Reference Works from Israel, 1989 – 1990

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Editor's Note: A draft of this column was submitted in 1990, but owing to its length as well as that of the preceding issue, its publication was deferred.

Most of the Israeli publications appeared in 1989 or 1990, but some of the European publications date from 1987-1988. Although this column may assist Judaica acquisitions librarians in identifying reference works that have not been listed in standard sources, its primary purpose is to arrange the reference works systematically and to show how they relate to each other and to earlier publications. Feedback on this column is welcome.

The directories, encyclopedias, biographical dictionaries, and bibliographies listed below are part of the collection of the Jewish National and University Library (JNUL). Most were published in Israel, but some of them are in the Library because it is the Library's aim, as the National Library of the Jewish people, to collect Judaica from all over the world. Some non-Israeli publications that may not have come to the attention of U.S. librarians are therefore included in this list.

Hebrew bibliographic data is given at the end of the article for all the starred entries. Translated titles in brackets are supplied for Hebrew works lacking English title pages. Starred page numbers indicate pagination in Hebrew letters. Price in dollars is given where known, otherwise, in NIS (New Israeli Shekels) with approximate dollar equivalents.

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I. Bible

1. Dirksen, P.B. An Annotated Bibliography of the Peshitta of the Old Testament. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1989. xiv, 119 p. (Monographs of the Peshitta Institute, Leiden, v. 5). ISBN 90-04-09017-7. Dfl. 64 (about \$39).

Peshitta is the name given to the translation of the Bible into Syriac, a dialect of Late Aramaic. The dialect dates from the first to the fourth centuries, C.E. Because it is a translation that conforms very closely to the text of the Bible, Peshitta is of special interest to Biblical scholars.

This multilingual, 523-item bibliography is arranged under categories such as Surveys of Manuscripts, Studies Concerning Separate Books, and the History of the Text, and is indexed by authors.

*2. Kalimi, Isaac. The Books of Chronicles: A Classified Bibliography. Jerusalem: Simor Ltd. (P.O. Box 39039, Tel-Aviv), 1990. 230, xvi p. (Simor Bible Bibliographies = [SBB]). ISBN 965-242-008-5.

This is the first in a projected series of bibliographies on books of the Bible, with Samuel and Kings to follow. It is multilingual in coverage and lists books, articles, and dissertations. The bibliography is arranged by subjects and by chapters of the Biblical books, with cross references for entries that relate to two categories. Among the subjects are Literary Aspects, Linguistic Aspects, Chronicles as a Historical Source, Theology, and Prophets and Prophecy.

3. Segal, Chaim S. Munahei Rashi: An Annotated Lexicon of Standard Terminological Definitions, Exegetical Norms and Grammatical Rules as Formulated by Rashi in his Biblical and Talmudic Commentaries. Jerusalem: Ariel United Institutes, founded by the Harry Fischel Institute (P.O.B. 16002), 1989. 14, 170 p. In Hebrew. NIS 35 (about \$18).

This is a collection of basic grammatical rules and standard definitions that are scattered throughout the commentaries of Rashi (Solomon ben Yitshak) on the Bible and the Talmud. Since the rules and definitions are not repeated in Rashi's commentaries, or are repeated only briefly each time a given term occurs, this is a useful tool.

Arranged alphabetically, each entry gives Rashi's definition, and a commentary at the bottom of the page discusses the application of the definition to other occurrences of the term in Rashi's commentaries on the Bible and Talmud.

This is one of a series of publications emanating from the United Ariel Institutes' Rashi Hashalem project.

4. Wal, Adri van der. Nahum, Habakkuk: A Classified Bibliography. Amsterdam: Free University Press, c1988. xiii, 208 p. (Applicatio, 6). ISBN 90-6256-662-6. Dfl. 75 (about \$45).

This multilingual bibliography of 1,250 books and articles has four main sections: The Book of Nahum, the Book of Habakkuk, the Qumran Nahum Commentary, and the Qumran Habakkuk Commentary.

Each section is arranged by categories, such as "Structure of the Book" and "Stylistic Features," and then by chapter and verse. An author index rounds out this well-planned work.

II. Biblical Concordances

*5. Even-Shoshan, Abraham. A New Concordance of the Bible. Jerusalem: "Kiryat Sefer" Pub. House, 1989. xi, 1242, 36 p. \$55.

When Even-Shoshan's Konkordantsyah Hadashah Le-Tanakh (New Concordance of the Bible) was first published in 1977, it represented a completely new approach to Hebrew Biblical concordances. It aimed for a more simplified structure than that of the widely used Veteris Testamenti Concordantiae = Concordance on the Bible, by Solomon Mandelkern, which listed all words under their respective roots, making it necessary for the user to have advanced knowledge of Hebrew grammar.

In Even-Shoshan's concordance, Hebrew verbs are listed under their roots, but there are references from difficult verb forms to the root, e.g., from holid to yld. A noun like efroah is listed under the letter aleph, and not under the letter peh, for its root prh. To further simplify the structure of the concordance, there is one alphabetical listing for all words, including proper names and Aramaic words.

This new edition differs from the 1977 edition in that it gives the Biblical reference in Latin characters (e.g., Jer. 12:2; Deut. 3:9) instead of Hebrew characters. This may be helpful to the English reader.

Practical The Complete Concordance to the Holy Scriptures. arranged by Rabbi H. Wachsman. Jerusalem: Feldheim, 1989. 2 v. (1,759 p.) ISBN 0-87306-489-5. NIS 79 (about \$45).

