

## Library of Congress Classification for Judaica: Recent Changes (1990-1991)

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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*: 239 (July-September 1990), 240 (October-December 1990), 241 (January-March 1991), and 242 (April-June 1991).

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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### BL – Religions, Mythology, Rationalism

BL  
65  
H36

The class number *BL65* (Religion in relation to other subjects, A-Z) has been expanded in Lists 239, 241, and 242. The following note and cutters have been added:

BL Freedom, *see* .L52  
65  
L52 .H36 Happiness

BL .L52 Liberty  
65  
M45 .M45 Mental health

BL .P47 Persecution  
65  
P47

### BM – Judaism

BM  
488

Lists 239 and 242 both deal with the class number *BM488* (Individual Dead Sea Scrolls, A-Z).

List 242 modified the subarrangement for translations under *BM488*. Until now, the note under *BM488* read: *Subarranged like BM487. (BM487 is the class number for Dead Sea Scroll texts, which is subarranged for translations as follows: .A6A-Z other languages. By language, A-Z and date. With: .A2 Hebrew. By date; .A3 English. By date; .A4 French. By date; .A5 German. By date.)*

The Library of Congress now tells us to change the wording of the note under *BM488* to read:

Subarrange like *BM487*, modified

Translations: A61-69 other languages

BM  
488  
R85

List 239 added the following cutter under *BM488*:

.R85 Rule of the Congregation

(The Rule of the Congregation, or *Serekh ha-'Edah*, is one of the Qumrān non-Biblical Scrolls found in Cave One.)

BM  
509

Under class number *BM509* (Special topics in Talmudic literature not otherwise provided for, A-Z), List 239 added the following note:

Plants, *see* .B6

(.B6 is the cutter for *Botany*.)

BM  
525

In List 242, the Library of Congress added the following note under class number *BM525.A2* (Individual Cabalistic texts, A-Z), between the heading *Cabala* and the *cf.* note:

Including ancient and medieval mystical works.

In consonance with this additional note, the same list changes the prior note under *BM723* (Practical Judaism), which had read: "For *Cabala*, *see* *BM525-BM526*" to:

For *Cabala*, including ancient and medieval mystical works, *see* *BM525 – BM526*.

BM  
670  
A44

In Lists 239, 240, and 241, the Library of Congress added the following cutters and note under class number *BM670* (Special elements in liturgy, A-Z):

BM  
670  
K52

.A44 Aleinu le-Shabbe'ah Amidah, *see* .S5

(.S5 is for *Shemoneh 'esreh*.)

.K52 Kiddush

BM  
675

In List 241, under class number *BM675* (Special liturgical books, A-Z), the Library of Congress added the following notes and modifications:

Perek shirah, *see* .P6

(.P6 is for *Pirke shirah*, which is a short, anonymous song of praise taken from Biblical verses, especially from Psalms.)

In addition, LC tells us to add the words *Perek shirah* to the already existing cutter *.P6 Pirke shirah*. These are variant titles for a single work, the text of which has been preserved in several manuscripts.

The second note change is under *.R48 Tikun (except Pentecost)*, where the parenthetical statement should now read *(General)*. (A *Tikun* is a selection of prayers and passages from various Biblical texts.)

Another cutter note to be added to this class number is:

Tikkun leil Hoshana Rabba, *see* .H6

(.H6 is for *Hosha'nah Rabah* prayers.)

BM  
729  
F57

List 239 added the following cutter to the class number *BM729* (Other special topics in practical Judaism, A-Z):

.F57 Fire

BM  
Table II

Two notes have been added to Tables II and III in class BM in Lists 241 and 242, respectively.

Under *Table II (Special Baraitot)*:

Baraita de-melekheth ha-mishkan, *see* .E6+

(.E6-8 is the range of cutter numbers for the Baraita on the *Erection of the tabernacle*.)

BM  
Table III

Under *Table III (Special Midrashim, BM517)*:

Midrash Proverbs, *see* .M77-79

(.M77-79 is the range of cutters for *Midrash Mishle*.)

## BS – The Bible

BS  
649  
I56

In List 242, the Library of Congress added the following cutter and notes to the class

number *BS649* (Prophecy of special future events, A-Z):

.I56 International organization. New World Order.

