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Abstract: The column covers the additions and changes to the Library of Congress classification made from July 1992 to March 1993 in the classes of major importance to Judaica libraries. Recorded here are the usual cutter additions and changes to various topics under class BM (Judaism) and its tables, as well as classes BS (Bible), DS (History) and PJ (Language and Literature). Other classes (i.e., B, BJ, DD, F, HE, PN, RC) that had changes pertaining to Judaica during this period are also included. The article notes several cutter additions under class number DS 135 (History of Jews outside of Palestine, by region or country, A-Z) that reflect the recent demise of the Soviet Union and the former republics' becoming independent states.

Of major significance are the following changes: (1) the breakdown for Jewish ethical philosophers (BJ 1287) was revised, with more general instructions for classification. (2) Under class number BM 675 (Special liturgical works), the cutters for the three major groups of Judaic liturgical books (i.e., Siddur, .D3; Mahzor, .F45; Haggadah, .P4) were removed from BM 675 and placed in their own new class numbers, which allows for greater expansion.

Introduction

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.

The additions and changes to LC classification in this column were culled from the following lists of *LC Classification Additions and Changes*: 247 (July-September 1992), 248 (October-December 1992), and 249 (January-March 1993).

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B—Philosophy (General)

- B
3318 In List 247, the Library of Congress expanded class
J83 number B3318 (Special topics pertaining to the German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, A-Z) with the addition of the cutter .J83 for *Judaism*.

BJ—Ethics

BJ 1287 Class number *BJ1287* (Jewish Ethical Philosophers, A–Z) was revised in List 248. Until now, the breakdown for philosophers was as follows:

- 1287 Ethical philosophers, A–Z
 - Under each:
 - .x Collected works (Original language)
 - .x2 Translations (Collected). By language, A–Z
 - .x3 Separate works, A–Z
 - .x4 Biography. Criticism.

Class anonymous works in BJ1287.Z9

- e.g. Aboab, Isaac, 14th cent.
 - .A15 Original text. By date
 - .A152 Translations. By language, A–Z, and date
 - .A153 Selections. By date
 - .A1532 Translations. By language, A–Z, and date
 - .A154 Biography, criticism, etc.
 - .B2 Bahya ben Joseph ibn Paquda
 - .B4 Berechiah ben Natronai, ha-Nakdan
 - .L8 Luzzato [*sic*], Moses Hayyim
 - .Z9 Anonymous works, A–Z

The following is the revision of the breakdown for class number *BJ1287*:

- Ethical philosophers
 - Aboab, Isaac, 14th cent.
 - 1287 .A15 Original text. By date
 - .A152 Translations. By language, A–Z and date
 - .A153 Selections. By date
 - .A1532 Translations. By language, A–Z, and date
 - .A154 Biography, criticism, etc.
 - .A155-.Z8 Other ethical philosophers, A–Z
 - Under each:
 - .x Collected works (Original language)
 - .x2 Translations (Collected). By language, A–Z
 - .x3 Separate works, A–Z
 - .x4 Biography. Criticism.
 - .Z9 Ano[n]ymous works, A–Z

In the original breakdown, Aboab was used as an example of how to classify the philosophers. Aboab was not a good example, however, because he authored only one work (*Menorat ha-Ma'or*). Therefore, a cutter for collected works would not apply to him. In the new breakdown, the order of the instructions is changed; Aboab is given first as a separate example, with a cutter for selections from his work. Then, the range of cutters *.A155-.Z8 Other ethical philosophers, A–Z* is added for general instructions to the cataloger in classifying the rest of the ethical philosophers.

BM—Judaism

- BM 488 Under class *BM488* (Individual Dead Sea Scrolls, A–Z), the Library of Congress has instructed us in List 248 to alter the structure with notes to move class number *BM488.5* and to change its caption, which to date read *Individual unnamed scrolls by cave no. and manuscript no.*, and to change the note below it:
 - .242
 - .243
 - .244
 - .245
 - .246
 - .247
 - .248
 - .249

*.5 Selections of scrolls from individual caves (*Move "488.5" below; change caption and note below*) Subarranged like BM487

*.5 Cave 4

[*Asterisk indicates a change.]

BM 469.9 The class number *BM469.9* (Special topics in rabbinical literature, A–Z) was expanded by four new cutters in Lists 247 and 249:

- .D73 Dream interpretation
- .H85 Humanism
- .I53 Incense
- .R33 Rain

BM 525 In Lists 247 and 248 the Library of Congress added the following two cutters and notes and expanded one caption under class number *BM525* (Individual cabalistic texts, A–Z). Only the italicized words are the additions.