Rabbi Wachsman aimed to create a concordance that can be used by someone who knows very little Hebrew, as well as a reference work that is absolutely complete. His concordance cites every single word in the Bible, in the same form in which it appears there.

The concordance enters atah (you) and ve-atah (and you) separately. Verbs are not listed under their roots, but exactly

as they appear in the text. Esmah (I will rejoice), for example, appears under the letter aleph, tismah (you will rejoice) is found under the letter tav, and vismah (he will rejoice) under the letter yod.

In Even-Shoshan's concordance, in contrast, verbs are all listed under their roots. In the case of nouns, Even-Shoshan unites various forms. For example, under even (stone) he lists haeven (the stone), ba-even (in the stone), la-even (to the stone), and avanim (stones), while Wachsman lists each variant under its initial letter.

Like Even-Shoshan (and Mandelkern), Wachsman cites the phrase in which the word appears and the Biblical reference for each word. Clearly, there is a certain advantage to Wachsman's method, but in order to find a group of citations dealing with a particular concept, such as 'joy' or 'stones,' Even-Shoshan's concordance is a necessary tool.

III. Bibliographies

- 7. Judaica 2, 1987-8/5478: Catalogo dei Libri d'Argomento Ebraico in Lingua Italiana, a cura di Elena Loewenthal e Angelo Pezzana. Torino: Libreria Internazionale Luxemburg (Via Cesare Battisti 7), 1987. 221 p.
- 8. Madrid. Ministerio de Cultura. Una Biblioteca Española de Judáica: Ferio Internacional del Libro de Jerusalén, Abril, 1987. Madrid: 1987. 61 p.
- 9. Schlesinger, Hugo. Iudaica Brasiliensis, 1974-1984; Repertório Bibliográfico das Publicações Relacionadas com o Judaísmo e Questões Afins. [São Paulo]: Federação Israelita do Estado de São Paulo (Av. Paulista 726), [1984]. 239 p. \$30.

These bibliographies on Judaica will be helpful to readers whose mother tongue is Italian, Spanish, or Portuguese, respectively.

The first, which covers Judaica in Italian, has a subject arrangement and an author index. The second was published by Spain's Ministry of Culture, to mark the Thirteenth Jerusalem International Book Fair, and covers Spanish Judaica.

The third continues Marcos Margulies' bibliography of the same name, which was published in Rio de Janeiro in 1974. Schlesinger covers books, articles, and theses relating to Judaism that were published in Brazil in the subsequent decade.

IV. Manuscripts

10. Published Material from the Cambridge Genizah Collections: A Bibliography, 1896-1980, edited by Stefan C. Reif, assisted by Paul Fenton, et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988. xiv, 608 p. (Cambridge University Library Genizah Series, 6). ISBN 0-521-33336-9. 75 British Pounds.

The fact that 200,000 fragments, some of them detached sections of the same original manuscript, were brought from Cairo to a number of different institutions, makes research on Genizah documents especially difficult. This bibliography of published research on the 140,000 Genizah fragments in the Cambridge University Library is a boon to researchers. An early effort at Genizah bibliography was Shaul Shaked's A Tentative Bibliography of Geniza Documents. (Paris: Mouton, 1964. 335 p.). It listed books and articles concerning Genizah texts found in 33 libraries and private collections throughout the world.

11. Catalogue of the Jack Mosseri Collection = Catalogue de la Collection Jack Mosseri, edited by the Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts, with the collaboration of numerous specialists. Jerusalem: Jewish National and University Library, 1990. 16, 407, xXIX p. in Hebrew. \$25.

Following the death in 1934 of Jack Mosseri, a prominent Egyptian Jew, scholars were unable to locate his collection of several thousand Genizah fragments. Finally, in 1970, the collection was located and microfilmed by the Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts of the Jewish National and University Library.

This catalog, which lists and identifies the fragments, will benefit scholars doing research on Genizah material. It is fully indexed, by author, title, place, date, language, incipit, copyist, and more.

*12. The Collective Catalogue of Hebrew Manuscripts from the Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts and the Department of Manuscripts of the Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem: User's Guide. Jerusalem: Jewish National and University Library, 1989. 48, 23 p.

The card catalogs of the Manuscript Department and of the Institute for Microfilmed Manuscripts at the Jewish National and University Library have been reproduced on microfiche by Chadwyck-Healey, France. They comprise the most complete inventory of Hebrew manuscripts available anywhere. The wealth of information found in them is now available to the entire scholarly community. The microfiche set costs 3,400 Pounds.

The *User's Guide* explains the structure of the card catalogs and presents sample cards. It includes a list of the libraries and collections whose manuscripts have been microfilmed by the Institute.

13. Richler, Benjamin. Hebrew Manuscripts: A Treasured Legacy. Cleveland and Jerusalem: Ofeq Institute (Distributor: Feldheim Publishers), 1990. 165 p., facsims. ISBN 0-87306-505-0. \$30.

The author of this book is the assistant director of the Institute for Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts at the Jewish National and University Library. He has been tracking down, deciphering, and cataloging Hebrew manuscripts for 25 years.

This book provides an excellent overview of the field of Hebrew manuscripts. It includes color facsimiles of illuminated manuscripts and samples of over 50 different Hebrew scripts. Richler makes it clear why Hebrew manuscripts are important to scholarship today.

V. Hebrew Printing

14. Hebrew Incunabula in Public Collections: A First International Census, compiled by Adri K. Offenberg in collaboration with C. Moed-Van Walraven. Nieuwkoop: De Graaf Publishers, 1990. Ixxiv, 214 p. (Bibliotheca Humanistica & Reformatorica, v. 40). ISBN 90-6004-404-5. \$77.50.

