Welcome to the LC Israel and Judaic Section Update. I am Aaron Taub and I am joined by my colleagues Joan Biella, Marina Korenberg, Gail Shirazi, and Galina Teverovsky. Our colleagues Roger Kohn, Henry Lefkowitz, and Ela Pelish also contributed to this presentation.
As you can see from the agenda, our talk will present both cataloging and acquisitions issues as well as some general news about developments at LC. And you don’t want to miss our feature presentation written by Peter Kearney, longtime IJ Section staff member and now a volunteer and directed and with videography by Henry Lefkowitz. We have a full agenda and ask that you hold any questions until after our presentation.
For the first time since it’s founding, the National Book Festival was two days long (Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th. An estimated 200,000 book-lovers gathered on the National Mall this weekend for the Festival. Organized by the Library of Congress with Honorary Co-Chairs President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, the event featured presentations and book signings by more than 100 of our nation’s bestselling authors, illustrators and poets including Toni Morrison, David McCullough, Terry McMillan, Katherine Paterson, Garrison Keillor and Jim Lehrer (visit www.loc.gov/bookfest/authors/ for a complete list of participating authors).
Here is the poster for the 2011 National Book Festival.
Dr. Deanna Marcum retired from her position as Associate Librarian for Library Services at the end of 2011.

From a special announcement of October 3, 2011:

Dr. Marcum was appointed Associate Librarian for Library Services on August 11, 2003. In this capacity she has been responsible for managing the Library’s acquisitions, cataloging, public service program, preservation activities, services to the blind and physically handicapped, and the network and bibliographic standards for America’s national library. She was also responsible for integrating emerging digital resources into the traditional artifactual library—and played the leading role this year in our first ever two-day National Book Festival.

During her tenure as Associate Librarian, Dr. Marcum ably represented the Library within the broader library community both nationally and internationally. She initiated a number of major projects within the Library. She convened the Committee on the Future of Bibliographic Control, brought a more professional approach to the management of Library Services, reorganized the Library’s acquisitions and cataloging programs, acquired numerous and very significant
collections for the Library, initiated the Sloan Digitization Project, and assisted
the Librarian of Congress with the opening of the Packard Campus for Audio-
Visual Conservation.
New Associate Librarian for Library Services: Roberta Shaffer

From an LC press release of January 4, 2012:

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has appointed Roberta I. Shaffer as Associate Librarian for Library Services. The appointment of Shaffer, who has served as the Law Librarian of Congress since August 2009, is effective immediately.

Shaffer is a graduate of Vassar College and Tulane University School of Law and has a master’s degree in library science from Emory University. She did graduate work at American University in arts management and has a certificate in negotiation and mediation from The Harvard Law School.

Ms. Shaffer has initiated a new newsletter called Minding Matters, which discusses news and new initiatives in Library Services.

Ms. Shaffer discussed a number of her goals and beliefs, including the Library’s policies on electronic formats, at a recent Labor-Management Consultative Group Meeting, at which she stated (and I quote here from the minutes of the meeting):

… the Library would continue to function in a hybrid analog/digital world, particularly since it collects more heavily in the humanities and social sciences than in the medical sciences. She said that as digital formats keep proliferating, LC will have to accommodate more formats in the future, and that change will accelerate. She is developing the Library Services Plan for Innovative Investment (PII) that will show accomplishments that can be realized within 90 days, 900 days, and 9,000 days. The PII thus both outlines “quick wins” and presents a vision of the Library 25 years (approximately 9,000 days) from now. Collections are the driver for this vision, Shaffer said; her top priorities are collections, staff and staff morale, and outreach, in that order. For example, she supports telework because it has been shown to increase productivity, not simply because it boosts staff morale.

Shaffer noted that the Library of Congress’s decisions have an impact on many different entities in all kinds of places, and therefore the Library cannot be a risk-taking organization at its core. Nevertheless, it must not be inert, and “we’ve always done it this way” is never an answer. She reminded the Consultative Group of LC’s huge responsibility to the communities that rely on it, and offered to meet again with the group.
Joe Puccio has been appointed as the Officer of the Collection Development Office at LC. The primary purpose of the Office is to help the Library build and shape a universal collection of knowledge. The Office will be independent of but work in conjunction with the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate and Collections Services. This establishment marks the first time that there has been a collection development office at LC since the mid-90’s. Joe has been visiting various divisions to hear what staff find to be the most pressing issues.