- .A367–3679 *Ma'aseh merkava*
- .A6M5 Midrash ha-ne'elam *Including Tapuḥe zahav (Midrash ha-ne'elam to the Book of Ruth) Tapuḥe zahav, see .A6M5*
- .A6T5–579 *Tikkunei Zohar. Tikune ha-Zohar*

The last caption expansion (first element) reflects the new AACR2 form for the uniform title.

BM 645 The Library of Congress expanded the class number *BM645* (Other topics in dogmatic Judaism, A–Z) with the addition of the following cutters in List 248:

- .C73 *Creative ability*
- .H85 *Human rights*

BM 670 Lists 248 and 249 added the following two cutters under *BM670* (Special elements in liturgy, A–Z):

- .A69 *Ashmorot*
- .M34 *Malkhuyot*

List 247 reported a major change in class number *BM675* (Special liturgical books, A–Z). The three liturgical books—*Siddur* (designated as cutter *.D3 Daily prayers* under *BM675*), *Mahzor* (designated as cutter *.F45 Festival prayers* under *BM675*), and *Haggadah* (designated as cutter *.P4 Seder service, the Haggadah* under *BM675*) were removed from *BM675* and placed in their own new class numbers, ranging from *BM674.2* to *BM674.795* as follows:

Special liturgical books
Siddur (Daily prayers)
Texts

- 674.2 Ashkenazi or unspecified rite
 - Hebrew only
 - .A3 By date (if editor is unknown)
 - .A5–Z By editor
 - Manuscripts in facsimile. By name
- Translations
 - Polyglot. By editor or translator
 - English. By editor or translator
 - French. By editor or translator
 - German. By editor or translator
 - Russian. By editor or translator
 - Spanish. By editor or translator
 - Yiddish. By editor or translator
 - Other languages, A–Z
 - Subarranged by editor or translator

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BM 674.2 (Continued)

- Other traditional rites
 - .27 Sephardic. By editor
 - .28 Ari. By editor
 - .29 Hasidic. By editor [!]
 - .293 Other. By rite as given in uniform title
- Non-traditional rites
 - .32 Conservative. By editor or institution given in uniform title
 - .33 Reconstructionist. By editor or institution given in uniform title
 - .34 Reform. By editor or institution given in uniform title
 - Including European liberal
 - .35 Other. By editor or institution given in uniform title
 - .36 Adaptations for children. By editor or institution given in uniform title or added entry
 - .39 Criticism
 - .4-59 Mahzor (Festival prayers)
 - Subarranged like BM674.2-BM674.39
 - .6-79 Haggadah
 - Subarranged like BM674.2-674.39
 - .795 Miscellaneous adaptations

As a result of these above changes to BM675, the following captions were changed to references, and two notes were reworded to direct catalogers to the new class numbers.

- (.D3) Daily prayers, see BM674.2-BM674.39
- (.F45) Festival prayers, see BM674.4-BM674.59 Haggadah, see BM674.6-BM674.79
- (.P4) Seder service (The Haggadah), see BM674.6-BM674.79
- Siddur, see BM674.2-BM674.39

This new schedule allows for greater expansion and more flexibility in distinguishing, within a particular class, which language or rite a particular liturgical book uses. In addition, the special cutters created for designating *Hasidic works* should be very helpful to the cataloger. The only negative aspect of the new schedule that this author sees is that it takes these three genres out of the alphabetical sequence in which LC arranges other Jewish liturgical books.

BM 675 The Library of Congress expanded *BM675* (Special liturgical books, A-Z) in Lists 247 and 249 with the following two cutters:

- .H55 *Holocaust Remembrance Day prayers*
- .T82 *Tu bi-Shevat prayers*

BM 755 List 247 added the following new cutter and note under H73 class number *BM755* (Biography of individual Rabbis and Jewish leaders, A-Z):

- .H73 *Horowitz, Jacob Isaac, d. 1815. Jacob Isaac, ha-Hozeh, Mi-Lublin, 1745-1815, see .H73*

BM Table III In *Table III* (Special Midrashim, BM517), List 249 added the following new cutter:

- .A63-633 .A63-633 *Midrash aleph beth*

BM Table IV In *Table IV* (Authors of Responsa) the following cutters and notes are to be added to the schedule, according to List 247:

- .39.R3 .39.R3 *Graubart, Issachar Berish, 1847-1913*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Yisakhar Berish, a.b.d.k. Bendin vehagalil, 1847-1913, see .39.R3
- .44.A23 .44.A23 *Isaac Abraham ben Dov Berush, Ha-Kohen, 18th cent.*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Yitshak Avraham ben Dov Berush, 18th cent, see .44.A23
- .6.E715 .6.E715 *Lermann, Elijah*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Eliyahu ben Avraham Yuzpa, me-'ir Pulav, see .6.E715
- .71.U3 .71.U3 *Münz, Moses, ca. 1750-1831*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Mintz, Mose, ca. 1750-1831, see .71.U3
- .72.B56 .72.B56 *Nabon, Benjamin Mordecai*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Navon, Benjamin Mordecai ben Ephraim, 1788-1851, see .72.B56
- .8.I3 .8.I3 *Ridbaz, Jacob David, 1845-1913*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Willowski, Jacob David be Ze'ev, 1845-1913, see .8.I3
- .85.H37 .85.H37 *Shangi, Isaac*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Ibn Shang'i, Yitshak ben Eliyahu, d. 1761, see .85.H37
- .87.P4 .87.P4 *Sperber, David*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Shperber, David, see .87.P4
- .87.T388 .87.T388 *Sternberg, Chaim Elijah*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Shternberg, Hayim Eliy. (Hayim Eliyahu), see .87.T388

BS—The Bible

BS 580 List 247 added the new cutter .C33 for *Caleb* under C33 *BS580* (Individual Old Testament characters, A-Z).

BS 649 Under class number *BS649* (Prophecy of special future events, A-Z), List 249 added the cutter .B33 for *Bahai Faith*. (Bahai is a religious system, founded in 1863, which emphasizes the spiritual unity of mankind.)

BS 656 The Library of Congress instructs us in List 247 to move class number *BS656* (Meteorology, one of the special topics in Bible and science) below the word Meteorology and to change the caption next to 656 and add the decimal division .5 as follows:

- Meteorology*
- BS656 General works*
- .5 Storms*

BS 680 The class number *BS680* (Auxiliary topics about the Bible, not otherwise provided for, A–Z), has been expanded in Lists 247 and 249 with the following cutters and note:

.F38 *Fatherhood*
.F55 *First fruits*
Storms, see BS656.5
.S79 *Stress (Psychology)*

BS 1199 In Lists 247 and 248, the Library of Congress added the following cutters under the class number *BS1199* (Topics about, or in, the Old Testament, not elsewhere provided for, A–Z):

.A25 *Abnormalities, Human*
.B43 *Bedouins*
.E35 *Economics*
.S68 *Space perception*
.S9 *Sun Worship*

DD—Germany

DD 256 Under the class number *DD256* (Period of World War II, 1939–1945), List 248 reports an alteration and expansion in the scope of *DD256.3*. Until now, the number *DD256.3*

DD 256.3 had the caption *Resistance movements against National Socialist Regime*. Now we are instructed to move *DD256.3* below this caption and add the following two decimal breakdowns for this topic under class number *DD256*:

DD 256.35 *256.3 General Works*
256.35 Assassination attempts against Hitler

DS—Jewish History

DS 79.744 Lists 247 and 249 expand the class number *DS79.744* (Other topics of the Persian Gulf War, 1990–1991) with the addition of the following cutters and note:

Civil affairs, see DS79.744.C58
.C58 *Civilian relief. Civil affairs*
.L64 *Logistics*

DS 113.8 E83 In *Judaica Librarianship*, vol. 4, no. 2 (Spring 1988–Winter 1989), p. 155, the author noted the addition of the cutter *.F34* for *Falashas* or *Ethiopian Jews* under class number *DS113.8* (Other elements in Israel's population, A–Z), and commented that the cutter failed to take note of the controversial nature of the term "Falashas." In List 248, the Library of Congress has now added the cutter *.E83* for *Ethiopians* under *DS113.8*. Along with this addition comes the deletion of the offensive cutter *.F34* for *Falashas*. It is interesting to note that a similar change was made in LC Subject Headings from *Falashas* to *Jews, Ethiopian*.

DS 135 In the same list, the Library of Congress has responded to the demise of the Soviet Union and the former republics' becoming independent states, with the enumeration of the following countries under *DS135* (History of Jews outside of Palestine, by region or country, A–Z):

.A96 *Azerbaijan*
.B38 *Belarus*
.E73 *Estonia*
.G28 *Georgia (Republic)*
.K39 *Kazakhstan*
.K97 *Kyrgyzstan*

.L3–33 *Latvia*
.M64 *Moldova*
.T34 *Tajikistan*
.T85 *Turkmenistan*
.U4–43 *Ukraine*
.U92 *Uzbekistan*

We are also instructed to delete a *see* reference from Lithuania, leading us to *DS135.R93L55* (Russia), and to add Lithuania as a new cutter under *DS135*:

* .5–53 *Lithuania (Add ".5–53"; change line from reference)*

[* Asterisk indicates a change.]

