

## Recommended Judaica Reference Works, 1985–1986

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This column lists selected reference materials that appeared in 1985 and 1986. Works from 1983 and 1984 are included if deemed significant. The purpose of this list is to recommend current Judaica reference books basic to research both general and special. It is intended to serve as a guide to new tools for scholarly research as well as to more popular, but reliable works. The annotations describe the scope and use of each work. Prices are listed when available.

Hebrew reference works are starred, and corresponding Hebrew bibliographic data appears at the end of the list.

*The reference works are classified under the following subject headings:*

Archaeology  
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Calendar  
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Family  
Folklore  
Genealogy/Names  
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History—Greece  
Holocaust  
Israel  
Jewish art  
Josephus  
Judaism  
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Library science  
Linguistics  
Literature  
Manuscripts  
Music  
Periodicals  
Publishing  
Rabbinic literature  
Reference (General)  
Social sciences  
Women

### Archaeology

1. **Negev, Avraham.** *The Archaeological Encyclopedia of the Holy Land.* Rev. ed. New York: Thomas Nelson, 1986. 419 p. ISBN 0840775237. \$24.95.

An updated edition of a work first published in 1972 which "lists the majority of the geographical names mentioned in the Bible . . . identifying them as far as possible, describing the excavations that have been carried out . . . and analyzing the importance of the finds they have yielded." The encyclopedia traces the history of each location from Biblical times up to the Arab conquest. The work is richly illustrated and is accompanied by chronological tables.

### Atlases/Gazetteers

2. **De Lange, Nicholas.** *Atlas of the Jewish World.* New York: Facts on File, 1984. 240 p. ISBN 0871960435. \$35.00.

The Atlas is divided into three parts:

Part I has maps presenting the historical background of the Jews; Part II focuses on their cultural background; and Part III presents a guided tour through the Jewish communities of today's world. The Atlas contains more than 300 maps and 400 illustrations, half of which are in full color. Also included are a glossary, bibliography, gazetteer and index.

3. **Gilbert, Martin.** *Atlas of Jewish History.* 3rd ed. New York: Dorset Press, 1985. 128 p. ISBN 0880290188.

Maps trace the history, migrations, achievements, and life of the Jewish people from ancient Mesopotamia to the present. Each map is accompanied by commentary on historical events associated with the period depicted. Many of the maps are intended to clarify certain obscure episodes in Jewish history, if only in outline. This information is further supported by a bibliography.

4. **Oppenheimer, Aharon.** *Babylonia Judaica in the Talmudic Period.* Wiesbaden: Ludwig Reichert Verlag, 1983. 548 p.

A gazetteer of places in Babylonia mentioned in Talmudic literature. The aim of the work is to "identify these places from the testimony on them to glean information on their history, economy, social life and culture, and on daily life." Sources are cited for each entry from Talmudic and or classical literature in the original language and in English translation. The work contains an extensive bibliography, index of sources, general index, and maps.

### Bibliographies (Personal)

\*5. **Goldschmidt-Lehman, Ruth P. Moshe Monttiori, 1784–1885: bibliografyah.** Jerusalem: Misgav Yerushalayim, 1984. 166 p. ISBN 9652960012.

A topically arranged bibliography of printed Montefioriana, in the form of books, pamphlets, periodicals and broadsheets, mainly in Hebrew, English, and German. Listed are: a representative selection of his official correspondence with communal bodies, reports of communal organizations, and references to journal articles. The work is accompanied by a name index.

\*6. **Jerushalmi, Joseph.** *Amos 'Oz bibliografyah.* Tel-Aviv: Am Oved, 1984. 143, 120 p. ISBN 9651302720.

A bibliography of Amos Oz's publications and works about them that were published between 1953 and 1981. The bibliography is divided into two parts:

a. literary works by the author which appeared in book form or in periodicals as well as interviews with him, literary and political essays, and plays and films based on his works;

b. works pertaining to the above.

The material is arranged in two sequences: Hebrew/Yiddish materials, and materials in the Latin alphabet. The work is accompanied by several indexes: authors (Latin alphabet; Hebrew alphabet); periodicals, newspapers, and books cited in the bibliography (Latin alphabet/Hebrew alphabet); translators (Latin alphabet); and an index of works (Hebrew alphabet).

\*7. **Kitve G. Kressel; Bibliografyah.** Lod: Makhon Haberman le-mehkere sifrut, 1986. 389 p.