According to Roberta Shaffer (Minding Matters, March 14, 2012):

“With Joe Puccio now serving as the Collection Development Officer in the reinstated Collection Development Office, we have again entered a crossroads in collections. He and his staff will address the many new collection issues of formats, types of materials, policies on retention, collection locations and access, and even the very ways in which we acquire our collections. They will assist in aligning collections with our mission and realize our long-term responsibilities for preservation of original formats and migration of digital assets. I am thrilled Joe has arrived to add his in-depth knowledge about the Library and our collections to the work ahead.”
The Library has recently implemented a mandatory in-house records management course for LC staff. You can see its goals onscreen. It is offered online and covers the issues you can see on your screen, such as how to distinguish between records, non-records, and personal papers, distinguishing between temporary and permanent records, and disposing of records …

Determining what is a record is not as straightforward as it might seem. For example, a draft you updated yourself is NOT a record. However, if you circulated it to others and they provided substantive changes, that draft with their comments is a record. If their comments were only stylistic (grammar, etc.), that is NOT a record. And, of course, the final draft is a record.
The Library offered a cash “buyout” as an incentive for retirees in 2011. In the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access (ABA) Directorate, approximately 51 staff members retired.

To help address anticipated reductions in the FY 2012 Federal budget, the Library of Congress has identified categories of positions where it would be possible to downsize, restructure, reshape, or reorganize in order to operate with fewer employees. The Library has received approvals for a Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP) program.

VSIP provides a financial incentive to eligible employees to encourage them to separate from Federal service voluntarily, either by retirement or resignation. The gross (pretax) amount of the payment under the VSIP opportunity is the lesser of the employee's severance pay computed pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 550.707, or Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000). An employee does not need to be eligible for immediate retirement or early retirement (i.e., VERA) in order to be eligible for VSIP.
In March 2012, the IJ Section completed its move from its temporary “swing space” to its permanent location in LM-537. This move has tremendously improved our work flow by bringing together acquisitions and cataloging together in one space for the first time after years of being at opposite ends of the building. Here you can see our receiving area.
Here is Galina working on some serials receipts in our new receiving area.
We have windows in our new location, which we did not have in our "swing space." Here is a view looking out onto 2nd Street SE.
Recruited by Gail Shirazi, the IJ Section is fortunate to have two wonderful volunteers. The first one pictured in our presentation is Paula Eiblum. Paula Eiblum lived in Israel in the 1970s. After returning to the US with her young family, Paula sought to maintain her connection and commitment to Israel. In 1988 she founded Infocus Research Services, an information research and retrieval company that supplied books, technical literature, and US government documents to Israeli academic, government and corporate libraries. Paula and her staff, which included another LC volunteer, Leesa Fine, enjoyed daily communication with our Israeli librarian clients, and the satisfaction of contributing to Israel's technological and scientific advancement. Paula also edited a column about the Copyright challenges of the digital age in Online Magazine.

Paula sold Infocus a few years ago, and now enjoys being connected to Israel through volunteering in LC's Israel and Judaica Section.
Leesa Fine was born in Toronto and attended Hebrew Day school in Toronto until the 10th grade.

She moved to Israel in 1972 and from 1974 until 1988 worked as the editorial assistant and translator in the Newsweek bureau in Jerusalem. While in Israel, she began studying Library Science at Hebrew U, but dropped out after one year -- It was too much about computers and not enough about books.

She came to the US in 1988 and worked part-time as a researcher for Infocus Research. That's how she met Paula Eiblum -- she was the owner of the company.

Leesa retired in 2000 and began teaching English to new immigrants and then began teaching biblical and prayerbook Hebrew to adults, which she is still doing 3 times a week at Temple Sinai in Washington, DC.
The IJ Section recently paid a group visit to Lenore Bell, our former section head and now the director of the Library of the USHMM. The visit was organized by former staff member and current volunteer Peter Kearney. Here Lenore is about to show us a copy of the Survivor's Talmud.
Here Lenore discusses some of the accomplishments and goals of the Library.
Here is a group photo at the end of our visit.
This next section of new classification numbers and subject headings was culled from monthly lists by Roger Kohn. We will move through most of them fairly quickly.
## New Classification Numbers

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Søren Kierkegaard
1813-1855
New Classification Numbers

Ethics
—Religious ethics
—Jewish ethics
—Special topics

BJ1286.S33 Secrecy
New Classification Numbers:
BJ1286.S33 (Secrecy)
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—History
 —By period—1500-
 —Specific movements, sects, etc.
 —Hasidism. Hasidim. חסידים
 —By sect
 —Other sects, A-Z

BM198.56.S65 Spinka. ספinka
Yeshivat Imre Yosef Spinka, 58th Street
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—History
—By region or country
—Asia
—Southern Asia
—Singapore

BM420.5 General works
BM420.6 A-Z By political division, A-Z
BM420.7 A-Z By city, A-Z

