

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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Stern College for Women
245 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Antiquarian Catalogs

Richard Adamiak
1545 East 60th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

Catalog 75: Theology and History of Religions.

Catalog 84: Modern Judaica with Special Reference to the Holocaust.

Mostly out-of-print scholarly books, primarily in English, with a sprinkling of German and French, arranged alphabetically by author.

Eric Chaim Kline, Bookseller
2221 Benedict Canyon Drive
Beverly Hill, CA 90210

Judaica: A compendium of rare and out-of-print books. Vol. I. (Fall, 1985).

Many booksellers have prepared catalogs of their offerings, but rarely is one treated to such a detailed and professional presentation as the above. Divided into 27 subject areas, the author covers all of Judaica as he defines it: "Works written by, for and about the Jewish people, their culture, history and religion." In addition, he has included "works concerning people, events, beliefs, and attitudes which have had a profound impact on Jewish history."

There are many features that make this catalog unique, notably: (a) Indexes provide multiple access points to the material by subject, author, editor and language. Furthermore, within each subject category, there are "see also" references. (b) Most entries contain bibliographic references to book reviews.

This work should prove not only an excellent acquisition tool, but will have reference value as well. We look forward to future volumes.

Needham Book Finders
P.O. Box 491040
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Catalog 51: Judaica.

This catalog features an extensive alphabetical list (by author) of out-of-print popular and scholarly Judaica in English, published primarily in the U.S. and England.

Needham provides a search service for hardcover, out-of-print books. There is no charge for a search unless the book is found.

Bibliography

Posner, Marcia W.

Juvenile Judaica: The Jewish Values Book Finder. N.Y.: Association of Jewish Libraries, 1985.

A comprehensive, annotated bibliography of juvenile Judaica, which lists primarily in-print popular fiction and non-fiction published since 1980, and represents the varieties of Jewish belief.

The books are arranged alphabetically by author. Each entry provides full bibliographical information, price, age-levels, subject(s) and summary. There are subject, title and genre indexes. Annual updates will be published, as well as a cumulated edition every five years.

This a wonderful reference tool, which also serves as an excellent acquisition aid, providing the librarian with an opportunity for filling in gaps and balancing a collection.

Bookdealers' Catalogs

Haolam Judaica
167 Quinlan Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314

A mail-order bookdealer catering to libraries

and synagogues. Publishes a listing of new books every few months—primarily popular adult and juvenile titles.

Ideal Book Store
1125 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10025

"Judaica" (First Section). *Catalog #651.*

An alphabetical listing of general and scholarly Judaica. Primarily English, with a few titles in foreign languages. A second section is due to be published in March 1986.

Book Club

Books
c/o The Hebrew Book Club
78A Shenkin Street
Tel Aviv 65223
Israel

U.S. Office:
The Hebrew Book Club
P.O. Box 7640
New York, NY 10016

The Hebrew Book Club publishes a quarterly entitled *Sefarim: The Good Book Guide*. Vol. 2, Autumn/Winter 1985-. (Original title: *Books: The Good Book Guide*. Vol. 1, Spring/Summer 1985.) A very attractive publication in magazine format, the first issue of 32 pages describes over 100 books. The titles are primarily in Hebrew and are arranged by subject. A small selection of English books is also presented. In the second issue, the number of English books has increased. The large majority of books falls into the category of Judaica, although some general subjects treated in Hebrew are included.

In order to become a member, you pay an annual fee of \$18, which provides you with a subscription to the magazine and discounts on all listed books. One can order from the catalog without being a member, but will then not be eligible for special discount prices.

Media

Jewish Educational Media

784 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Tapes of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's addresses.

Nefesh Ami

107 B. Broadway
P.O. Box 651
Hicksville, NY 11801

Fall-Winter 1985 Catalog. 12 p.

This catalog lists records, books, cassettes, video-cassettes, and games. It features a large collection of all types of Jewish music from the U.S. and Israel, including a long section on children's music.

Tara Publications

29 Derby Avenue
Cedarhurst, NY 11516

A Harvest of Jewish Music. 46 p.

This firm has added computer software to its extensive catalog of books, records and cassettes in the field of Jewish music. The dealer also provides search service.

Publishers' Catalogs

Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists

1373 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Publications of Interest to Orthodox Jewish Scientists.

Contains AOJS publications, as well as others concerned with the relationship of Orthodox Judaism to science and medicine. Includes a list of cassette tapes on this theme.

C.I.S. Communications, Inc.

674 Eighth Street
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Publisher of books with an Orthodox orientation. The catalog includes works on religious topics, as well as fiction for young adults.

Holocaust Publications

216 West 18th Street
New York, NY 10011

A non-profit organization, the goal of which is to publish works of all types on the Holocaust.

Institute Bne Issakher

Tseelim 1/21
Jerusalem, Israel

American Contact:
Rabbi David Sebag
1474 59th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11219

The Sephardic Library. Part I (April 1985); Part II (May 1985).

Catalogs of books written by Sephardic Rabbis. Some are contemporary, and others date from earlier periods. This is a non-profit organization that intends to publish books dealing with the Sephardic Jewish heritage.

Reviews

Seforim Newsletter.

Vol. I No. 1, March, 1985-. Monthly.
c/o Eichler's
1429 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Edited and written mostly by Yaakov Elman, formerly of Rabinowitz Book Store, this newsletter is devoted to short reviews of new books "within the limits imposed by fidelity to a viable, traditional Judaism." As an organ of a bookstore, one would expect that the reviews would generally be positive, yet some notices are critical. The annotations vary in length and depth. Some entries feature short descriptions; others are mini-review essays. In the first three issues, the number of reviews grew from 8 to 32, and there are plans to double the size of an issue and to add special features and columns. Included are English and Hebrew titles, as well as juvenilia. All reviews are in English.

This is a specialized type of selection tool, but no doubt every Judaica library will find a number of books of interest. The timeliness of this newsletter—if it keeps to its publication schedule—is certainly useful. We welcome this addition to our collection of Judaica acquisition tools and look forward to its growth and expansion.

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