A partially annotated bibliography of the writings of Getzel Kressel covering the years 1929–1985. The bibliography is divided into two major sections: books and pamphlets; and articles in newspapers, periodicals, anthologies, etc. Each section is arranged chronologically. The work is prefaced by an autobiographical essay. An author/subject index completes this comprehensive bibliography.

8. **Klein, Zanvil E. Joseph B. Soloveitchik: A bibliography (1931–1984).** Chicago: The Author, 1985. 43 p.

A preliminary edition of a partially annotated bibliography of the works of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik with a selection of studies pertaining to his writings. The 486 citations represent materials which were published in books, journals, newspapers and organizational bulletins between 1931 and 1984.

## Calendar

9. **Spier, Arthur. The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar: 1900–2100.** 3rd rev. ed. Jerusalem: Feldheim, 1986. ca. 400 p. ISBN 0873063988. \$18.95.

Corresponding dates of the Hebrew and civil calendars from 1900 to 2100, designed to show which Hebrew date exactly corresponds to any given English date and vice versa. This handbook is indispensable for determining Bar/Bat Mitzvah Torah portions and dates, and *yahrzeit* dates. It includes concise information on all aspects of the Hebrew calendar.

## Curriculum

10. **Elazar, Daniel J.; Stein, Tzipora D. Jewish Political Studies: Selected Syllabi.** New York: Markus Wiener, 1985. 173 p. ISBN 0910129290. \$14.50 pb.

A collection of syllabi divided into the following sections: 1—general courses in Jewish political studies; 2—specialized courses in Jewish political studies; 3—the governance and politics of historic Jewish polities; 4—comparative courses in contemporary diaspora governance; and 5—governance of specific diaspora communities.

11. **Shimoni, Gideon. Contemporary Jewish Civilization: Selected Syllabi.** New York: Markus Wiener, 1985. 254 p. ISBN 0910129282. \$14.50 pb.

A collection of syllabi of undergraduate-level courses dealing with contemporary Jewish civilization, offered at universities outside Israel "or in the special foreign language (i.e. non-Hebrew) programs offered by some Israeli universities to students from abroad." The collection is divided into the following sections: survey courses in contemporary Jewry; courses in modern Jewish history; and thematic courses in contemporary Jewry, e.g., Holocaust, Zionism, and American Jewry.

12. **World Register of University Studies of Jewish Civilization: Inventory of Holdings, Number 1.** New York: Markus Wiener, 1985. 140 p. ISBN 0910129304. \$14.50 p. Sponsored by the International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization (ICUTJC), the world register is designed to enhance the teaching of Jewish studies in institutions of higher learning.

The World Register includes listings of programs, courses and faculty, as well as a collection of syllabi used in the teaching of Jewish civilization.

This directory is divided into two sections:

1. List of institutions offering courses in Jewish civilization, arranged alphabetically by country.
2. List of syllabi in Jewish civilization divided into two parts. Part 1—syllabi listed alphabetically by author (faculty); Part 2—subject index, subdivided by author. There are fifteen subjects: Archaeology, Art, Bible, Contemporary Jewry, History, Holocaust studies, Judaism and Jewish thought, Languages, Literature, Near & Middle Eastern studies, Sephardic studies, Social sciences, State of Israel & Zionism.

This collection of syllabi can be examined in Jerusalem. Photocopies may be obtained at cost from I.C.U.T.J.C., P.O.B. 4234, Jerusalem 91042.

13. **Breslauer, S. Daniel. Contemporary Jewish Ethics; a bibliographic survey.** Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1985. 213 p. ISBN 0313245940. \$37.50.

The first of a projected two-volume annotated bibliography designed to help scholars and students working in Judaic studies, religious studies, or ethics find articles and books that discuss "specific issues in Jewish moral decision making." The following are among the topics included in this volume: history of Jewish ethics; issues in Jewish ethics; themes in Jewish ethics; Jewish

ethics, and non-Jewish ethical theories. The work is prefaced by an introductory survey of contemporary Jewish ethics. Included in the bibliography are books and articles in Hebrew, English and other languages that have been published, for the most part, between 1968 and 1983.

14. **Breslauer, S. Daniel. Modern Jewish morality: a bibliographical survey.** Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1985. 239 p. ISBN 0313247005. \$40.

This bibliographical survey is a companion volume to the author's *Contemporary Jewish Ethics* (Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press, 1985). The work is divided into two major sections: a— an introductory review of the major moral questions; b— a bibliographical survey covering such topics as sexuality and the family; moral dilemmas associated with aging, death, and mourning; aspects of political morality, etc. The critical annotations describe "both the contents of the entry and its relationship to modern Jewish moral reflection." The sources cited are generally from professional literature and theological sources, representing thinkers from differing Jewish traditions. The bibliography includes author, title and subject indexes.