Collections of Hebrew incunabula assembled by Jewish private collectors have been acquired by public institutions during the past one hundred years. This census lists Hebrew incunabula located in more than 150 libraries throughout the world.

Among them are Jewish institutions, such as the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem, as well as non-Jewish institutions, such as the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris and the University Library in Cambridge.

The entry for each incunabulum includes title in Hebrew, in transliteration, and in translation; locations; and bibliographical references. A variety of indexes add to the usefulness of this work.

15. lakerson, S.H. Hebrew Incunabula: Description of Publications Kept in Libraries of Moscow and Leningrad = Evreiskie Inkunabuly: Opisanie Ekzempliarov, Khraniaschikhsia v Bibliotekakh Moskvy i Leningrada. Leningrad: Library of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., 1988. 337 p., facsims.

This book includes descriptions of Hebrew incunabula found in three of the largest libraries of the U.S.S.R.: the Lenin State Library in Moscow, the M.E. Saltykov-Shchedrin State Public Library in Leningrad, and the library of the Leningrad branch of the U.S.S.R. Institute of the Academy of Sciences. lakerson's earlier catalog of the Hebrew incunabula in the latter library (Leningrad, 1985) is superseded by this publication.

The catalog lists 43 titles in 111 copies and fragments. The majority were received by the libraries from three book collectors: Moses Friedland (1826-1899), Daniel Chwolson (1819-1911), and David Günzburg (1857-1910).

This reference work features full bibliographical descriptions in Hebrew and Latin characters, annotations in Russian, bibliographical references and indexes of authors, titles, printers, owners, and more.

*16. Jewish National and University Library. Hebrew Printing in Poland (till the Mid-17th Century): Exhibition and Catalogue prepared by Isaac Yudlov [on the occasion of the] International Conference on the History and Culture of Polish Jews. Jerusalem: Hebrew

University, Center for Research on the History and Culture of Polish Jews, 1988. 25, [3] p., illus., facsims. In Hebrew. \$5.

A fascinating survey of the history of Hebrew printing in Poland from its beginnings in the 1530s through the 1690s is provided in both Hebrew and English in this catalog of early printed books. Each entry is annotated by the erudite compiler, with pertinent information about the author, printer, and/or the book's contents.

*17. [Marciano, Eliahu Raphael]. [Sefer Bene Melakhim: A History of the Hebrew Book in Morocco from 1517 to 1989.] Jerusalem: Mekhon Harasha"m (Reḥov Aviad 18), 1989. 210, [4] p. In Hebrew. NIS 25 (about \$15).

This is the first comprehensive bibliographical study of Hebrew printing in Morocco. Marciano lists more than 1,000 items, among them responsa, novellae in Bible and Talmud, sermons, and liturgical poetry. The entries are arranged by place of printing: Fez, Tangier, Rabat, Casablanca, and others. Most of the entries are annotated. Author and title indexes refer to entry numbers.

About half the works documented consist of single leaves. Some of them are amulets, and some are handbills which supply important biographical information on communal personalities and important historical information about Moroccan communities. A twenty-page introduction surveys the history of Hebrew printing in Morocco.

VI. Dictionaries

*18. Dictionnaire Français-Yiddish, élaboré par Samuel Kerner et Bernard Vaisbrot. Paris: Comité pour la Langue et la Culture Yiddish en France (Distributor: Bibliothèque Medem, 52 rue René-Boulanger, 75010 Paris), 1989. xl, 527, [10] p. ISBN 2-904074-00-7. FF. 280 (about \$56).

*19. Harduf, David Mendel. Transliterated English-Yiddish Dictionary = Transliterirter English-Yidisher Verterbuch [sic]. v. 1: A-H; v. 2: I-Z. Willowdale, Ont.: Harduf Books, c1989-1990. 2 v. ISBN 0-920243-18-5.

The Yiddish words in this dictionary are given in both Hebrew characters and in

transliteration. For example: abandon = farlozen, oifgeben; abbreviate = farkirtsen; abroad = in oisland. The compiler's Transliterated Yiddish-English Dictionary was published in 1987.

*20. Kna'ani, Ya'akov. Dictionary of Shlonsky's Neologisms. Tel-Aviv: Sifriat Poalim, 1989. 248 p. In Hebrew. ISBN 965-04-2084-3. NIS 64 (about \$33).

Almost 6,000 new Hebrew words coined by Abraham Shlonsky (1900-1973) are listed in this dictionary. Among them are dapas (printer), dardekai (childish), dinden (rang), and dirben (urged).

21. Sokoloff, Michael. A Dictionary of Jewish Palestinian Aramaic of the Byzantine Period. Ramat-Gan: Bar-llan University Press, 1990. 832 p. ISBN 965-226-101-7, \$99.

Jewish Palestinian Aramaic was the language spoken and written by the Jews of the land of Israel during the Talmudic and post-Talmudic periods (3rd to 8th centuries B.C.E.).

This Aramaic-English dictionary is the most comprehensive dictionary for the language since Jastrow's was published in 1903, and it is superior to the latter in that Sokoloff makes use of the manuscript sources discovered during the last hundred years in European libraries and in the Cairo Genizah. This reference book is intended for scholars working in the fields of Aramaic and Semitic linguistics and rabbinic literature.