Subarrange each city by Table BM2
Maghain Aboth Synagogue, Singapore
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—Sources
—Rabbinical literature
—Special topics, A-Z

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BM496.9.S36  Samson (Biblical Judge)
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—Relation of Judaism to special subject fields
—Religions
—Other religions, A-Z

BM536.S55 Sufism
Sufi dance
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—Relation of Judaism to special subject fields
—Other, A-Z

BM538.H68 Housing
BM538.N38 Nature
New Classification Number: Nature (BM538.N38)
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—Practical Judaism
—Liturgy and ritual
—Special liturgical books
—Other liturgical books, A-Z

BM675.B49  Birkat ha-minim.
Table BM7
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—Practical Judaism
—Festivals and fasts
—Individual festivals and fasts, A-Z

BM695.T37  Tenth of Tevet. עשרת בטבת
“Childbirth” was added as a caption to BM726. Works dealing with Jewish religious perspectives on “childbirth” should be classed here.
New Classification Numbers

Judaism
—Practical Judaism
—Other special topics, A-Z

BM729.I36    Idolatry
BM729.M55    Milk
BM729.S76    Space
New Classification Numbers: Milk (BM729.M55)
New Classification Numbers

The Bible
—General
—Works about the Bible
—Men, women, and children of the Bible
—Biography
—Individual Old Testament characters, A-Z

BS580.A26  Abimelech
The Death of Abimelech

by Gustave Doré

Note millstone in foreground
New Classification Numbers

The Bible
—General
   —Works about the Bible
   —Topics (not otherwise provided for), A-Z

BS680.E58   Environmental ethics
New Classification Numbers

The Bible
—Old Testament
—Works about the Old Testament
—Topics (not otherwise provided for), A-Z

BS1199.D37  Deserts
BS1199.I54  Interfaith marriage
BS1199.P56  Pleasure
BS1199.S35  Senses and sensation
The Negev Desert
New Classification Numbers

History of Asia
—Israel (Palestine). The Jews
—Jerusalem
    —Description. Antiquities and exploration
    —Other special places and objects, A-Z

DS109.8.M47   Mishkenot sha`ananim
DS109.8.S44   Sheikh Jarrah
Mishkenot Sha’ananim

Sheikh Jarrah
New Classification Numbers

History of Asia
—Israel (Palestine). The Jews
—Regions, towns, etc., A-Z

DS110.A38  Ahwat Site
DS110.B228  Bal’amah Site
DS110.B97  Buqe’i’a
DS110.D4  Deganyah Alef
DS110.J85  Jūlis
DS110.R6  Rosh Pinah
Deganyah Alef from the air
New Classification Numbers

History of Asia
—Israel (Palestine). The Jews
—Antiquities

DS111.3 Roman
Roman arches, Caesarea
New Classification Numbers

History of Asia
—Israel (Palestine). The Jews
—Ethnography. Tribes of Israel
—Other elements in the population, A-Z

DS113.8.L38       Latvian Jews
New Classification Numbers

Jewish law. Halakhah. ההלכה
—Mishpat Ivri
—The concept of Jewish law. Halakhah. ההלכה

KBM524.145 Relationship of Jewish law and economics
New Classification Numbers

Oriental philology and literature
—Hebrew
—Literature
—Literary history and criticism
—History
—Special aspects and topics
—Treatment of special subjects, A-Z

PJ5012.E85 Ethnicity

—Treatment of special persons and characters, A-Z

PJ5013.5.J47 Jesus Christ
New Classification Numbers

Oriental philology and literature
   —Hebrew
      —Literature
         —Individual authors and works
            —Medieval through 1700, A-Z

PJ5050.A25 Abulafia, Abraham ben Samuel, 1240-ca. 1292
Abulafia, Abraham ben Samuel, 1240-ca. 1292
New Classification Numbers

**Literature (General)**

— Theory, Philosophy, Esthetics
— Relation to and treatment of special elements, problems, and subjects
— Other special
— Topics, A-Z

**PN56.D474** Depression, Mental
**PN56.H79** Human rights
**PN56.I426** Ignorance (Theory of knowledge)
**PN56.I455** Immortality
**PN56.P22** Paganism
**PN56.T46** Theater
**PN56.T55** Tolerance
**PN56.T685** Transnationalism
New Classification Numbers

Subject bibliography
—Philology and linguistics
—Oriental
—Individual languages

Z7072.8 Judeo-Arabic
Judeo-Arabic
Sometimes proposals that are rejected can prove quite instructive. Here is an example. For a work entitled Hilkhot yom ha-atsmaut ve-yom yerushalayim, a cataloger proposed a classification number in BM695, the area in the “Practical Judaism” section of the schedule for individual fasts and feasts. Because the work was entirely based on religious treatment of the holiday, the cataloger felt that this was justified, even though a number for Israeli Independence Day existed already in DS: DS126.8. However, the Policy & Standards Division stated that it is unusual to include a secular holiday in a list of religious festivals. The cataloger responded to PSD that this work is discussing the holiday within Judaism and from a halakhic (Jewish law) perspective. In addition, this is not a "secular" holiday per se for religious people who observe it religiously. We therefore thought it should be classed in BM and not DS.