## Family

15. **Singer, David. Focus on the American Jewish Family; a selected annotated bibliography, 1970–1982.** New York: American Jewish Committee, William Petschek National Jewish Family Center, 1984. 22 p. ISBN 0874950589. \$2.00.

An annotated bibliography of 1000 articles and books published during the period 1970–1982 pertaining to contemporary American Jewish family life. Topics such as intermarriage, divorce, single-parent families, and abortion are treated. The compiler has excluded works of fiction and historical studies.

## Folklore

16. **Yassif, Eli. Jewish Folklore; an annotated bibliography.** New York: Garland Publishing Co., 1986. 341 p. ISBN 082409039X. \$65.

An annotated bibliography of 1356 studies on Jewish folklore that have been published during the past one hundred years. Articles in Hebrew and Western languages are covered but Yiddish is excluded. Entries often include the compiler's evaluation of the work and details pertaining to the themes, motifs and subjects discussed in the cited work. In addition, the compiler summarizes the contents of each cited Hebrew publication. Included is an index of themes, motifs, names, etc.

## Genealogy/Names

17. **Kolatch, Alfred J.** *The Complete Dictionary of English and Hebrew First Names*. Middle Village, NY: Jonathan David, 1984. 488 p. \$19.95.

A thoroughly revamped and greatly enlarged version of *The Name Dictionary*, published in 1967. It contains more than four times as many names as the earlier edition.

Included among the more than 11,000 main entries in this dictionary are numerous Biblical names, plus practically every Hebrew first name currently in use in Israel. Talmudic and Yiddish names are also included. The correct spelling of Hebrew and Yiddish names is indicated in Hebrew script immediately following each main entry. An additional feature is a comprehensive name vocabulary of Hebrew and Yiddish names grouped according to meaning and matched to English names.

18. **Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the New York Area.** Edited by Estelle M. Guzik. New York: Jewish Genealogical Society (P.O.B. 6398, New York, NY 10128) 1985. 142, 42 p.

Fifty facilities for Jewish genealogical research in New York City and New Jersey are described. The work is organized geographically by borough, with Manhattan subdivided into Lower, Midtown, and Uptown.

Appendices include sample forms which can be photocopied for such uses as applications for birth and death records, or N.Y.C. or U.S. Dept. of Immigration & Naturalization records; a list of 449 yizkor books and their availability in the NYPL, YIVO, JTS and YU libraries, together with their respective call numbers; foreign telephone directories in the NYPL annex; municipal archives, listing N.Y.C. vital records and years; maps of the boroughs and Jewish cemeteries in the N.Y. and N.J. area; index.

The entry for each facility includes: director's name, institution's address, phone number, hours, travel directions, description of resources, finding aids, fees, and restrictions on use.

## Guide books

19. **Israelowitz, Asher.** *Guide to Jewish Europe: Western Europe Edition*. Brooklyn, NY: A. Israelowitz, 1985. 231 p. ISBN 0961103612. \$9.95.

A practical guide-book providing complete up-to-date information on Jewish life in Western Europe (and Budapest and Prague). This work includes information on kosher restaurants, butchers, bakeries,

hotels, Jewish historical landmarks, museums, synagogues, cemeteries and mikvaot. The Guide also contains lists of American Express offices, youth hostels, intercity railroad schedules, and Sabbath candle-lighting timetables.

For countries outside of Western Europe, travelers will still need the *Jewish Travel Guide*, published annually, and worldwide in coverage. More detailed historical information will be found in Postal and Abramson's *Travelers' Guide to Jewish Landmarks in Europe* (New York: Fleet Press, 1971), which covers both Eastern and Western Europe.

## History

20. **Encyclopedia of Jewish History: Events and Eras of the Jewish People.**

Joseph Alpher, editor. New York: Facts on File, 1986. 287 p. ISBN 0816012202. \$35.

Presents concise information about events, eras, and key figures in Jewish history from its beginnings until modern times. The Encyclopedia consists of 100 entries by noted scholars, each featuring an essay with illustrations, photographs, drawings and diagrams—all in color. A unique characteristic of this work is the *key*, an illustration in the upper right-hand corner that provides a visual summary of the subject discussed in the entry. References to related chapters, called *connections*, are provided. The work includes a chronological chart of Jewish and world history, a glossary of Hebrew terms, and an index.

## History-Greece

\*21. **Attal, Robert.** *Yahadut Yavan*. Jerusalem: Ben-Zvi Institute. 1984. 215 p.

