

Rose Zar (continued)

The first book I checked out of the library was an American novel translated into Polish shortly before the war, *Przeminelo z Wiatrem*, known as *Gone with the Wind*. It was the story of a strong young woman, set in a country to which I had never been. However, as I read the book, I understood the poignancy of this story of the destruction of the South and its implications for my own situation. Through the eyes of Scarlett O'Hara, I learned about the decimation of a society and its lifestyle, the death of family and friends, and the will to persevere and rebuild. I realized that the world from which I had come was irrevocably destroyed, that I had to survive, and that as I had promised my father, I had to tell the story to future generations.

When I sat down to write *In the Mouth of the Wolf*, I had two objectives in mind. The first and obvious one was to retell the story of the Holocaust. There are many history books that outline the facts and events of World War II more chronologically than this book. However, numbers and dates carry with them a certain sterility. Only through personal accounts like this do people understand why war is so awful and genocide so abhorrent. Only through personal accounts can the legacy of the past be kindled in the consciousness of the present generation.

Secondly, I wrote this book with the aim of instilling in my young readers a sense of honor and strength. The modern American Jewish adolescent is faced with very serious problems of human self-respect, of honor, of sexual responsibility and of religious commitment. I hope that in telling my wartime experiences as a young girl, I may be able to guide my young readers in their moments of difficulty in otherwise peaceful lives. I hope that my moments of courage will provide an example for them and help them live steadfastly as Jewish men and women. I also hope that the non-Jewish reader finds my story equally valid, and will arrive at the conclusion that the lesson of the Holocaust has not only Jewish but universal implications and consequences.

Although one should never be so naive as to expect literature to prevent personal problems, war or genocide, one should never underestimate the power of literature to provide strength and guidance. Who, after all, would have thought that Margaret Mitchell's story about a Southern heroine would have helped a young Jewish girl from Poland to survive the Nazi genocide. And who would have thought that this young girl from Poland would come to Atlanta as a mature woman to accept this award from you tonight. I thank you one and all.

# THE CHOSEN BOOK

## Recently Published Acquisition Tools

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This column lists new and recently published materials that may be useful as acquisition tools. If you are aware of anything that falls into this category, kindly send a brief notice to:

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### Antiquarian Material

**AB Bookman's Weekly** (Formerly: *Antiquarian Bookman*) 1948- . Special Judaica Issue, March 26, 1984. Single copy \$5.00.

This is the second issue devoted specifically to Judaica. The first (dated April 18, 1983) met with such an enthusiastic response that the editors plan to make this an annual event.

The main thrust of the pamphlet is antiquarian material, although it does include some material on new and recent books. It is divided into three parts: 1) articles; 2) books for sale; 3) books wanted. The books for sale include a large number of books of Jewish interest, while there are only a few in the "want lists." A useful feature of this pamphlet is the inclusion of the names and addresses of antiquarian dealers that handle Judaica. The issue affords the librarian an opportunity to become aware of antiquarian dealers specializing in Judaica, as well as of general dealers who have ventured into this field. Further, it provides libraries with a vehicle for publishing their own want ads—for a price.

The articles, which are interesting and illuminating, cover a variety of topics: a survey of recent scholarly Judaica; the history and development of Hebrew calligraphy and typography; the Judaica auction market; parchment used by the Jewish Scribe; and book reviews (new and recent books).

This is an important tool for university and research libraries of Judaica.

### Bookstore Catalog

**Steimatzky Agency of North America**  
56 East 11th Street  
New York, New York 10003

Steimatzky bookstore is a name well known in Israel; and now, Steimatzky has come to New York, more specifically, to Greenwich Village. The store sells Hebrew and English books published in Israel on all topics. It issues a catalog of Hebrew titles, as well as a catalog of English materials. The books listed in Hebrew are, for the most part, general in nature, although there is a minority of titles of Jewish interest. There is a great deal of literature in Hebrew for children and young adults. The English material is more of Judaic interest. The store advertises that it has over 1,500 titles in stock. Anything in stock is available immediately; otherwise there is a two-week wait for books, which are shipped from Israel via air mail.

[See a related letter and response from Edith Lubetski in the Commentaries section of this issue - Eds.]

### Juvenile Bibliography

Schram, Peninnah, **Eeyore's Books of Jewish Interest for Children**. New York: Eeyore's Books for Children (2252 Broadway, New York, NY 10024), 1983. \$2.00

This is a bookstore catalog. Ordinarily, we would assume that as such it would be merely a list of titles with descriptive blurbs, but it is much more. Arranged by subject categories, and graded by age, this is a bibliography of in-print books and recordings annotated by a professional storyteller (who is also an Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama at Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University). Each subject section begins with a short introduction. A very useful aid in selecting children's books for a library.