*22. Zlochevsky, Huzeff. Dicionário Básico Português-Hebraico. a ed. São Paulo: Organização Sionista, Tnuat Alia (Rua Correa Mello 75), 1988. v, 150, 197, iv p. \$8.50.

VII. Hebrew Literature

23. [From Mendele to Now; A List of Articles about Hebrew Authors from "Index of Articles on Jewish Studies" (Rambi), volumes 1-29.] Compiled by Hillel Yofe. For Internal Use. Jerusalem: Bloomfield Library for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Mount Scopus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1991. 3, [12], 331 p. NIS 85 (about \$45).

When the Index of Articles on Jewish Studies (known by its Hebrew acronym, Rambi) began publication in 1969, it was heralded as an unprecedented tool for Jewish studies research. Today, however, the researcher must go through 29 volumes in order to find the material he needs.

This cumulation of articles on Hebrew literature was prepared to make it easier for students of Hebrew literature at the Hebrew University to find the articles in that field that have been indexed in Rambi. There is more good news concerning the cumulation of articles listed in Rambi: a project is underway at the Central Library of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba) to cumulate all the existing volumes of Rambi.

In addition, because Rambi has been prepared by computer since volume 30 (1988), cumulations from that volume on are a simple matter. The Aleph system is being used for input of the data, and eventually Rambi will be available online to all libraries in the Aleph network.

VIII. Jewish Law

*24. Assaf, David. Concordance to the Mishneh Torah, Being the Yad Hachazakah of Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon Maimonides. Jerusalem: Rudman Foundation; Jewish Writers Cooperative Press and Guild Micropublishing (P.O.B. 7545), 1990. 57 microfiche. \$167.

The first volume of this concordance was published in 1950, and the tenth volume, which covered the letter mem, was published in 1990 by the Maimonides Research Institute (P.O.B. 9049) in Haifa. This microfiche edition makes an important halakhic finding aid available to many.

The same publisher has published another important concordance on microfiche: the 42-volume work by Chaim Joshua Kasowsky, Otsar Leshon Ha-Talmud = Thesaurus Talmudis (Concordance to the Babylonian Talmud), and has made the monumental Torah Shelema by Menachem Kasher available on microfiche.

25. Index to Legal Periodicals in Israel, 1982-1985. Editor: Esther Mann Snyder; Assistant Editor: Batya Razinsky. Ramat-Gan: Bar-llan University, Faculty of Law Library; Tel-Aviv: Israel Bar Publishing House, 1990. 15, 328, xxIII, H p. NIS 80 (about \$40).

The bulk of the material in the 30 periodicals and collections of articles indexed here is in Hebrew. A separate English section includes articles from Dine Israel, Israel Law Review, Tel-Aviv Studies in Law, Sefer Bar-Niv, Israel Reports to the International Conference of Comparative Law, and the Israel Yearbook of Human Rights.

The articles are arranged under such categories as: agunot, adoption, autopsies, Chief Rabbinate, converts, religious courts, wages - Jewish Law, civil law - Jewish law, and "Who is a Jew."

*26. Kahane. Baruch. "[List of Sources about Eretz Israel in Halakha and Agadah]" In: Eretz Tzvi : a Collection of Essays about the Land of Israel in Commemoration of Tzvi Menachem Glatt. . . Jerusalem: [Friends of Tzvi Menachem] (Yeshivat Merkaz Harav Kook, Rehov Ben Dor 12, Jerusalem), 1989. p. 251-340. In Hebrew, NIS 22 (about \$12) for entire volume.

Over 200 books in the categories rishonim, aharonim, responsa, commentaries, kabalah, ethics, philosophy, and Hasidism were examined for this bibliog-

The entries are arranged under broad categories such as the commandment to live in the Land of Israel, the holiness of the Land, the Jewish nation and the Land, and the Torah and the Land. These categories are broken down into detailed topics. Each entry for a specific topic refers to the books in which the topic is discussed, with exact page references.

The author's Index to Commentaries on Maimonides' Mishneh Torah (the computer-readable version of which was reviewed in JL v.5 no. 1, p. 93) is now available in hard copy: Jerusalem: Makhon Le-Halakhah Berurah U-Verur Halakhah (Yeshivat Merkaz Harav Kook, Rehov Ben Dor 12), 1991, 838, 31p. About \$40.

*27. Rakover, Nahum. The Multi-Language Bibliography of Jewish Law. Jerusalem: Library of Jewish Law (P.O.B. 7483), 1990. 871, 39 p. NIS 139 (about \$70).

The subject of Jewish law (mishpat 'ivri) covers a diverse range of topics, which reflects the fact that Jewish law encompasses all that is of human concern. Among the subjects covered in this bibliography are ecology, abortion, euthanasia, human rights, clemency for criminals, war and the military. Over 15,000 books, articles, and doctoral dissertations in languages other than Hebrew are listed, and there are detailed indexes to facilitate use of the bibliography.

The section entitled "Biographies of the Sages," which is arranged by their names, lists scholarly articles about outstanding sages (halakhic authorities). An index refers to the bibliographic entries from alternate forms of the sages' names.

The author's earlier work, Otzar Ha-mish-pat: A Bibliography of Jewish Law (Jerusalem, 1975. 546p.), listed over 12,000 Hebrew books and articles on the subject. The second volume of Otzar Ha-mishpat (Jerusalem, 1990. 588 p. \$40.00) lists 8,965 Hebrew books and articles that appeared from 1974 to 1988.