However, the proposal was rejected and all works on Israeli independence Day will be classed in DS126.8.
New Subject Headings
Targeted killing \textit{[May Subd Geog]}

680 Here are entered works on premeditated killing of an individual or individuals, \textbf{exclusively for reasons of state self-defense}. Works on the killing of an individual for purely political or ideological reasons are entered under \textbf{Assassination}.

Targeted killing (International law) \textit{[Not Subd Geog]}
OTHER TOPICAL SUBJECT HEADINGS

Holocaust memorials--Law and legislation  [May Subd Geog]

Paleography, Aramaic  [May Subd Geog]
An Aramaic inscription from Zinjirli, ca. 730 BCE mentioning Tiglath-Pileser
SITES IN ISRAEL, WEST BANK, & GOLAN HEIGHTS

Ahwat Site (Israel)
Bal’amah Site (West Bank)
Camel Site (Israel)
‘En Nashut Site (Golan Heights)
Far‘ah Wadi (West Bank)
Giv‘at ha-Radar, Battle of, West Bank, 1948
Khirbet er-Rasm Site (Israel)
Omrit Site (Israel)
Parḵ ha-pesalim (Tserifin, Israel)
Far‘ah Wadi (West Bank)
Palestinian National Authority (1)

SHM H 980 sec. 4 states that the Palestinian National Authority is a governmental entity, not a geographic area.

However, it is assigned as a geographical subject heading tagged 651, and not as a corporate body (610). Subdivisions that are free-floating under names of places cannot be used under such a heading unless they are editorially established. In addition, Palestinian National Authority may not be used as a geographic subdivision.

This next section is on the treatment of the Palestinian National Authority in LCSH and was also prepared by Roger Kohn. For questions on this section, please feel free to send a query to Roger, whose e-mail is in your hand-out.
Palestinian National Authority (2)

The question is what to do with PNA’s foreign relations.

“--Foreign relations” is used as a free-floating subdivision only as “a topical subdivision under names of regions, countries, and groups of countries, and individual Christian denominations.” Since the PNA is neither a region or a country, its “Foreign relations” must be established editorially.

According to the instruction sheet for foreign relations, H 1629, when a region or country has relations with a specific region or country, the reciprocal has to be applied (e.g., United States--Foreign relations--France; France--Foreign relations--United States). When used as a subdivision after –Foreign relations with a country, it is subdivided topically by a $x$. 
Here is the new subject authority record for Palestinian National Authority $x Foreign Relations. Note the 680 field which states that “if further subdivided by place, an additional subject entry is made for [place]—Foreign relations subdivided topically by Palestinian National Authority.”
Here is an example of it would look with the heading subdivided by foreign relations of the PNA and with a foreign sovereign state. Note that the “Palestinian National Authority” is a $x topical subdivision in the second example.
Here you can see an example of Foreign Relations used as a subdivision with the Catholic Church as a point of contrast. For example, for works dealing with the Catholic Church, a corporate body (610) is used. Because the Catholic Church is a corporate body (610), its foreign relations was editorially established.
SITES IN THE DIASPORA

Tombeau du Martyr Juif Inconnu (Paris, France)
Here is a 1966 mixed media collage/painting by Israeli artist, Motke Blum (b.1925).
MOTION PICTURES AND MEDIA
SUBJECT HEADINGS

Assimilation (Sociology) in motion pictures [Not Subd Geog]

Social integration in motion pictures [Not Subd Geog]

Radio broadcasting, Yiddish [May Subd Geog]
LITERATURE (GENERAL) – 1 -

Autobiographical poetry [Not Subd Geog]

Autobiographical comic books, strips, etc. [May Subd Geog]

Biographical comic books, strips, etc. [May Subd Geog]

Fundamentalism in literature [Not Subd Geog]
Paranormal fiction  [Not Subd Geog]
680 Here are entered collections of fiction on ghosts, angels, fairies, shapeshifters, vampires, werewolves and other animals whose existence is not confirmed by science, extraterrestrial life and unidentified flying objects, characters with psychic abilities, and other subjects beyond the range of normal experience or scientific explanation, and works about such fiction. Collections of fiction on witchcraft, spiritualism, voodooism, supernatural powers, etc., and works about such fiction, are entered under Occult fiction.

