

Library News

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TALMUD BAVLI VARIANTS 2.0

The Friedberg Jewish Manuscript Society has added a new free database to its portal ([„Jewishmanuscripts.org“](http://Jewishmanuscripts.org)), featuring free access to the entire body of Talmud Bavli variant-readings from complete manuscripts, Genizah fragments, fragments from bindings and early printed books — found in public libraries and private collections around the world. Read more in [English](#), in [Hebrew](#).

LIBRARY FEES

On March 29, 2016, the city of Hamburg has published new rules concerning library fees ([„Gebührenordnung“](#)). If you borrow books from libraries on campus, remember to enquire about revised fees and lending periods, in particular in respect to weekend borrowing. The gist of the new rules is found [here](#).

ZENTRALBIBLIOTHEK @ PHIL-TURM

The local State- and University Library („Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek“) keeps most of its collections in storage, with only limited collections accessible on open shelves. At the Departmental Library for Philosophy, Classics and History ([„Zentralbibliothek Philosophie, Klassische Philologie und Geschichte“](#)), large parts of the collections are still accessible on open shelves, spread over three floors. The library is open 9:00am-19:00pm during term-time, 9:00am-17:00pm outside term-time. Take a look at the shelf classification schemes ([„Aufstellungssystematiken“](#)).

EX LIBRIS MICHAEL STUDEMUND-HALEVY

Shortly after the foundation of the „Institut für Jüdische Philosophie und Religion“ in 2014, Dr Michael Studemund-Halevy, a Hamburg-based researcher specialising in Sefardic history, Judaeo-Spanish philology, Hebrew bibliography, and local Jewish history, kindly offered to donate books from his private library. The Institute has received more than 150 books, most of which are now listed on [Library Thing](#). Proper cataloguing is to follow.

SERIALS IN FULL TEXT ⇒ EZB (Hamburg)

Serials in electronic full-text format available to members of the University of Hamburg are registered on the web-pages of the EZB ([„Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek“](#)). EZB entries give information about currently available licences. A search by individual articles is not possible. EZB contributes information to ZDB.

HOLDINGS OF SERIALS IN GERMANY ⇒ ZDB

If you are looking for a journal in Germany, the ZDB ([„Zeitschriftendatenbank“](#)) is the place to access. It is the world's largest database recording holdings of print and electronic serials, including newspapers and journals. The holdings of c. 4400 German and Austrian libraries are recorded, listing a total of 1,7 million titles. A search by individual articles is not possible. ZDB also lists EZB holdings.

DATABASES ⇒ DBIS (Hamburg)

If you are looking for searchable academic databases accessible to members of the University of Hamburg, DBIS ([„Datenbank-Infosystem“](#)) is the place to access. There is no content overlap with EZB and ZDB.

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DATABASES IN JEWISH STUDIES ⇒ DBIS (Hamburg)

If you are looking for searchable academic databases accessible to members of the University of Hamburg related to Jewish Studies, the new DBIS webpage on databases in Jewish Studies („[Judaistik](#)“) is now the place to access.

The Institut für Jüdische Philosophie und Religion purchased the „Otsar ha-Hokhmah“ database of 76.000 Hebrew and Rabbinic books in full text in December 2015. When cataloguing the database we noticed that Jewish Studies were dispersed under headings such as „Archäologie“, „Asien-Afrika-Wissenschaften“, „Theologie und Religionswissenschaft“, and others. Colleagues at the Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek acted on our suggestion to create a new discrete subject heading for Jewish Studies („[Judaistik](#)“) in DBIS. Thank you, SUB, this is excellent news!

MICROFORMS AND DIGITAL PRINT SURROGATES ⇒ EROMM

[EROMM](#) is a gateway to microforms and digital print surrogates in Europe.

One gets 52 results when keying in „moreh nevukhim“ - take a look!

200 YEARS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION LIBRARY — EXHIBITION

The Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek hosts the important library of the Hamburg Medical Association („[Ärztekammer Hamburg — Bibliothek des Ärztlichen Vereins](#)“). An [exhibition](#) about the fascinating history of this library runs until May 5 (Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek, Lichthof, 1. Etage).

ISRAELI FILMS

We were recently contacted by a distributor of Israeli films, with a list of titles. This may be of interest to those who enjoy viewing Jewish and Israeli films in Hamburg at venues such as the Abaton Cinema, the Film Fest Hamburg, and the [Jewish Film Club at the IGDJ](#). Next screening on April 21 („Kidon“, France/Israel, 2013).

WORKSHOP IN THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH BOOK

If you happen to be in Philadelphia in May, you may want to attend the [Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Master Workshop in the History of the Jewish Book](#), which takes place on Sunday and Monday, May 8-9, at the Katz Centre for Advanced Jewish Studies.

JEWISH TRIVIA QUIZ

For those pub quiz nights, why not try out the [Jewish Trivia Quiz](#)?

LIBRARY NEWS ARCHIVE

Previous editions of „Library News“ will soon be hosted on the MCAS webpages. In the meantime, you can access them here: [Library News 1](#), [Library News 2](#), [Library News 3](#).