Evidence of the growing interest in Jewish law is the recent publication of a similar bibliography in the United States:

Jewish Law: Bibliography of Sources and Scholarship in English, compiled by Phyllis Holman Weisbard and David Schonberg, with a foreword by Menachem Elon. Littleton, CO: Fred B. Rothman & Co., 1989. xviii, 558 p. ISBN 0-8377-1350-1.

Like Rakover's, it is arranged by subject, with author and subject indexes. However, the subject breakdown of the American publication is more specific, and if an item is pertinent to more than one subject heading, the bibliographic data are repeated in their entirety under a second and sometimes under a third and a fourth. This practice tends to inflate the size of the bibliography. Rakover's bibliography is far more comprehensive, not only because it includes material in French, German, and other languages, but also because a comparison of entries revealed that Rakover includes much English-language material that is not found in Weisbard and Schonberg's bibliography.

IX. Gematriya

*28. [Gematrikon: a Dictionary of Gematrias]. Jerusalem: Shalom-Tziyyon (25 Sorotzkin St.), 1990. 649 p. In Hebrew. NIS 32 (about \$18).

Gematria is the calculation of the numerical value of Hebrew letters in a specific word or phrase. This book gives the calculations; the user has only to decide what number he wants to use. It is arranged by number, from one to one thousand. Under each number there is a list of words, phrases, and verses whose numerical value equals that number. Among the 40 entries under the number 17, for example, are tov (good), av ohev (loving father) and ba david (David comes).

This is a useful source for composing greetings and for indicating dates in the form of chronograms on Hebrew titlepages.

X. Biography

*29. [Aharoni, Meir. Who and What in the Sharon: People and Deeds]. Beersheba: Mi U-Mah Le-Tikshoret Mekomit (P.O.B. 750), 1989. 368 p., illus., ports. In Hebrew. NIS 85 (about \$45).

The Sharon Plain, which extends north of Tel-Aviv, is one of Israel's foremost farming areas. This biographical dictionary is arranged by towns in the Sharon area: Herzliya, Hod Hasharon, Raanana, Kfar Saba, and others. Persons who have made significant contributions in government, science, industry, education, and other fields are listed. Each entry includes detailed information about the person, as well as a photograph.

Communal institutions and important industries are also described for each town. A general name index and an institutional index complete the book.

30. Cohen, Yitzchok Yosef. Sages of Transylvania, 1630-1944. Jerusalem: Hungarian Sages Memorial Project, Machon Yerushalayim (P.O.B. 100), 1989. xv, 298, 280 p. In Hebrew. NIS 80 (about \$40).

Transylvania was a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire up to the end of World War I, and has since then been part of Romania. A survey of the history of the Jews of Transylvania, and especially of their Torah literature, comprises the first section of this work.

In the second, biographical section, entitled Transylvanian Sages and Their Writings, about 800 persons who served as rabbis or religious functionaries before the Holocaust are listed alphabetically. Only scholars who wrote in Hebrew (as opposed to Hungarian or German) are included.

The author, formerly head of the Hebrew Cataloging Department at the JNUL, has published bibliographical studies on Transylvanian Jewry in *Kiryat Sefer, Aresheth*, and *Hama'ayan*.

31. Lipsitz, Edmond Y. Canadian Jewry Today: Who's Who in Canadian Jewry. Downsview, Ontario: J.E.S.L. Educational Products (Box 1183, Postal Station B, Downsview, Ontario M3H 5V6), 1989. 198 p. ISBN 0-9691264-6-8.

About 400 men and women who have made a contribution in a particular field of endeavor or in Jewish life are listed here. The format follows that of Lipsitz' earlier work, Canadian Jewish Women of Today: Who's Who of Canadian Jewish Women. (Downsview, Ont.: J.E.S.L. Educational Products, 1983). The first section of the book is made up of articles about Canadian Jewry, and there is an index by professions.

32. [Mazouz, Shoshan]. "Sefer Anshe Hashem: [A Survey of the Books of the Scholars and the Rabbis of Tunisia, with Their Biographies.]" In his: Sefer Mayim Hayim. Nahariya: the Author (Distributor: Maimon Yisrael, P.O.B. 2013), 1989. 39 leaves. In Hebrew. NIS 25 (about \$15).

This publication represents an effort to list every sage in Tunisia known from literary sources. In order to distinguish among those with the same acronym, the author consulted elders of the community for orally transmitted traditions. First published in his book *Sefer Refa'el Hamal'akh* (Nahariya, 1982), which is now out of print, "Sefer Anshe Hashem" consists of two alphabetical sections.

The first is arranged by titles of books; the second by the names of sages. The length of the biographical entries depends on the amount of information available to the author. The longer entries include lists of the subject's writings, his communal positions, teachers, students, and so on.

Other biographical dictionaries of Tunisian Jews are Benjamin Raphael Cohen's *Malkhei Tarshish* [A History of Tunisian Rabbis], described in JL, v. 4,

no. 2 (1988/89), p.196, and Hakhme Yisra'el be-Djerba ube-Tunis [A History of the Sages of Djerba and Tunisia...] (Jerusalem: Bet Ha-otsar Ha-'ivri, 1982), which describes 37 of the most outstanding personalities.

*33. [Shapiro, Aharon]. Sefer Yeme Zikaron: [Yahrzeit Days: Biographies of Hasidic Personalities Whose Yarhzeit Falls in the Month of Nisan.] Bene Brak: the Author (Rehov Abramsky 37), 1989. vii, *165 p. In Hebrew. NIS 10 (about \$5).