Middle East, *see* .N45

(.N45 is the cutter for *Near East*.)

New World Order, *see* .I56

BS  
680  
A7

The class number *BS680* (Auxiliary topics about the Bible, not otherwise provided for, A-Z) has been expanded in Lists 239, 240, and 242, with the following cutters and note:

BS .A7 Arabs

680 .M53 Miscegenation

BS Spiritual healing, *see* .H4

680  
V55  
(.H4 is the cutter for *healing*.)

.V55 Violence

BS  
1184

List 239 established the class number *BS1184* for *Relation of Assyro-Babylonian literature to the Old Testament*.

List 240 changed the caption of this new class number to:

*Relation of Middle Eastern literature to the Old Testament including special literature, e.g. Assyro-Babylonian.*

BS  
1199  
L43

Under the class number *BS1199* (Topics about, or in, the Old Testament not elsewhere provided for, A-Z), the latter list added the following two cutters:

BS .L43 Lebanon

1199  
O33 .O33 Obedience

BS  
1211 -  
1215.6

List 242 added the decimal division .6 to the range of 1211-1215.6 for the Hexateuch (a collective term for the first six books of the Old Testament).

*LC Classification Additions and Changes*, List 233 (January-March 1989) had added .6 to the range of numbers in *Table I* for *Historical books of the Old Testament*, to designate *Special topics, A-Z*. This alphabetical range follows cutters used for class number *BS1199, Topics of the Old Testament, not provided for elsewhere, A-Z* (as reported in *Judaica Librarianship*, vol. 5, no.1, 1989-1990).

BS  
1238  
K56

The following instruction was given in List 241 for class number *BS1238* (Other special topics in the Pentateuch, A-Z):

*Delete e.g.; change indentation of cutters*

The *e.g.* refers to the note "e.g., Adam, Cain, etc., *see* *BS580*."

The same list added the following cutter to this class number:

.K56 Kinship

BS  
1445  
I46

The class number *BS1445* (Special groups of Psalms, A-Z) has been expanded in List 242, with the following new cutter:

.I46 Imprecatory

(i.e., Psalms that invoke evil or curses.)

## D – History of Eastern Europe (General)

D  
804.3

Lists 239 and 241 both reported the addition of the same note under class number *D804.3* (Jewish Holocaust):

For works on the Holocaust in a particular locality, *see* *DS135*

- D  
810  
A67  
In the same Lists, the Library of Congress added two new cutters under *DS10* (Special topics of the Second World War (1939-1945), A-Z):
- D.  
810  
C38 .A67 Antiquities  
.C38 Chemical warfare
- DS – Jewish History**
- DS  
79.72  
List 240 established the class number *DS79.72* for the timely subject *Iraq-Kuwait Crisis, 1990-1991*.
- DS  
87.53  
The same list added the following note under *DS87.53* (Israeli intervention, 1982-1984):
- Including the Massacre of Palestinian Arabs in Sabra and Shatila and the bombing of the U.S. Marine headquarters.
- DS  
113.8  
F73  
List 240 also reported the addition of the following cutter under *DS113.8* (Other elements in Israel's population, A-Z):
- .F73 French Jews
- DS  
119.75  
One of the timeliest decimal expansions is found in List 241 under *DS119.7* (Jewish-Arab relations):
- .75 Intifada, 1987-  
The Intifada (Arabic for *uprising*), along with its associated strikes and boycotts, has had a great impact on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Since December 1987, the Palestinian uprising on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which is directed against Israeli occupation, has been the subject of many publications, which clearly stimulated the addition of this class number.
- DS  
135  
185  
The same list gives the following instruction under *DS135.185* (History of Jews in local areas in Italy, A-Z):
- insert "e.g."; change indentation of cutters*
- The *e.g.* refers to the note: "e.g. I85E53 Emilia-Romagna."
- DT – History of Africa**
- DT  
72  
Y44  
In List 239, under *DT72* (Individual races in Egypt, A-Z), the following cutter was added:
- .Y44 Yemenites
- E-F – History. America**
- F  
2349  
J48  
Under the class number *F2349* (Individual elements in the population of Venezuela, A-Z), List 239 added the following cutter:
- .J48 Jews
- G – Geography, Maps, Anthropology, Recreation**
- G  
32.5  
List 239 established the class number *G32.5* for *Geographical Societies in Israel*.
- GN  
857  
Under the class number *GN857* (General works in archaeology in the Middle East), List 242 added the following note:
- GN  
855  
GN  
865  
For individual countries, *see* GN855; GN865
- GN855* is the class number for archaeology in Asia by region or country, A-Z, and *GN865* is the class number for archaeology in Africa by region or country, A-Z.
- GR  
268  
A73  
List 242 added the following note before the class number *GR270* (General works on Folklore in the Near East):
- For Arab countries collectively, *see* GR268.A73
- GR268 is the class number for Folklore in Asia by race or group, not limited to one country, A-Z; .A73 is the cutter for Arabs.
- GV  
197  
The Library of Congress in List 241 added the following note under *GV197* (Special types of camps, A-Z):
- Jewish, *see* BM135
- H – Sociology and Economics**
- HV  
6322.7  
Under *HV6322.7* (Genocide), the following note was added in List 241:
- Cf. JX5418, International law  
For genocide in a specific region, country, war, or against a specific group, *see* classes D, E, F
- JV – Emigration, Immigration – United States**
- JV  
6484  
This new class number was established in List 241 with the feature heading:
- Ellis Island Immigration Station.  
Ellis Island Museum.
- The addition of this class number reflects the proliferation of works about Ellis Island, which was the principal immigrant receiving station in the United States from 1892-1954 and recently restored.

