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## Report on the Library of Jewish Scepticism

The Library of Jewish Scepticism is a special collection administered by a single librarian—a so-called one-person-library (OPL). During the Maimonides Centre's first period, from October 2015 to February 2019, the position of librarian was jointly funded by the German Research Foundation and Universität Hamburg (90%). Between March and August 2019, the position of librarian was vacant due to lack of funding. Since 2019, the position of librarian is funded by Universität Hamburg part-time (50%). Tasks and budget remain the same.

### Student Assistants

The librarian was supported by Ms. Vanessa Zerwas, a sign-language student, until February 2019.

### Catalogue Merger

German academic libraries contribute cataloguing records to regional library networks, for historic reasons. The meta search engine “Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog” serves as a virtual national union catalogue, drawing together the content of these regional catalogues. In March 2019, two very large German regional library networks (GBV, SWB) merged their catalogues to form **K10plus**, a data pool containing over 200 million holdings. While catalogue users will not notice a lot of changes, library professionals need to handle technical changes to cataloguing and retrieval patterns. The librarian attended **K10plus** training in February 2019. Development, deduplication, and debugging continues.

### Specialised Information Service in Jewish Studies/Israel Studies

Since 2016, the “Fachinformationsdienst Jüdische Studien” (FID) provides managed access to electronic resources in Jewish Studies to senior academics and bona fide researchers in Germany. In February 2018, the Judaica team at Universitätsbibliothek Frankfurt a.M. led by Dr. Rachel Heuberger, which runs the FID, conducted a survey among the research and library community. Based on survey feedback and available financial resources, the FID has negotiated access to three additional e-resources in 2019:



Coverage of K10plus. For further information, see <https://www.bszgbv.de/>.

COTAR online = Collection of Torah articles \*New in 2019\*  
Index to Hebrew Periodicals  
JSTOR Complete Jewish Studies Collection  
Magnes Press e-Book collection Hebrew titles \*New in 2019\*  
Otzar HaHochma  
Rav Milim Dictionary Online  
Journal of Ancient Judaism (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht) \*New in 2019\*

In 2019, the Frankfurt FID team won the bid for another period of funding from the German Research Foundation (2019–2021). The librarian continues to manage FID access permissions for staff and fellows of the Maimonides Centre.

FID subscriptions July 2018 to September 2019

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| Staff              | 20 |
| Fellows, post-docs | 3  |

## Faculty Library Committee

Since September 2019, the librarian is an advising member of the Library Committee of the Faculty of Humanities at Universität Hamburg.

## Book Donations

We wish to express our sincere thanks for donations of books received from Daniel Boyarin (University of California), Moshe Idel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Ariel Malachi (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan), Yitzhak Melamed (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore), Yoav Meyrav (Universität Hamburg), Dalyah Netser-Tsafir (Moshav Kefar Yehoshu'a), Lilian Türk (Universität Hamburg), Giuseppe Veltri (Universität Hamburg), Irina Wandrey (Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, Hamburg), and unnamed former fellows.

## Statistics

July 2018 to September 2019

### Institute for Jewish Philosophy and Religion

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| Acquisitions (physical volumes)               | 85  |
| Items catalogued (incl. earlier acquisitions) | 172 |

### Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies

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| Acquisitions (physical volumes)               | 225 |
| Items catalogued (incl. earlier acquisitions) | 157 |