Sixty-nine Hasidic tsadikim are described in this first volume in a series of twelve, one for each of the Jewish months. The book is arranged by the days of the month, and, unfortunately, there is no name index. The information given for each *tsadik* includes his family tree, sayings, customs, and deeds.

XI. World Jewry

34. Asia-Pacific Survival Guide for the Jewish Traveller. Melbourne: Asia-Pacific Jewish Association (GPO Box 5402 CC), 1988. 116 p., illus. U.S. \$5.

This pocket-size guide is arranged by countries: Australia, Burma, China, Fiji, and so on. The information about the Jewish community in each country includes addresses and phone numbers of organizations, synagogues, and contact persons; historical background; how to find kosher food; and names of Jewish newspapers. There are also many photographs of synagogues and other Jewish sites, as well as of members of the Jewish community.

35. **Belling, Veronica**. Bibliography of Yiddish and Hebrew Books and Periodicals published in South Africa, by South Africans, or about South Africa, in the Jewish Studies Collection, University of Cape Town Libraries. Cape Town: 1990. 6 p.

This list of about 100 items found in the Jewish Studies Collection of the University of Capetown's library will be of interest to researchers on South African Jewry and on Yiddish literature.

36. Biblioteca Italo-Ebraica: Bibliografia per la Storia degli Ebrei in Italia, 1974-1985, di Aldo Luzzatto. Milano: Franco Angeli, 1989. 258 p. (Publications of the Diaspora Research Unit, Tel-Aviv University, v. 68). Lir. 32,000 (about \$29).

This multilingual bibliography on the history of the Jews in Italy is indexed by persons, places, and subjects. Among the subjects are assimilation, biography, ghetto, Hebrew printing, theater and Zionism.

This work continues Luzzatto's Bibliotheca Italo-Ebraica, 1964-1973 (Roma: Carucci, 1982, c1981), which in turn continued Bibliotheca Historica Italo-Judaica, by Attilo Milano (Firenze: Sansoni Antiquariato, 1954), and Milano's supplement for 1954-1963 (Firenze: 1964).

37. Coppenhagen, Jacob H. De Israelitische 'Kerk' en der Staat deer Nederlanden: hun Betrekkingen Tussen 1814 en 1870. Amsterdam: Nederlands-Israelietisch Kerkgenootschap (Van der Boechorststraat 26), 1988. 198 p. ISBN 90-71727-11-4. Dfl. 22 (about \$14).

The relationship between the various local Jewish communities of the Netherlands and the Dutch government from 1814 to 1870 is documented in this bibliography. During the first part of this period, the government's interference in internal Jewish matters was marked. Later, following the events of 1848, the government gradually withdrew from interference in religious affairs, and by 1870, the Jewish communities were self-governing.

The bibliography is arranged under such categories as the Portuguese community, the Ashkenazi community, Jews in the Dutch West Indies, education, institutions for the needy, and biographies. The work includes indexes of persons and places.

*38. Mount Scopus Library for the Humanities and Social Sciences. A Catalog of the Jacob Shatzky Collection of "Polonica Judaica," prepared by Shaul Stampfer, with the assistance of Moshe (Murray Jay) Rosman and Adam Teller. Jerusalem: Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Center for Research on the History and Culture of Polish Jews, 1989. 41 p. (Polish Jewry Bibliographical Series, 5). NIS 10 (about \$7).

The late Jacob Shatzky was an important historian of Eastern European Jewry and an avid book collector who bequeathed his extensive library to the Hebrew University. One of the most valuable items in it is his collection of articles, pamphlets, offprints, and

ephemera, bound in twelve volumes stamped *Polonica Judaica*.

This material is rare, some of it is unknown, and all of it is of great interest to students of Polish-Jewish history. This publication provides a guide to the contents of those volumes. Most of the material is in Polish, but English titles or English translations are given for each entry.

39 a. Pinkas Hakehillot: Encyclopedia of Jewish Communities. . . Poland, v. 4: Warsaw and its Region. Editor: Abraham Wein. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1989. 24, 482 p., illus., maps. In Hebrew. ISBN 965-308-007-5. \$40.

*39 b. *Pinkas Hakehillot: Encyclopedia of Jewish Communities . . . Poland, v. 5: Volhynia and Polesie.* [Editor]: Shmuel Spector. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1990. 9*, 341 p., illus., maps. In Hebrew. ISBN 965-308-011-3. \$40.

*40. Pinkas Hakehillot: Encyclopedia of Jewish Communities . . . Yugoslavia. Editor: Zvi Loker. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1988. 382 p., illus., maps, ports. In Hebrew. ISBN 965-308-006-7. \$40.

These new volumes in the excellent *Pinkas Hakehillot* series are indexed by persons and places.

*41. **Ratzaby, Yehuda**. "The Yemenite Jews, Literature and Studies: Bibliography, 1982-1987." Jerusalem: 1990. p. 785-865. In: *Kiryat Sefer*, v. 62 (1988/89), nos. 3/4.

This multilingual bibliography of 2,532 books and articles written from 1982 to 1987 continues Ratzaby's earlier bibliographies on Yemenite Jews. The first, covering 1935-1975, appeared as a seventy-two page supplement to *Kiryat Sefer*, v. 50 (1974/75), and the second, covering 1976-1981, appeared in *Kiryat Sefer*, v. 56 (1981), p. 497-528.

The latest bibliography in the series is arranged by subject, with author indexes. Among the subject headings are Rabbinical Literature, Kabalah, Prayers and Liturgical Poems, Folklore, Language and Grammar, History, Yemenite Jews in Israel, and Medicine.