Occult fiction  [Not Subd Geog]
680 Here are entered collections of fiction on witchcraft, spiritualism, psychic phenomena, voodooism, supernatural powers, etc. DELETED FIELD
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HEBREW AND JEWISH LITERATURES

Erets (The Hebrew word)
Ara’ (The Aramaic word)

Hanukkah $v$ Poetry

Jews, Spanish, in literature [Not Subd Geog]

Pastoral poetry, Hebrew [May Subd Geog]

Travelers' writings, Hebrew
FAMILY NAMES

Bemporad family  [Not Subd Geog]

Eitington family  [Not Subd Geog]
680 Here are entered works on families with the surnames Eitington or Eitungon.
680 When this heading is assigned to works on an individual family, the appropriate diacritical marks, if any, are included in the heading in the catalog record.

Prager family [Not Subd Geog]
Here are entered works on families with the surnames Prager or Präger.

When this heading is assigned to works on an individual family, the appropriate diacritical marks, if any, are included in the heading in the catalog record.
A newly establishing family name: Lipschitz family. This record has 13 cross-references!!
CLASS OF PERSONS (GENERAL)

Children of illegal aliens—Education

Children of illegal aliens—Education
    —Law and legislation [May Subd Geog]

Youth in peace-building [May Subd Geog]
CLASS OF PERSONS (JEWISH)

Jewish middle school students [May Subd Geog]

Jewish philanthropists [May Subd Geog]

Jewish women philanthropists [May Subd Geog]

Jewish women athletes [May Subd Geog]
Schiff, Jacob H. (Jacob Henry), 1847-1920

(Jewish Philanthropists)
The photo here is of Fanny “Bobbie” Rosenfeld (1903-1969) was named Canada's woman athlete of the first half-century in 1950.

She was a consummate all-round athlete, coach, sports administrator, official, and journalist. Born in Dnepropetrovsk (Yekaterinoslav until 1926), Russia on December 28, 1903(?), she immigrated to Canada with her parents and older brother when she was still an infant; they settled in Barrie, Ontario. Her father Max Rosenfeld operated a junk business and her mother Sarah, who gave birth to three more girls, ran the home. Fanny attended Central School and Barrie Collegiate Institute, where she excelled in basketball and track. She was also a talented lacrosse, baseball, and ice hockey player.
While in Israel in April 2012, I met with three different suppliers: Soshkin, Weinberg and Jerusalem Russian Library, our exchange partner.

To Soshkin, I brought a copy of a list of Russian-language books on Judaica topics published world-wide in paper/print form only. This list was compiled by Ronen Plechnin, an intern for the recommending officer for the Russia Section. I told Soshkin that the IJ Section is seeking items published in Israel. Soshkin said he would let us know what is available and would also provide price quotes.

I informed him that we are also interested in material published by other ethnic communities from the former Soviet Union, such as the Georgian journal Ertoba (Unity), published in Israel.

Aliia Sakartvelodan a newspaper (from the 70’s, 2 x a week), as well as Books in Buharian

We also requested ephemera (posters, concert programs, political items, etc.) and serials. Some serial titles ceased publication but Soshkin said he would let us know which issues are available.
Meeting with Evgeny Soshkin

Here is our meeting in Jerusalem Tower Hotel.
Meeting with Vendors in Israel: Weinbergs

- Tour of New A.I. Weinberg, Ltd. Facility in Mevaseret Tzioni (Jerusalem suburb)
- Discussed New Invoice Procedures and FY Deadlines
- New materials provided by Weinbergs, including ephemera formerly provided by Levinson (i.e. parashiyot ha-shavua, etc.), Igud Yotse Turkia (Buleteni)

The meeting with Weinbergs was held at the new facilities in Mevaseret Tzion where they moved a year ago. They gave me a tour of the new offices.
Here is a photo of Ilan at work. You can see the beautiful view outside and the spacious office of their new office space.
Here is a photo of Ilan, Arodi, and the new partner in the business, Shai Nachmani.
Here you can see a close-up of an application developed by Arodi for serials acquisitions and cataloging. Arodi has a background in software development.
Here is Nisim Medichi who packs the materials for shipping. Notice the different library names on the shelves behind him: Yale, LC, Texas, Seminary (presumably JTS), etc.
Clara graciously opened the library (which was closed for holidays) to give me a tour of the collection. All around the Library there was a display of collection of dolls by Mikhail Kurs which you will see in few slides later.