A bibliography containing 2,294 citations from books and articles concerning Jewish life in Greece. The bibliography is limited to Greece as defined by its present borders, and covers the period from 1492 to the present. Special attention is focused on the Jewish settlement in Salonica. The appendices include citations pertaining to various Jewish communities in Greece from *El Tiempo* (Istanbul) and *La Epoca* (Salonica), the major Ladino newspapers. The bibliography includes a name, place and subject index.

## Holocaust

22. **Cargas, Harry James.** *The Holocaust: An Annotated Bibliography*. 2nd ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1985, 196 p. ISBN 0838904335.

Some 500 English-language titles published in the United States have been

selected and annotated for college and university libraries, public libraries, and sophisticated high-school collections. This much expanded revised edition of the 1977 work is divided into fifteen topics, including: antisemitism, ghetto history, camps, memoirs, resistance, international indifference, and reflections on the Holocaust. Supplementary material includes reference works, periodicals, resource centers and regional indexes. An author-title index enhances the value and use of this work. For a related work see *The Holocaust: An Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide*, edited by David M. Szonyi (New York: Ktav, 1985), reviewed in *Judaica Librarianship* 2: 1-2 (Spring 1985), p. 75.

23. **Directory of Holocaust Resource Centers, Institutions, and Organizations in North America.** Washington, DC: United States Holocaust Memorial Council, 1985. 101 p.

The directory lists institutions and organizations, or divisions of institutions and organizations, that provide services, resources, or programming related to the Holocaust. It is arranged alphabetically by name of center. Each entry includes address, telephone number, staff, hours and days open, sponsoring organization, description of center, and publications. Indexes by activity or broad subject—such as archives, audio-visual collections, libraries, museums, oral history, and teacher training—and an index of organizations arranged geographically by state are provided.

24. **The Holocaust in Books and Films: A Selected, Annotated List.** Edited by Judith Herschlag Muffs and Dennis B. Klein. 3rd ed. New York: International Center for Holocaust Studies, Anti-Defamation League/Hippocrene Books, 1986. 158 p. \$6.95.

This edition has been greatly expanded and presented in an attractive new format. Approximately 475 items are divided into twelve categories including: European Jewry before the Holocaust; The Third Reich; Holocaust Overview; Camps; Ghettos; In Hiding; Resistance and Rescue; War criminals; Survivors; After the Holocaust: Reflections; Prejudice and Anti-Semitism. The resources include books, films, poster sets and special publications, all annotated. The book also features lists of major Holocaust education and resource centers and audio-visual distributors, as well as indexes of publications, authors, and audio-visual materials.

## Israel

25. **Snyder, Esther Mann.** *Israel*. Santa Barbara, CA: Clio Press, 1985. 272 p. ISBN 1851090010. \$52.50.

A classified, annotated bibliography of books and articles in English that deal with Israel, "its history, geography, economy and politics; and with its people, their culture, customs, religion and social organization." The work includes an author, title, and subject index.

## Jewish Art

26. **Weinstein, Jay.** *A Collector's Guide to Judaica*. London: Thames and Hudson, 1985. 240 p. ISBN 050023440X. \$29.95.

A richly illustrated work which is intended for buyers, sellers, institutions and dealers. It serves as a "useful guide to understanding Jewish ceremonial art in its broader art-historical context and to encourage a full enjoyment of the objects themselves by identifying some of the features" the collector should look for. The author describes a variety of Jewish ceremonial objects and discusses such topics as: styles in Judaica; textiles and rugs, paintings and prints, ceramics and glass, fakes and forgeries, and Bezalel and the modern arts. The work includes a price guide, a glossary, a list of museums with Judaica collections, a select bibliography, and an index.

## Josephus

27. **Feldman, Louis H.** *Josephus: a supplementary bibliography*. New York: Garland, 1986. 696 p. ISBN 0824087925. \$90.00.

The present volume serves as an annotated supplement to Heinz Schreckenberg's *Bibliographie zu Flavius Josephus* (Leiden: Brill, 1968). It also includes corrigenda to the aforementioned work and its supplementary volume (Leiden: Brill, 1979), an index to citations of Josephus, and an index to Greek words in both volumes, as well as corrigenda to the author's *Josephus and Modern Scholarship (1937-1980)* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1984).

## Judaism

28. **Kolatch, Alfred J.** *The Second Jewish Book of Why*. Middle Village, NY: Jonathan David, 1985. 423 p. \$13.95.

