

The Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem

Card catalogues and files on microfiche



Microfiche edition of finding aids

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Alphabetical and Classified card catalogues

Historical factors and a conscious and continuing striving to achieve well-defined aims in developing the holdings, have resulted in the creation of collections of special value within the Jewish National and University Library. This makes the present publication of catalogues of these collections an event of considerable importance.

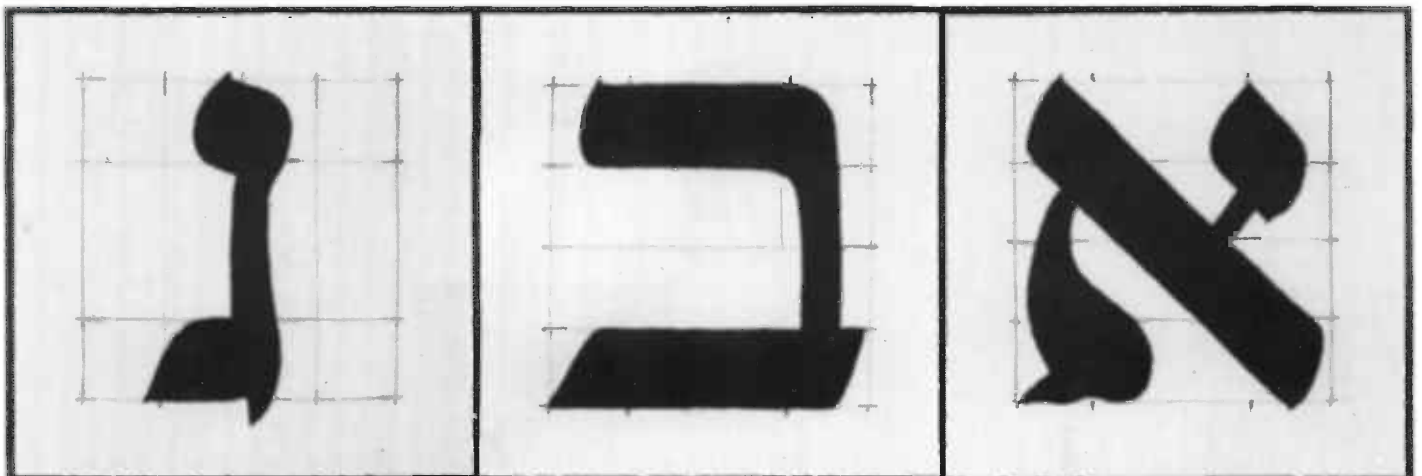
The collection of books printed in Hebrew characters - Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Judeo-Arabic, etc. - is the largest of its kind in the world.

The collection of books in Judaica and Palestine Studies in other languages (particularly Western) is also the largest in the world. This collection is recorded in other catalogues, mainly in the Roman-type catalogue.

The Roman-type catalogue also contains records of the rich collections of the JNUL in the history and culture of Eastern and Central Europe, music, Islamic studies, and the history and culture of the Middle East, Eastern Europe, particularly Russia, naturally forms a substantial part of the Cyrillic catalogue as well, while Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies form a substantial part of the Arabic catalogue.

The Jewish National and University Library's catalogue cards, now offered on microfiche, comprise approximately one million titles.

	Order no.	Number of cards	Number of fiche
Hebrew characters (except Yiddish)	J-10-16/1	415,000	631
Yiddish	J-10-17/1	75,000	113
Arabic characters	J-10-18/1	85,000	121
Cyrillic characters	J-10-19/1	100,000	156
Others (catalogued in Roman characters)	J-10-20/1	1,675,000	2,574
The Classified catalogue (Dewey Decimal System), except for Judaica and Palestine Studies (published separately-see next page)	J-10-21/1	1,035,000	1,647



Judaica Collection card catalogue

The approximately 370,000 cards, listing some 300,000 publications, describe the largest Judaica collection in the world. About 85 per cent of all publications ever printed in Hebrew characters are included here; and if individual editions of the same work are not counted separately, the proportion is probably more than 90 per cent. Moreover, the collection contains about 80 per cent of all printed Judaica works written in English, German, French, and Latin, and about 70 per cent of these in other languages (Italian, Spanish, Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Rumanian, etc.).