## Media

Nahshon, Nadav, editor. *Jewish Values and the Jewish Tradition* . . . Part I: An annotated guide to educational media. Jerusalem: Pedagogic Centre in Jerusalem for Jewish Education in the Diaspora (School of Education, The Hebrew University, Mount Scopus) 1983.

An annotated list of audio-visual programs, games, and other non-print materials devoted to the subject of Jewish values and tradition. Some entries are not only described, but also evaluated. A list of producers/distributors and their addresses is included.

This is the second publication of this nature by the Centre. The first was: *Teaching Israel: An Annotated Guide to Educational Media* (1980), for which a companion volume of printed materials was published. A similar companion guide of printed materials for *Jewish Values and the Jewish Tradition* is planned.

### Public Media Inc.

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Public Media Inc. has issued a flyer entitled "Commemorating the Jewish Heritage," which provides an annotated listing of films and videotapes on topics of Jewish interest. The focus is on recent and contemporary events in Jewish history, with an emphasis on the Holocaust. The programs have been selected from the works of NBC, PBS, BBC, and other independent producers. Prices are given for both purchase and rental.

## Pamphlets

**Leader's Digest:** A periodic summary of materials and news from the American Jewish Committee (AJC, Institute of Human Relations, 165 East 56 Street, New York, NY 10022).

The American Jewish Committee publishes material of current social and political Jewish interest. It sends out notices of publications as they become available. Librarians generally prefer annotated lists with entries that are at least reminiscent of standard bibliographic form. The American Jewish Committee has now provided just that. Each entry in this bulletin, which presents readers with a "quick overview of materials produced and distributed by the American Jewish Committee in recent weeks," includes author, title and pagination, but does not, unfortunately, include date.

This is a convenient tool for ordering pamphlet material, albeit from only one organization. We look forward to the day when all pamphlets of Jewish interest will be listed in one source.

## Periodicals

### Directory of World Jewish Press and Publications

P.O. Box 7699  
Jerusalem 91076  
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Published in 1984, this is the first edition of the *Directory*. Future editions are planned. As indicated in the introduction, this "was conceived and compiled to fulfill the need for a current, reliable and comprehensive worldwide listing of Jewish periodicals." The last time such coverage was attempted was in 1972 when the most recent edition of Joseph Fraenkel's, *The Jewish Press of the World* was published by the World Jewish Congress. The *Directory* clearly serves a purpose; however, its coverage is far from comprehensive, with only 900 listings, although there are at least a few thousand known Jewish periodicals. While all publications from outside of Israel included in the *Directory* are of Jewish interest, many Israeli publications listed have little or no Judaic content.

The entries are arranged alphabetically by country; the frequency of items included ranges from dailies to annuals: newspapers, bulletins, and newsletters are covered, along with periodicals and journals. A separate section at the end of the volume is devoted to "Irregular Publications." All titles are given in Latin characters. Each entry provides various descriptive information, and indicates the language of the publication and its subject or principal readership. An alphabetical index of titles is provided. A subject index would have been very useful.

We hail this latest attempt at providing Jewish libraries with a needed reference and acquisitions tool. We look forward to seeing a considerably expanded second edition.

### Jewish Newspapers and Periodicals on

**Microfilm:** Available at the American Jewish Periodical Center: Augmented Edition, edited by Herbert C. Zafren. 1984. \$10.00 (\$11.50 foreign). Available from: American Jewish Periodical Center 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

Includes 836 entries for 35 mm. microfilmed Jewish periodicals, newspapers, synagogue bulletins and student publications pub-

lished in North and South America in English, German, Hebrew, Italian, Judezmo, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and Yiddish. The films are available for sale or loan from the American Jewish Periodical Center at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio. The entries are arranged alphabetically by state, city and language for the United States publications; foreign publications, are arranged by country, city and language. Each entry provides information on the language of publication, the microfilm holdings of the Center and the location of negatives for those titles that the Center is not authorized to sell. A Roman and Hebrew alphabet title index is provided.

## Retrospective Bibliography

Kaplan, Jonathan, ed. *2000 Books and More:* an annotated and selected bibliography of Jewish history and thought. Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 1983.

This is an annotated list of more than 2000 basic books on Jewish history and thought in various languages, with the predominant number in English and Hebrew. The scope of the bibliography is significantly more comprehensive than the subtitle indicates. The work covers titles from the fields of Jewish philosophy, sociology, economics, and culture—in addition to history and religion.

The purpose of this bibliography is to furnish the librarian with a list of basic books that are of major importance for the study of Jewish history and thought. While extensive in coverage, the bibliography is nonetheless selective. It includes sources, research, anthologies, reference works and journals, and covers each subject internationally from ancient to modern times. Although the most up-to-date research is emphasized, older, standard works are also included. Popular works and highly specialized studies are excluded.

Aside from its value as a reference source, this bibliography will serve as a valuable retrospective acquisition tool.

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