Dr. Igor Kogan, in cooperation with Clara Elbert, is working on the list/index of all publication houses that publish books in Israel in Russian from mid 19th century to present. Site: www.isrusbook.com . 7,000 items are on this site and it is being used by all libraries interested in this subject.
Pictured in the Center is Dr. Igor Kogan, who, with Clara Elbert, is compiling the list of Russian publishing houses in Israel.
Dr. Kogan is working on a Holocaust Project that is mostly memoirs of survivors and names of deceased. Videos will be added to this site. He is also developing a data base of all victims of Holocaust.
Jerusalem Russian Library
Donation to LC

The Russian Library donated 8 items to LC, CD’s and DVD’s including:

• Interview with Clara Elbert by Russian RTN TV conducted by Evgenii Gutman
• Poetry readings and performances by children (5)
• Multimedia Library for the whole family by Shteinzalts Institute (2)

Here are some items donated to the Library from the Russian Library.
The collection varies in scope. As you can see from the slide:
The Mikhoels collection includes an original portrait of Solomon Mikhoels by Alexandr Tyshler, 1936 by Mikhoels’ daughters who live in Israel.
Natan Sharansky is a great supporter of the Jerusalem Russian Library, in particular the Rare Books Collection.
Here is the original drawing of Solomon Mikhoels by Alexander Tyshler.
Here is a poster in honor of individual refuseniks (more specifically, ha-Moatsah ha-tsiburit le-maan Yehude Berit ha-moatsot) on the wall of the Jerusalem Russian Library.
Here are three-dimensional dolls of the artist Mikhail Kurs. “Arafat” is pictured in the center.
Here is a photo of another doll, which gives you a sense of the scale of the artist's work.
David Stromberg who had lectured at LC and who initially connected us with Clara, is an author and a journalist for Jerusalem Post and a great supporter of the Jerusalem Russian Library.
Russian Library: David Stromberg

- The site fishka.org.il (in Russian, English and Hebrew).
- FISHKA’s community based in Tel Aviv is primarily comprised of young Russian-speaking adults, who immigrated to Israel as children and teenagers from the Former Soviet Union.
- Provides information and useful tools for the development of social, cultural and business skills and initiatives.

David suggested we visit the site fishka.org.il (in Russian, English and Hebrew). Established by Dr. Peter Petakh, poet and an organization founder, this site could be help LC locate new materials from the Russian-speaking community in Israel. We hope to pursue this at a future.

A quote from the site:

FISHKA’s community is primarily comprised of young Russian-speaking adults, who immigrated to Israel as children and teenagers from the Former Soviet Union, enabling its members to become a part of social dynamic life of young Russian-speaking people in Israel. Fishka is a non-governmental and non-profit organization, based in Tel Aviv.

Consequently, these young people may be dealing with complex questions regarding their identity – they are Soviet-born, Russian-speaking immigrants, Jewish and Israeli all at the same time. The arising questions that therefore concern us are:

How would our different and conflicting social identities merge with the multi-cultural society of the State of Israel? How can we be an active part of contemporary Israeli culture and social being, based on our “Russian” roots and Jewish heritage?
The IJ Section has recently initiated a project with the Copyright Office. Copyright office has asked me to create IBC records for AV materials. Having the bibliographic and holdings records in Voyagers prevents the unnecessary purchase of sound recordings that are received through copyright deposit. The bibliographic record enables CAD to edit the deposit record to reflect the LC transliteration.

In support of the claiming activities of the Copyright Acquisitions Division, the I&J section creates current, transliterated bibliographic records for deposit copies of Hebrew and Yiddish sound recordings. In instances when the Library of Congress' transliteration is different from the citation used to demand deposit, the copyright record can be revised to agree with the Library's record. Since the catalog records are created soon after receipt of the copyright deposit copies, current holdings information is available to LC recommending officers.

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**Working with the Copyright Office**

- Prevents duplicate purchase of A/V materials
- Uses systematic romanization allows for access to bibliographic information in both Voyager and the Copyright Database
Challenges in Copyright Claiming

• Many Jewish recordings, especially those produced by the Orthodox Jewish community, have extremely limited distribution. So, finding a citation that completely describes the work that we want is difficult

• Producers record their CDs in small home studios that are difficult to find (and sometimes we can’t find them) and must return the Request for Acquisition (RFA) to the Recommending Officers (RO)

• Our calls and letters are sometimes met with suspicion and resentment. Although CAD’s primary task is to build the collections by enforcing the law, we try to encourage voluntary compliance by assuring depositors that the Library catalogs and preserves their works. The depositor can view bib and holdings records for these works in the LOC OPAC

There are difficulties in obtaining information from sound recording producers
ACQUISITIONS

PURCHASE:
WEINBERG
SOSHKIN
MESFIN BELAY
BIEGELEISEN HEBREW BOOKS
YAFA BOOKSTORE
SIMCHA SALES

EXCHANGE AND GIFTS
LC has a small approval plan fund for Amharic language material published in Israel.
Here is a beautifully illustrated Mahzor in Hebrew and Amharic
Biegeleisen is LC’s approval plan dealer for non-copyrighted Hebrew language material published in the U.S.