In consonance with this change, we are told to delete the cutter *.L55* from *DS135.R93L55*:

[*R93* Local places in Russia, A–Z]

* *.L55 Lithuania*
(*Cancel line.*)

E–F—History, America

F 3359 J4 Under the class number *F3359* (Individual elements in the population of Bolivia, A–Z), List 249 added the following cutter:

.J4 *Jews*

H—Sociology and Economics

HE 6183 Z56 The same list added the following cutter under *HE6183* (Postage stamps. By topic, A–Z):
.Z56 *Zionism*

PJ—Oriental Philology and Literature

PJ 5030 P64 List 249 added the following cutter under *PJ5030* (Special topics, A–Z, in Hebrew fiction):
.P64 *Politics*

PJ 5050 J83 Under class number *PJ5050* (Individual medieval authors and works through 1700, A–Z), the same list added the cutter *.J83* for *Judah ben Isaac ibn Shabbethai, 13th cent.*

PJ 5051 H3 The following cutter and note were added by List 249 to *PJ5051* (Individual modern authors, A–Z, 1701–1820):
.H3 *Hayyim Abraham ben Aryeh Löb, 18th/19th cent.*

The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Katz, Hayim Avraham ben Aryeh Leyb, 18th/19th cent., see .H3

PJ 5052 Class number *PJ5052* (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A–Z, 1821–1885) was expanded in Lists 247, 248, and 249, with the following cutters and note:

.G8 *Günzburg, Mordecai Aaron, 1795–1846*
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Guenzburg, Mordecai Aaron, 1795–1846, see .G8

.S32 *Schulman, Kalman, 1819–1899*
.W37 *Weissbrem, Israel, 1839–ca. 1916*

PJ 5053 Class number *PJ5053* (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A–Z, 1886–1945) was expanded in Lists 247, 248, and 249. The Library of Congress added notes, and also added and/or changed the headings for the following authors and their respective cutters:

.A43 Alper, Rebekah
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Alper, Rivkah, see .A43

.G64 Gottfried, Markus
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Gotfrid, Mordekhai, see .G64

.H58 Hokhman, Haim
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Hochman, Chaim, see .H47

.I9 Ivri, Isac
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
'Ivri, Yitshak, 1990–, see .I9

PJ 5054 Class number *PJ5054* (Hebrew literature, individual authors, A–Z, 1946–) was expanded in Lists 247, 248, and 249. The Library of Congress added notes and also added and/or changed the headings for the following authors and their respective cutters:

.B37 Bat-Hanna, Ahouva
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Bat Hanah, Ahuvah see .B37

.B42356 Ben-Itzhak, Ruthi
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Yitshaki, Ruti, see .B42356

.E4 Eitan, Eitan, 1940–
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Eytan, Eytan, 1940–, see .E4

.E6 Epstain, Beinish
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Epstein, Benzion, 1912–, see .E6

.H47 Hertz, Dalia, 1942–
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Herts, Daliyah, see .H47

.P69 Preigerzon, Grigorii Izrailevich, 1900-1969
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Preigerson, 1900–1969, see .P69

.R4 Reshef, Chaim
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Reshef, Haim, see .R4

.S4493 Shenhar, 'Alizah
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Shenhar-Alroy, Aliza, see .S4493

.S745 Stendel, Israel, 1904–
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Stendel, Yisra'el, 1904–, see .S745

.Z5 Zilbershtein, Ze'ev
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Silberstein, Zev W., see .Z5

.Z53 Ziman, Rachel
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Ziman-Coral, Rachel, see .Z53

PJ 5089.2 Class number *PJ5081–5089* deals with various Judeo-Persian dialects. In List 248, the Library of Congress added a new class number, *PJ5089.2*, for *Judeo-Tajik*, a variant of Judeo-Persian spoken by Jews in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. We are instructed to use Table XVI for this language.

PJ 5120.7 (Yiddish literature, special topics, A–Z):
H64

.H64 Holocaust, Jewish (1939–1945)

PJ 5129 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 247, 248, and 249:

.S3734 Segal, Myer
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Segal, Meyer, see .S3734

.S43135 Shargel, Iacov Zvi
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Shargel, I. Z., see .S43135

.Y78 Yungman, Moses
The following note is to be added to the schedule:
Yungman, M., 1922–, see .Y78

PN—Literature (General)

PN 6071 List 248 reported the addition of the following cutter to
H713 *PN6071* (Collections of general literature. By subject, A–Z):
.H713 Holocaust, Jewish

RC—Internal Medicine

RC 451.4 Under class number *RC451.4* (Psychiatry by age group,
H62 profession, etc., A–Z), List 248 added the following cutter:
.H62 Holocaust survivors

In consonance with this addition, the Library of Congress also instructed catalogers to add the following reference not twice under the same class number: once after the cutter *.I* for *Prisoners of war* and once after the cutter *.R43* for *Refugees*:

Cf. RC451.4.H62, Holocaust survivors

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