## L – Education

LG  
341

In List 239, the captions under *LG341* (Individual educational institutions in Israel, by place, A-Z) have been expanded and changed from *Near East* to *Middle East (Near East)* and from *Israel to Israel. Palestine*

## N – Fine Arts

NK  
4706.4  
J48

Under class number NK4706.4 (Ethnic costumes by race or ethnic group, A-Z), List 239 added the cutter *.J48* for *Jewish costumes*.

## P – Philology, Linguistics

P  
96  
K52

The Library of Congress expanded *P96* (Other topics in mass media, A-Z) in List 239 with the following cutter:

*.K52* Kibbutzim

## PG – Russian Literature

PG  
3932.5  
J48

List 241 added the following cutter under *PG3932.5* (Collections of Ukrainian literature, by special classes of authors, A-Z):

*.J48* Jews

PG  
3933

In consonance with this addition, the same list gave the following instructions for the deletion of a cutter and the addition of a *see* reference under *PG3933* (Special topics, A-Z):

\* (*.J48*) Jewish authors, *see* *PG3932.5.J48* (Parenthesize *".J48"*; *change* line to reference.)

[\* Asterisk indicates a change.]

## PJ – Oriental Philology and Literature

PJ  
5050  
A26

Class number *PJ5050* (Individual medieval authors and works through 1700, A-Z) was expanded in List 242 with the establishment of the following cutters:

PJ  
5050  
S23

*.A26* Abulafia, Todros, ha-Levi, b. 1247 .

*.S23* Sa'id ben Bābshād, 10th/11th cent.

PJ  
5052  
A9

Class number *PJ5052* (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A-Z, 1821-1885) was expanded in List 240, with the following cutter and note:

*.A9* Aviḥatsira, Jacob, 1808-1880

The following note is to be added to the schedule:

Abi-Hasira, Jacob ben Masoud, 1808-1880, *see* *.A9*

Class number *PJ5053* (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A-Z, 1886-1945) was expanded in List 242. The Library of Congress added notes, and also added and/or changed the feature headings for the following authors and their respective cutters, primarily as a result of the establishment of new headings according to AACR2:

PJ  
5053  
G25

*.G25* Gamzu, Judah Leib

The following note is to be added to the schedule:

Gamzu, J.L., d.1941, *see* *.G25*

PJ  
5053  
S315

*.S315* Salmon, Avraham, 1903 –

The following note is to be added to the schedule:

Shalmon, Avraham, *see* *.S315*

PJ  
5053  
S4

Under the existing cutter *.S4*, for Shimon, David, 1886-1956, we are instructed to change the author's last name to *Shimoni* so that the heading reads:

