

Israel and Judaica Section (Library of Congress) Update **Haim Gottschalk, Yisrael Meyerowitz, Gail Shirazi, Jeremiah Aaron Taub, Galina Teverovsky and Nahid Gerstein**

Description: Representatives from the Israel and Judaica Section of the Library of Congress will discuss a variety of acquisitions and cataloging matters, including new and recent classification numbers and subject headings, highlights of IJ Section cataloging practice, developments in serials cataloging and processing, and general Library of Congress news.

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