An offprint may be ordered from the Jewish National and University Library (P.O.B. 503, Jerusalem) for \$5.00. An

offprint of parts 1-3 is priced at \$10.00.

42. Répertoire des Périodiques Juifs parus en Belgique de 1841 à 1986, . . . par Daniel Dratwa. Bruxelles: Centre d'Études du Judaisme Contemporain, Institut de Sociologie de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1988. 87 p. Dfl. 27.50 (about \$16.50).

This is a listing of 377 Jewish periodicals printed in Belgium in French, Flemish, Hebrew, and Yiddish. It supersedes Zosa Szajkowski's "Répertoire des Périodiques Juifs parus en Belgique de 1841 à 1959," which appeared in Studies in Bibliography & Booklore, v. 4 (1960), p. 103-122, and the additions to it by Maurice Krajzman in his La Presse Juive en Belgique et aux Pays Bas (Bruxelles: 1971).

43. Wiesemann, Falk. Bibliographie zur Geschichte der Juden in Bayern. München: K.G. Saur, 1989. xv, 8 p. of plates, 263 p., illus. (Bibliographien zur deutsch-juedischen Geschichte, Bd. 1). ISBN 3-598-10832-X. DM 58.

Close to 3,000 books and articles on Bavarian Jewry are listed in this bibliography under categories such as the rabbinate, synagogues, converts, names, biographies, Hebrew printing, local history, Jewish language, and Jewish literature. Most of the entries are in German, but there is some English material. The entries are indexed by author.

XII. Israel-Bibliography

*44. [Cumulated List of Catalog Cards, 1948-1978.] Jerusalem: Center for Public Libraries in Israel (P.O.B. 242), 1989. 2 v. (1,070 p.) In Hebrew. ISBN 965-231-004-21. NIS 104 (about \$53).

*45. [Cumulated List of Catalog Cards, 1979-1988.] Jerusalem: Center for Public Libraries in Israel (P.O.B. 242), 1989. 880 p. In Hebrew. ISBN 965-231-005-0. NIS 104 (about \$53).

These publications reproduce the cataloging information distributed by the Center for Public Libraries to Israeli public libraries from 1948 through 1988. The catalog cards are arranged by author or other main entry, with a title index.

With over 44,000 entries (26,638 entries in the volumes for 1948-1978, and

17,893 entries in the volume for 1979-1988), this is in effect a comprehensive, cumulated bibliography of Israeli publications, including Judaica.

A volume listing the cards for 1948-1978 was first published in 1981, but it contained only brief cataloging information. This edition gives full cataloging data, including tracings for added authors, Dewey numbers, and card numbers, for ordering purposes.

The volumes are computer-produced, and the cataloging information is available in machine-readable form to libraries which have computerized catalogs. Other libraries may use these volumes to copy the cataloging information or to order sets of cards.

Current cataloging information, from 1988 onward, is distributed on microfiche, which are cumulated regularly.

*46. The State of Israel: An Annotated Bibliography. Volume III, 1976-1988, by Hadassah and Jacob Rothschild. Jerusalem: Center for Public Libraries in Israel (P.O.B. 242), 1989. 657, 24 p. ISBN 965-231-010-7. NIS 90 (about \$46).

Continuing Assia Neuberg's bibliographies, *Medinat Yisrael (The State of Israel)*, volume 1, 1948-1968 and volume 2, 1969-1975, this multilingual volume brings the series up to the fortieth anniversary of the state.

The bibliography lists 9,555 monographs and completed series in all languages. Among the categories listed are the struggle for independence, the Arablsraeli conflict, family, educational institutes, ethnic groups, Israel and the Christian world, laws and judgments, and religion. The subject arrangement is complemented by a name index containing both Hebrew and Latin characters.

47. Le Sionisme et l'État d'Israel (Ouvrages en Langue Française): Bibliographie. Clichy: INALCO, Centre de Documentation et de Recherche Études Hebraïques et Juives, Modernes et Contemporaines (104, quai de Clichy, 92110 Clichy, France), 1988. 3, [72] p.

Over 200 entries are listed under subjects such as State of Israel, Israeli society, anti-Zionism, and biographies. Translations of Israeli literature into

French are also represented in this bibliography, which is indexed by author.

XIII. Israeli Newspaper Indexes

48. Israel-Events: A Record of Events that Occurred in Israel, and International Events Concerning Israel and the Jewish World. Editor: Moshe Sharon. Herzlia: Sharon Software Documentation (Hatanaim Street 7/18), 1988-1990. In English. Annual subscription: \$250. Back issues: \$.50 per page.

This excellent product filled a long-felt need for an events index to the Israeli daily press, as existing indexes cover articles only. (See JL, v. 1, no. 2 (1984) p. 108, and JL, v. 4, no. 2 (1988/89), p. 195.)

This publication is arranged chronologically, with each entry containing a summary of a news story. A detailed subject index refers the user to entry numbers. The news pages were sent out once a month, and a cumulated index was distributed every third month. Printouts on specific subjects were available.

Israel Events ceased publication with the first issue of 1990. The reason for this may be that the Jerusalem Post began producing its full-text database in January, 1989.

The Jerusalem Post is now widely available online, and will shortly appear on CD-ROM. The address for information about its online service is P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem or fax 972-2-389527.

The Jerusalem Post and several bibliographic databases on CD-ROM are produced in Israel by CDI-Compact Disc International Ltd. (P.O.B. 6, Karmiel. Fax 972-4-983124). Their annual subscription prices to libraries are as follows:

Jerusalem Post, 1992: \$495. Retrospective discs, 1989-90: \$395; 1991: \$495. Entire set, including 1992: \$895.