*.S4* Shimoni, David, 1886-1956

Class number *PJ5054* (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A-Z, 1946- ) was expanded in Lists 239, 241, and 242. The Library of Congress added notes, and also added and/or changed the headings for the following authors and their respective cutters:

PJ  
5054  
A49755

Under the existing cutter *.A49755*, for Alon, Yael, 1943- , we are instructed to change the spelling of the author's first name to *Ya'el* so that it should read:

*.A49755* Alon, Ya'el, 1943-

PJ  
5054  
B24

*.B24* Banai, Peretz

The following note is to be added to the schedule:

Dror-Banai, Perets, *see* *.B24*

PJ  
5054  
C588

*.C588* Cohen, Yosef, 1943-

The following note is to be added to the schedule:

Cohen, Joseph, 1943- , *see* *.C588*

PJ  
5054  
G67

*.G67* Granatsztajn, Jechiel

The following note is to be added to the schedule:

Granatstein, Yechiel, *see* *.G67*

- PJ  
5054  
G72  
.G72 Granoth, Yehoshua  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Geranot, Yosh, *see* .G72
- PJ  
5054  
H226  
.H226 Hakak, Herzl, 1948-  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Hakak, Herzl, 1948- , *see* .H226
- PJ  
5054  
M273  
.M273 Maller, Amos  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Meller, Amos, *see* .M273
- PJ  
5054  
T8  
.T8 Tsivyon, Abraham  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Tsivyon, Abraham, 1925- , *see* .T8
- PJ  
5054  
V484  
.V484 Viner, Shelomoh  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Vinner, Shlomo, *see* .V484
- 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 241 and 242:
- PJ  
5129  
B563  
Under the existing cutter *.B563*, for *Bin Gorion, Michah Joseph, 1865-1921*, we are instructed to delete the final "h" in the author's first name so that it should read:  
  
*.B563 Bin Gorion, Micha Joseph, 1865-1921*
- PJ  
5129  
B5715  
.B5715 Birshstein, Yosl, 1920-  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Birstein, Yossel, *see* .B5715
- PJ  
5129  
F8  
.F8 Fuchs, Abraham Moses, 1890-  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Fuchs, A.M., *see* .F8
- PJ  
5129  
G576  
.G576 Good, Edward, b. 1885  
  
The following two notes are to be added to the schedule:  
For Good's English works, *see* PR6013.047  
Oyved, Mosheh, b. 1885, *see* .G576
- PJ  
5129  
K82  
Under the existing cutter *.K82*, for *Kviatkovshi-Pinchasik, Rivka*, we are instructed to correct the spelling of the author's name so that it should read:  
  
*.K82 Kviatkovski-Pinchasik, Rivka*
- PJ  
5129  
L4448  
.L4448 Levin, Ali, 1893-  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Roden, David, 1893- *see* .L4448
- PJ  
5159  
M19  
.M19 Ma-Yafith, Israel, 1897-1930  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Mah-Yafit, Yísrá'el, 1897-1930, *see* .M19
- PJ  
5129  
R597  
.R597 Rosenfarb, Eva  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Rosenfarb, Chawa, 1923- *see* .R597
- PJ  
5129  
S4378  
Under the existing cutter *.S4378*, for *Shuelzohn, M., 1871-* we are instructed to correct the erroneous spelling of the author's last name so that it should read:  
  
*.S4378 Shmuelzohn, M., 1871-*
- PJ  
5129  
W315  
.W315 Wajc, Abraham  
  
The following note is to be added to the schedule:  
Wietz, A., *see* .W315
- [Note: The author's name is misspelled in LCC *Additions and Changes*; online it appears as Weitz, A.]
- PJ  
7519  
I58  
Once again, we find the topic of the Palestinian Uprising of 1987 enumerated in List 241 (cf. DS 119.75 above) under the class number *PJ7519* (Special topics in Arabic literature, A-Z):  
  
*.I58 Intifada, 1987-*
- PN – Literature**
- PN  
1995.9  
A68  
List 239 added the following cutter to *PN1995.9* (Other special topics in motion pictures, A-Z):  
  
*.A68 Arabs*
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