Since a classified catalogue is not generally used in libraries today, it is important to point out some of its main characteristics, particularly with regard to its application here. The catalogue of The Jewish National and University

Library does not have alphabetical subject designations. Subjects are defined only by numerical notation in the analytical frame work of the classified catalogue, which is provided with alphabetical indices to the system. The classified catalogue brings together under each number, cards located in five separate alphabetical catalogues: Hebrew, Yiddish, Latin characters, Cyrillic characters, and Arabic. Following each class number, the cards are filed in the aforementioned order.

The classification schedule for Judaica used in the catalogue was developed in the 1920s by Prof. G. Scholem and Dr. I. Yoel on the basis of an expansion of class numbers from the Dewey Classification. The full schedules and the index to the system are detailed in a pamphlet which is offered together with the micro-edition of the catalogue.

It must further be pointed out that the cards of the classified catalogue represent secondary entries only. Prior to 1963, class cards were typed or handwritten and did not necessarily include all the information found even of the face of the main cards. A complimentary set of microfiche therefore includes all detailed entries in the main alphabetical card catalogue referred to on the classified catalogue cards.

Despite this limitation, however, the catalogue provided by the microfiche edition is the fullest description of the Library's Judaica collection available outside the Library itself. I do not doubt that it will greatly benefit research on the history and culture of Jewish people in its own country and in the Diaspora through all the ages.

Peretz Tishby, Head Librarian

The collection

The catalogue is composed of the following subject groups, which are also available individually

	Number of fiche
Bible	54
Apocrypha and pseudoepigrapha	3
Judaism	25
Theology and philosophy	15
Anti-Semitism and apologetics	12
Prayer and ritual	29
Jewish ethics; Sermons	19
Halakhah	33
Sects, religious movements, mysticism	22
Daily life; Popular Literature; Folklore	9
Talmud and Midrash	15
General subjects in relation to Jews and Judaism	34
Philology	17
Jewish literature	79
Jewish archaeology	3
Jewish biography	15
Jewish history	66
Palestine; State of Israel	68

- 370,000 cards on 549 microfiche
- Order no.: J-10-1/1

Finding aids to manuscript and archive collections

The Jewish National and University Library has particularly rich manuscript and archive collections; to mention only a few; the Martin Buber Archives, The Schwadron Autographic Collection, the Newton Papers, and a large collection of important Arabic manuscripts. There are also unexpected unique collections, such as the Collection of aerial photographs of Palestine made by German Air Force photographers in 1918, which are a valuable source for archaeologists.

Price

- 10 card catalogues and 172 files
- 130 microfiche
- Order no.: J-10-3/1 - J-10-15/1

1. Private collections

Card Catalogues

	Order no.	Number of fiche
Agnon, Shmuel, Yosef. 1880-1970.	J-10-3/1	16
Buber, Martin. 1878-1965.	J-10-4/1	22
Ginzburg, Shaul. 1866-1940.	J-10-15/1	1
Manger, Yitzchak (Itzik). 1901-1969.	J-10-5/1	8
Pilowski, Ya'acov. 1898-1969.	J-10-14/1	1
Sadan, Dov. 1902.	J-10-13/1	5

Files (146 files)	J-10-6/1	24
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2. Collections

Card catalogues

Schwadron autograph collection	J-10-9/1	15
Portraits and Photographer Collection	J-10-10/1	15
Air photographs of Palestine, 1918	J-10-11/1	3
Arabic manuscripts in the A.S. Yahuda	J-10-12/1	6

Files (20 files)	J-10-7/1	8
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3. Societies

Files (6 files)	J-10-8/1	6
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Martin Buber