Designed to explain the reasoning behind contemporary Jewish observance and practice. This volume deals in Question and Answer form with complex controversial topics such as, abortion, conversion, birth control, sex, homosexuality, artificial insemination,

organ transplants, smoking, intermarriage, who is a Jew, Jewish-Christian relations, theology, and laws and customs of Jewish women.

The previous volume, *The Jewish Book of Why* (1981), deals with fundamental questions about Sabbath and holidays, dietary laws, synagogue practice, and the Jewish life cycle.

*The Second Jewish Book of Why* includes a 46-page index to both books and a bibliography.

29. **Lipsitz, Edmond Y.** *6400 Questions about Judaism and the Jewish People*. Downsview, Ont.: J. E. S. L. Educational Products (P.O.B. 1183, Postal Station B, Downsview, Ont. M3H 5V6, Canada), 1986. 536 p. \$14.95 pb.

A collection of 6400 questions and answers about Jewish life, religion, culture, and Jewish contributions to world culture. Included also are: a listing of important events and dates, a special Canadian Section containing questions and answers pertaining to the Jewish contribution to Canadian politics, business, science, the arts, literature, journalism, and sports, and a bibliography of sources consulted. Both the general and Canadian sections are indexed. The work will be especially useful to teachers and learning groups.

30. **Neuwirth, Yehoshua Y.** *Shemirath Shabbath: A Guide to the Practical Observance of the Sabbath*. English edition of *Shemirath Shabbath Kehilchathah*, prepared by W. Grangewood; from the second edition of the Hebrew vol. 1, chapters 1-22. Jerusalem: Feldheim, 1984. 360 p. ISBN 0873062987 \$10.95 pb; ISBN 0873063759 \$16.95.

A translation of an authoritative work designed as a ready source of basic information on the observance of the Sabbath. It has received much acceptance in the original. There is an eleven-page detailed table of contents. In addition, the text is structured and numbered for easy reference, with marginal heading inserts pinpointing subjects on a page. A glossary of basic terms and a twenty-five page index round out this useful guide to Sabbath observance. (Another comprehensive and detailed index, pertaining to the laws of the Sabbath, appears in the fourth and final volume of the translation of the *Mishnah Berurah*, on the laws of the Sabbath, by Israel Meir, ha-Kohen, the Chafetz Chaim (Jerusalem: Feldheim, 1980-1986).)

## Libraries

31. **Hoogewoud, F. J.** *A Guide to Libraries of Judaica and Hebraica in Europe*. Copenhagen: Det kongelige Bibliotek, 1985. 122 leaves. ISBN 877023554.

A geographically arranged provisional guide to libraries in Europe that house both Judaica and Hebraica books and/or manuscripts. It provides the following information for each entry: the institution's address, the name of the librarian, hours, the size and nature of the collection, and the library's policy regarding use, loan, etc. The guide is accompanied by the following three appendices: (1) A list of the European libraries and collections containing Hebrew manuscripts microfilmed for the Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts in Jerusalem; (2) Hebrew incunabula in European libraries; a provisional list of bibliographical tools; (3) Names and addresses for information concerning national associations of Jewish studies in Europe.

## Library Science

32. **Stuhlman, Daniel D.** *Library of Congress Subject Headings for Judaica*. 2nd ed. Chicago: BYLS Press (6247 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60659), 1986. 54 p. \$12 paper; \$10 disc.

A valuable and inexpensive reference and cataloging tool for Judaica librarians. The compiler has gone through the entire 9th edition of the Library of Congress Subject Headings, pulling out all Judaica subject headings. This spiral-bound booklet will be helpful for reference librarians in assisting library users who do not know which Judaica subject headings to look under in the card catalog. It is suggested that a copy of this list be put out for public use.

Catalogers will find this work an invaluable aid in original cataloging. For example, this work brings together LC's numerous subdivisions for Israel, three pages in all, compared to the handful enumerated in LCSH. Enhancing the value of this work are the LC classification numbers added to the subject headings. The list includes *see* and *see also* references.

## Linguistics

33. **Galvin, Herman; Tamarkin, Stan.** *The Yiddish Dictionary Sourcebook; a transliterated guide to the Yiddish language*. Hoboken, NJ: Ktav, 1986. 317 p. ISBN 0870687158. \$20.

A Yiddish-English, English-Yiddish dictionary containing over 8500 words. It pays special attention to those words most useful for everyday conversation. Each entry includes

the English transliteration of the Yiddish, the phonetic renderings of the Yiddish pronunciation, and the English equivalents of the Yiddish entries. In addition, the *Dictionary* contains a guide to Yiddish pronunciation and grammar and a series of topically arranged appendices containing Yiddish proverbs and popular expressions. The Introduction provides a brief history of the Yiddish language and Yiddish culture in the United States. The *Dictionary* will be especially useful to English speakers who seek to learn Yiddish.