BIEGELEISEN

• Biegeleisen Hebrew Book Store
• 4409 16th Avenue
• Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204
• (718) 436-1165
IJ section collects Arabic language material originally published in Israel. The dealer is Michel Rahab of the Yafa Bookstore and Café in Yafo. LC requested that he supply non-mainstream items issued by the Arabic speaking communities in Israel (including books, serials, CDs, DVDs, posters etc.)
Here is LC’s new vendor for Yiddish materials published in the United States, Sal Kluger of Simcha Sales (NJ). Recently, we have received 172 Posters from the Yiddish speaking community in New York (100 through purchase and 72 gifted to LC by Simcha Sales). We will discuss some of these materials later in our presentation. Sal will be supplying additional published and ephemeral items.
LC has been collecting posters from Israel for some time. This year, we began a new venture with vendor Sal Kluger to collect posters from the religious community, primarily in the U.S. The poster pictured on this screen is from the “Ozer Dalim Bartitshev and Surroundings” and discusses how by fulfilling the mitsvah of kaparot at the Kaufman’s Fish Market you will be supporting needy and starving Jews in the Ukraine. Through this, you will be blessed with a good life and all good things.
New Acquisitions: Yiddish Posters in the U.S. (Clothes)

Some of the posters, such as this one for Hasidic rainwear designed by Bill Blass, are primarily in English. The Yiddish reads: “For the most beautiful and best Hasidic raincoats.” I wish there was an image of the Hasidic rainwear …
Here is another advertisement poster for clothes. The text reads: “The new shipment for the holidays has arrived. Don’t wait until the last minute.

These posters will provide rich terrain for linguists. For example, the English word “shipment” is used and not the Yiddish words “transport” or “shikung.” Similarly, the English word “quality” is used and not the Yiddish word “kvalitet.”

And then the mixture of Hebrew and Yiddish in the last line “Ve-al kulum di beste in prayz” is fascinating: “And the best price on everything!” For those of us who catalog Yiddish works from the contemporary Hasidic world, this is, of course, no surprise.
This poster states “Mishe-nikhnas Gloyber marbin be-simhah”/When one enters the Gloybers there is great joy, a play on the old adage “Mish-nikhnas Adar marbin be-simhah.”/"During the month of Adar, joy is plentiful. The poster advertises the most splendid mishloah manot baskets at the cheapest prices, specially packed for in-laws, bride and groom, father-in-law, mother-in-law, and parents, grandfathers, grandmothers, teachers and plain good friends.
Here is a poster from the Council of Travel to the Graves of Righteous Persons in the United States and Canada. It advertises a trip to Rochester and Buffalo. In Buffalo, to visit the grave of the first rabbi in America, Rabbi Yosef Rabinovitsh and in Rochester to visit the grave of Rabbi Yehiel Meir Bergerman.
This poster is a “strict warning” against the internet. Much of the text has a Yiddish version, as well.
The issue of the internet is obviously an extremely pressing one for Orthodox Jewish communities. Here is a Jewish Telegraphic Agency article on a rally attended by 40,000 men held on Sunday, May 20, 2012 against the internet in Citi Field in Flushing, New York.
Again, a poster in Hebrew, English, and Yiddish The text here from Esrogei Moshe Friedman (Brooklyn) states that “this year you can get choice etrogim, lulavim, and hadasim for the same prices as in Israel.”
LC continues to collect ephemera from Israel. The following section of slides highlights some of the posters. Here is an Amnesty International poster that reads: Together for Human Rights
New Acquisitions: Political Posters

Here is a poster for a discussion at Tel Aviv University on peace talks. The poster reads: Is there not a partner? Is there a partner? Judge for yourself!
New Acquisitions: Animal Rights Posters

This animal rights poster states, “We too have rights.”
This is one of the items received from the USHMM for the LC Collections. Our exchanges include all types of institutions offering all types of materials, including technical and political material and not necessarily dealing with Israel and Judaica.
The Epic of 101st Airborne: a pictorial record of a great fighting team, compiled by the unit Public Relations Office, Auxerre, France 1945. The book contains photos, drawings and cartoons.
Other examples of receipts from the Holocaust Museum include films and personal memoirs.
Cry of the Giraffe (Annick Press) is an award-winning book based on the true story of an Ethiopian Jewish teenager named Wuditu*, who, together with her younger sister, Lewteh*, was separated from her family in a violent incident in a refugee camp in Sudan. It's a true story of Wuditu's rescue from child slavery by author Judie Oron.