Index to Hebrew Periodicals (Haifa University Library) \$700.

Current Research in Social Sciences (Szold Institute) \$600.

Research on Computers in Education (Szold Institute) \$200.

(A subscription to both Szold databases is \$700.)

XIV. Cults In Israel

*49. Amir, Shimon ["Sources".] In: [Cults in Israel: How they Attract Adherents.] Tel-Aviv: 1987. p. 427-446. M.A. Thesis, Tel-Aviv University. In Hebrew.

The bibliography appended to this dissertation lists mainly Hebrew publications about the influence of cults in Israel.

*50. **Israel.** [Inter-Departmental Committee to Examine the Subject of Cults in Israel.] *Report*, presented by the Chairperson of the Committee, Miriam Glazer-Taasa [to the Minister of Education]. Jerusalem: 1987. 37, 343, 31, 19, 18, 74 p. In Hebrew. NIS 60 (about \$30).

Appendix A, which covers 343 pages, and which constitutes the bulk of this report, details the ideologies, aims, and activities in Israel of cults such as Scientology, the Unification Church ("Moonies"), the Hare Krishna movement, Divine Light Mission, EST (Erhard Seminars Training), Emin (which originated in England), Transcendental Meditation (Maharashi Mahesh Yogi), Ananda Marga, and Bhagwan Rajneesh.

The 74-page bibliography includes Hebrew publications as well as many items in other languages, primarily English.

XV. Israeli Publishers

*51 Israel ISBN Agency 965. Israel ISBN Publisher's Index. 9th ed. Jerusalem: Center for Public Libraries in Israel (P.O.B. 242), 1989. 13, 12 p. [No ISBN!]

Publishers' names, addresses, and ISBN [International Standard Book Number] designations are given in Hebrew and English. There is also an index by ISBN prefix leading to name of publisher. 965 is the code for Israel, which precedes each publisher prefix.

XVI. Geography of Israel

52. **Reeg, Gottfried.** *Die Ortsnamen Israels nach der rabbinischen Literatur.* Weisbaden: L. Reichert, 1989. vii, 696 p.

(Beihefte zum Tübinger Atlas des Vorderen Orients, Reihe B, Nr. 51). ISBN 3-88226-456-X. DM 120.

Arranged alphabetically by Hebrew placename, with Latin-character transliteration, this is the material upon which the map Israel According to Rabbinic Literature of the Tübinger Atla des Vorderen Orients is based.

Reeg's book, which has introductions in Hebrew and English, lists 674 places. Each entry provides variant spellings, sources in rabbinic literature (primarily Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash), and bibliographic references. Both Biblical and rabbinic names are given, including such variant names as Panyas for Dan, and Raqqat for Teveryah (Tiberias).

XVII. Museums in Israel

*53. [Guide to Museums in Kibbutzim], edited by Ely Schiller. Jerusalem: Ministry of Education and Culture, Ariel Publishing House (P.O.B. 3328), 1988. 124 p., illus. ([Ariel – Journal for the Study of Eretz Israel], no. 60, June 1988). In Hebrew. NIS 20 (about \$10).

The kibbutz museums described in this special issue of *Ariel* have a variety of collections. Kibbutz Ḥanitah specializes in artifacts from the Byzantine period. Kibbutz Loḥame Hagetaot, founded by survivors of the Holocaust, has models of concentration camps and other exhibits concerned with the Holocaust. Bet Gordon, in Kibbutz Deganiah Aleph, has a collection of rare stuffed birds and fish, especially those connected with the Kinneret valley.

Each entry in the guide includes a description of the collections, visiting hours, mailing address, and telephone numbers.

*54. [Guide to Pioneering Localities: Sites, Buildings, Museums, edited by Nehama Novenstern and Yael Chaver.] Jerusalem: Ministry of Education and Culture, 1989. 134 p., illus. In Hebrew. NIS 29 (about \$15).

Museums in places that were important in the resettlement of Israel since the 1880s are the subject of this guide. Among the pioneering localities covered are Petah Tikvah, "Mother of the Moshavot"; Kfar Tabor, where "Ha-

Shomer," the society of watchmen was founded; Gedera, founded by the Biluim in 1884; and Kfar Etzion, destroyed in 1948 and re-established in 1967. A visit to any of the museums in these places makes history come alive. Each entry in the guide provides address, telephone number, visiting hours, and admission prices, if any, and indicates whether guided tours are available.

*55. **Museums in Israel**, edited by Yehudit Inbar and Ely Schiller. Jerusalem: Ministry of Education and Culture, Ariel Publishing House (P.O.B. 3328), 1990. 271 p., illus. ([Ariel – Journal for the Study of Eretz Israel], nos. 72-74, May, 1990). In Hebrew.

Generously illustrated with photographs of the museums and their artifacts, paintings, and other special exhibits in color and in black and white, this theme issue of *Ariel* is a well-written, comprehensive guide to all the museums in Israel, large and small. It covers the museums listed in the preceding two entries (no. 53-54), but in less detail.

Each entry in this guide indicates when a particular museum is open to the public and includes its address, telephone number, and the name of its director. An important feature is a six-page bibliography of articles (in Hebrew) about museums in Israel.

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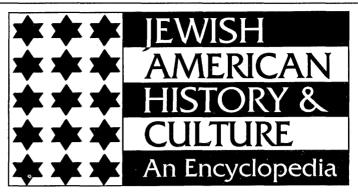
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