\*34. **Ratzaby, Yehuda.** *Otsar ha-Lashon ha-Aravit be-Tafsir R' Sa'adyah.* Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, 1985. 151 p.

This work examines the language used by Saadya Gaon in the field of Biblical exegesis in light of classical Arabic lexicography. It lists all exceptional usages, thus shedding light on the Arabic used by our sages in the East during the Middle Ages.

35. **Steinmetz, Saul.** *Yiddish and English: a century of Yiddish in America.* University, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 1986. 172 p. ISBN 0817302581. \$20.50.

A scholarly study of the history of the relationship between Yiddish and English in America and the effects that this relationship had on the two languages. Of particular interest to the Judaica reference librarian are the two appendices: romanization of Yiddish and Yiddish-origin words, and a Jewish-English glossary. The work is accompanied by a selected bibliography and is indexed.

## Literature

36. **Goldberg, Isaac.** *Selected Hebrew Literature in Translation.* New York: JWB Jewish Book Council, 1984. 16 p. \$5.

A selected, annotated listing of the best in modern Hebrew literature available in English. The bibliography is divided into the following categories: anthologies (general, poetry, prose), poetry, fiction, drama, literature for children and young adults, humor, history and criticism, and periodicals. Each entry has full bibliographical information. Availability in paperback is indicated.

\*37. **Kagan, Berl.** *Leksikon fun Yidish Shraybers.* New York: Rayah-Ilman Kagan, 1986. 812 columns.

A bio-bibliographical lexicon of modern Yiddish authors. This work supplements, corrects and updates the *Leksikon fun der Nayer Yidisher Literatur* (New York: CYCO, 1956-1981). Close to 700 entries are new or have been fully revised. In addition, the author includes in a separate section a list

of 5,800 pseudonyms which appear in Yiddish literature and press. [See *Dina Abramowicz's review essay in the APPROBATIONS section of this issue—Eds.*]

38. **Posner, Marcia.** *Jewish Children's Books: How to Choose Them, How to Use Them.* New York: Hadassah, 1986. 48 p. \$5.00.

The proliferation of Jewish children's books has made choosing an appropriate book for a particular child more difficult. This attractive, illustrated tool is designed to help teachers, librarians, and parents select Jewish children's books, by offering selection criteria such as age level, quality, and Jewish content. Descriptions and discussions of more than 30 books are divided by age level—4 to 8; 8 to 11; and 11 to 14. Each entry includes bibliographical data, major themes of the book, summary of its contents, a discussion of the issues raised, and questions and activities for adults and children. The last section, entitled "Further resources," presents additional annotated readings on Basic Judaism, Holidays, Israel, and American Jewish life.

The publication is sponsored by the Hadassah Jewish Education Department, as part of its Jewish family life series. For a similar work, larger in scope, see Grossman and Engman's *Jewish Literature for Children: A Teaching Guide* (Denver: Alternatives in Religious Education, 1985) reviewed in *Judaica Librarianship* 2: 1-2 (Spring 1985), p. 74.

\*39. **Zfatman, Sarah.** *ha-Siporet be-Yidish me-reshitah 'ad Shiv'he ha-Besht (1504-1814).* Jerusalem: Hebrew University, 1985. 201 p.

A chronologically arranged bibliography of manuscripts and printed works of Yiddish narrative prose from its beginnings in 1504 to 1814. The bibliography includes works written in both Yiddish and German in Hebrew characters. Annotations include some or all of the following information: a full transcription of the title page and colophon; a brief citation from the beginning or end of the story; a detailed bibliographic description of the work, with place and date of publication, size and pagination, the source from which it was translated, and/or a summary of its contents; a listing of the libraries known to have holdings; and a bibliography of secondary sources. The bibliography is accompanied by indexes of title, name and character, and place and holding library.

## Manuscripts

40. **Kohn, Gary J.** *The Jewish Experience; a guide to manuscript sources in the Library of Congress.* Cincinnati: American Jewish Archives, 1986. 166 p. ISBN 0878200142.

A valuable research tool which lists the sources in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress pertaining to various aspects of Jewish history. The guide is divided into three independent parts: (a) Collections Section—"a listing of collection titles within the Manuscript Division of Jewish individuals or organizations"; (b) Individual and Corporate Section—"an index of prominent Jewish individuals and corporate entries represented by materials scattered throughout various collections in the Division's custody;" and (c) Subject Section—a listing by broad subject of the materials in the Manuscript Division pertaining to various aspects of Jewish history. Indexed.

