridge Genizah Collections: A Bibliography, 1896–1980* (edited by Stefan C. Reif . . . Cambridge Univ. Press, 1988)." *L'Eylah*, no. 29 (April 1990), pp. 62–63.

Part of the Cambridge University Library Genizah series, this bibliography helps fill a gap in the field of Genizah research.

Divided into three main categories, this bibliography is intended for the serious scholar. A large part of the author section is devoted to the works of Shlomo Dov Goitein, whose scholarly interest in the Genizah fragments initially helped bring serious attention to these relics of Jewish civilization.

Schidorsky, Dov. "Library History Research in Israel." *Libraries and Culture*, vol. 25, no. 1 (Winter 1990), pp. 138–150.

With the establishment of the Graduate School of Library and Archive Studies (GSLAS) at the Hebrew University in the early 1970s, research in library history has become a serious field. This article examines that expanding field, noting the impact of historical movements within the Land of Israel and throughout the Jewish world on that movement. The re-emergence of modern Hebrew, as well as contributions from Christian missionaries all affected the development of the library system in Israel.

Shmidman, Eileen. "Bibliography II: Israel." *Ten Da'at*, vol. IV, no. 2 (Spring 1990), pp. 33–35.

An annotated bibliography on sources about Israel, these selections are intended for children and young adults. The bibliography includes both fiction and non-fiction and is divided into sections by age groups.

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