Merging collections for user’s benefit

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McGill University
Nahum Gelber Law Library
McGill University

- 300+ programs of study
- 39,988 students (Fall 2015)
- 22 Faculties and Schools

McGill Libraries

- Over 6 million items in its collections.
- 11 Libraries
Languages represented in the collection

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Jewish Studies at McGill University

- Established in 1968
- Concentrations: Jewish Thought, History, Bible and Literature, East European Studies, Modern Jewish Studies.
- Hebrew, Yiddish, and Aramaic
- Minor Concentration
- Major Concentration
- Honours program
- Graduate program (M.A. in Jewish Studies)
TALMUDIC LAW AT MCGILL

Department of Jewish Studies
- Minor Concentration Jewish Law

Law Faculty
- Talmudic Law
- Talmudic Law Moot Competition
- Comparative Law (Islamic, Jewish and Canon Law)
Shatz, David. 

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CRITERIA USED FOR MERGING THE COLLECTION:

• Users needs/accessibility
• Library space
• Budget
• Language
To do list:

- Identified titles
- Asked to have these changes:
  - Change in catalogue location
  - Re-label
- Shipped to the Law Library
- Re-shelved
Some pearls of wisdom…

• Review your academic programs regularly
• Don’t think in terms of “collections” but in terms of “needs”
• Don’t be afraid of changes!
Thanks!