\*41. **Nahum, Yehuda Levi.** *Tsohar le-hasifat ginze Teman.* Tel-Aviv: Afikim, 1986. 381 p.

A detailed, descriptive, topically arranged catalog of Hebrew Yemenite manuscripts found in the collection of Yehuda Levi Nahum, the founder of the "Mif'al Hasifat Ginze Teman" (Holon, Israel). The work is enriched by the inclusion of excerpts from and facsimiles of some of the manuscripts. Included also is a name, title, and place index.

## Music

42. **Ruben, Bruce and Clurman, Judith.** *Seasons of Our Lives: A Resource Guide of the Music, Books, Films, and Videos of Jewish Life Cycle Occasions.* New York: JWB Jewish Music Council, 1986. 49 p.

A selective guide to music (songs and cantorial selections), books, films and videos for each life cycle function, e.g., birth, bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation, wedding, and death and mourning.

It is designed to give rabbis, cantors, music educators, and other Jewish professionals the opportunity to enrich the musical tradition for these occasions. The guide unfortunately does not list available records, tapes or cassettes. A bibliography of books pertaining to the Jewish life cycle completed by Marcia Posner, enhances the value of this work.

## Periodicals

43. **Directory of World Jewish Press and Publications.** Jerusalem: D.W.J.P.P. (P.O.B. 7699, Jerusalem 91076), 1984. 133 p.

A comprehensive and current worldwide listing of Jewish periodicals. Approximately 900 publications are listed, including bulletins, newsletters, newspapers, and journals. The titles are arranged alphabetically by continent, and further subdivided by country.

Information for each entry is organized in 15 data fields; the bottom of each page features a key to the field codes, which

represent address, telephone number, editor, publisher, language, frequency, and circulation.

44. **Singerman, Robert.** *Jewish serials of the world: a research bibliography of secondary sources.* Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1986. 377 p. ISBN 0313244936. \$55.00.

A bibliography of primary and secondary source materials which enables the user to study the Jewish press from 1674 to the present. The more than 3,000 citations list and describe books, pamphlets, theses, and articles, as well as jubilee issues of Jewish newspapers and magazines irrespective of language or chronological and geographical limitation. Excluded, however, are citations from the daily and weekly journalistic press. The material is arranged geographically and further subdivided by language, as appropriate. In addition, the author devoted chapters to such topics as the history of the Jewish press, and the multinational Hebrew, Judezmo, and Yiddish serials. The work is cross referenced internally and contains subject and author indexes. [See the review by Barry Walfish in the APPROBATIONS section of this issue.—Eds.]

\*45. **Szeintuch, Yechiel.** *Reshimat ha-yomanim ve-kitve ha-'et be-Yidish she-pursemu be-Polin ben shte milhamot ha-'olam.* Jerusalem: Center for Research on the History and Culture of Polish Jews, Hebrew University, 1986. 190, xxii p.

A preliminary, alphabetically arranged listing of 1708 Yiddish-language dailies, periodicals, almanacs, literary collections, research symposia, etc. that appeared in nearly ninety localities scattered throughout independent Poland. Bi-lingual publications are included as well. The following information is provided for each entry: (a) title, subtitle, and title changes, if any; (b) frequency of publication and variations; (c) place of publication and changes, if any; (d) date and number of the first and last issue, including the dates of the cessation of publication and its renewal when known; (e) publisher(s). The work is accompanied by an index of places of publication in Yiddish and a city list in Polish/Yiddish.

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A collection of memoirs and articles which trace the history of the Shulsinger Brothers press and evaluate some of the titles that were published by the press. The work includes a complete listing of the works published by the Shulsinger Press. It is divided

into three sections by language: Hebrew, Yiddish, and other languages.

47. **Lahav, Debbie.** *Israeli Books in Print, 1986.* Tel-Aviv: Israel Book and Printing Center, Israel Export Institute, 1986. 130 p. ISBN 9652220787. \$15.

A topically arranged, representative "list of non-Hebrew books published in Israel between 1970 and 1986." Included are over 1200 titles in more than 60 languages or language combinations, as well as a list of Israeli publishers and an index of authors and editors.

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A comprehensive, annotated listing of books published by the Bialik Institute between 1935 and 1985. The work is divided into the following sections: encyclopedias; alphabetical listing of books by author; collections and periodicals; dictionaries; and series. The work is accompanied by the following indexes: subject; co-publications; title; translators; authors in English; and translators into English.

