

Highlights of Israel and Judaica Section Acquisitions

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Description: Items acquired by the Israel and Judaica (I/J) Section at the Library of Congress are varied in format and in language. These items are primarily in Hebrew, English, Russian and Yiddish, but not exclusively. Materials of interest acquired by our section are in Amharic, Arabic, Hungarian, Persian, French, Rumanian, Hungarian, German and other languages. In addition to books and serials, formats include maps, political ephemera, posters and audio-visual material (DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, cassette tapes, 35mm film etc.). Materials are acquired through exchange, purchase, transfer and gift. Many international exchange partners participate in the DMEP (Duplicate Materials Exchange Program).

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