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An annotated, illustrated, and chronologically arranged bibliography of books published in Augsburg during the period 1500–1550. Books by Jewish authors or publications on themes of Jewish interest are included. In his introduction, the compiler briefly surveys the history of the printing of books of Jewish interest in Augsburg.

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A revised edition of the concordance first published in 1933–1940 based on the version of the *Targum* in the 1557 Sabioneta edition of the *Pentateuch*. The present edition incorporates the corrigenda to the previous edition into the text as well as the corrections found by the editor in the author's personal copy of the original edition.

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This one-volume edition of the *Mishneh Torah* is based on the Warsaw-Vilna printing. It is partially pointed and includes an index to biblical passages cited in the code and a detailed subject index. [See review by Avraham Greenbaum in the APPROBATIONS section of this issue.—Eds.]

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52. **Encyclopaedia Judaica Yearbook, 1983/85 (events of 1982/4).** Jerusalem: Keter, 1985. 459 p.

This is the fifth yearbook to appear. It contains twelve feature articles including the following topics: the War in Lebanon, Genealogy, Jewish education, American rabbis, Antisemitism, Oriental Jewry, Jewish studies, Genizah research, the Jews of Morocco, and the Golden Age of Amsterdam. The remainder of the volume contains new articles and updates of original articles, a necrology, glossary, index, and pocket insert entitled: Map of Jewish Oral Law: Concepts, Persons, Places. The alphabetical arrangement of the entries and the index make this an easy tool to use.

53. **The 1986 Jewish Directory and Almanac.** Compiled and edited by Ivan L. Tillem. New York: Pacific Press, 1985. 582, 166 p. ISBN 0915399624 (paper); 0915399016 (hardcover). \$24.95; 14.95 pb.

An annual compendium on contemporary Jews and Judaism, now in its second year. Book 1, the almanac, contains demographics, an annual review, current issues, notes on the Holocaust, the State of Israel, history notes, current biography, Jewish institutions, Torah and its wisdom, Judaism on campus, sacred cycles, media and sports. Book 2, the yellow pages, contains directory listings of 16,000 Jewish communal organizations and commercial establishments in the U.S. and Canada.

A cross between the *American Jewish Yearbook*, *Jewish Almanac*, and *Encyclopaedia Judaica Yearbook*, this work includes material available elsewhere, and we question the need for a Yiddish-English dictionary in a directory. There is no doubt of the value of a current annual of information on things Jewish; however, without an index, the vast amount of information presented here is difficult to access. One must scan a detailed classified table of contents, featuring over 70 articles to find what's here.

This work needs pruning, and to keep its size manageable, we recommend that the yellow pages be published separately. This indispensable tool belongs in every Judaica collection. We look forward to future improved editions.

## Social Sciences

54. **Directory of Jewish Federations, Welfare Funds and Community Councils.** New York: Council of Jewish Federations, 1986. 27 p. \$10.

A listing of the local central agencies of Jewish federations responsible for fundraising, allocations, distributions of funds, and

coordination of local social services in the United States. The directory is arranged alphabetically by state then city. There are also entries for: Canada, Australia, Europe, Latin America, and South Africa. Each entry gives address, telephone number, names of executive director and president.

**55. *Directory of Jewish Health and Welfare Agencies: 1986-1987.*** New York: Council of Jewish Federations, 1986. 55 p. \$10.00.

A comprehensive listing of local agencies under Jewish auspices throughout United States and Canada. Arranged alphabetically by state, and then by city. City entries are subdivided by service categories, such as individual and family services, community centers, services for children and aged, vocational services, hospitals, and Jewish education. Specialized service categories are listed for the handicapped, disabled, singles, cult members, alcohol and substance abuse, child day care, etc.

Each entry gives brief information, such as name of agency, address, telephone number, and contact person.

## Women

**56. *Schneider, Susan Weidman. Jewish and Female: Choices and Changes in our Lives Today.*** New York: Simon and Schuster, 1984. 640 p. ISBN 0671421034. \$19.95.

The author, editor of *Lilith* magazine, the foremost Jewish feminist journal, confronts the issues facing the Jewish woman today: changing role in the family; single women in the family-oriented Jewish community; the pressure to have children to insure Jewish survival; marriage, divorce and widowhood; equal access to religious education, and equal participation in male-dominated rituals. Of reference value to librarians is the 79-page "Jewish Woman's Networking Directory," a comprehensive directory of resources, with an alphabetical index to 67 topics ranging from *Affirmative action* to *Youth*. Each entry gives name, address and telephone number information.

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