As a result of the program, the author donated her book to LC and is helping to create a network to augment the acquisitions of Ethiopian Jewish material at LC.
Here are some new materials from the Marathi-speaking community from India. These religious works, published in Israel are in Marathi and Hebrew. Two websites to check for these items and similar material:
Pictured here is award winning documentary filmmaker/director/producer Gabor Kalman. His recent documentary "There Once Was" was sent as a gift to LC. We have recently requested his other films as well.
Visits to embassies may result in acquisitions for LC in areas other than Judaica. Attendance at a performance at the Embassy of Argentina resulted in the gifts to LC of 5 CDs from well known Argentine blues/tango musicians.
HEROES OF ANCIENT ISRAEL

THE PLAYING CARD ART

OF ARTHUR SZÝK
Here is an example of a firm order purchase of a limited edition set of beautifully illustrated Szyk cards which enhances our collection of Szyk items in the Library’s holdings.
the cloth-covered box
Here is a close-up of Mordekhai ????
Queen Esther on the cover.
The focus of this section of the LC update is the implementation of RDA for serials. The RDA training in LC will begin in June of this year. Heidi and Joan will be discussing RDA in greater depth later. But it seems that some prior exposure to Kabbalah concepts, as demonstrated in this image onscreen, might be helpful in understanding complexities of the FRBR model.
Implementing RDA for serials

- Defining core elements for serials cataloging within RDA
- Compatibility of the FRBR model with the nature of serials
- Developing training tools for serials catalogers

Implementing RDA was also the focus of the Consortium on Serials (CONSER) Operations. The meeting was held at LC this past May. We are bringing to your attention some concerns expressed at the CONSER meeting and plans to address them in the future.
RDA requires a 245 $b and $c if it’s present; however serials does not mandate such fields. It is considered optional and up to the cataloger’s judgment. Serials catalogers, however, create general records that allow for existence of changes over time. The FRBR model does not take those changes into account.
The following slides will present a more detailed discussion of the individual “problematic” fields in the bibliographic record.

Discussion: Possible Resolutions?

• In which areas petition for exception from RDA requirements should be sought for serials.
• These questions will be resolved gradually, on a case-by-case basis.
Given that elements used as qualifiers may change over time and given that other fields, such as imprint and subject heading, can be used to distinguish between two serials with the same title, perhaps the uniform title requirement mandated by RDA can be waived. Creation of new record is time consuming and we try to avoid it.
Examples of qualifiers include the author (for serials, this is usually a corporate body) and the place of publication. These are main entry changes, and they require the creation of a new record.
The mandate of RDA to have a language edition uniform title will place on added burden on serials catalogers. This field is not essential for retrieval because of linking 7xx fields that connect different language editions of a serials title. This new requirement will be time consuming! For example, it is not always possible to determine the earliest language edition. Additionally, titles of different editions may change at different times.

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<td>• Decision: In this particular case, go along with RDA for now as it would be too much of a challenge to the FRBR model.</td>
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Other Title Information (OTI) Sub-Field

- RDA requirement: include OTI in 245 and restate in variant title field (246).
- Current CSR practice: Optional because it may change over time, and field 246 is used only for a variant title.
- Decision: to continue discussion

The RDA requirement to include the OTI in the 245 and to restate it in variant title field goes against current CONSER practice, which says that the OTI is optional and, in fact, its presence in the 245b can also be misleading because it changes over time. In current CSR practice the trend has been to reserve the 246 fields for variant titles only. The decision was made to continue discussion on this topic.
Here you can see that the OTI for Shos ha-derekh is magazin Bet Shemesh veha-sevivah.
This slide shows that the OTI for this periodical is in fact “mekomon Bet Shemesh veha-sevivah. One word in the OTI changed. As you can see from the 588 field, the serial was originally cataloged based on issue no. 99, which was the earliest issue available at the time of cataloging. The OTI was included because the title by itself doesn’t say much. However, a few months later we received an earlier issue, which used “magazin” instead of “mekomon” in the OTI, as you saw on the previous slide. In this case the change is minimal, but it is included to illustrate the point that the inclusion of OTI should be up to the cataloger, and, furthermore, there is no practical reason to have this OTI restated in 246. The more you micro-manage serials cataloging, the more work you create that is not essential for retrieval.
Statement of Responsibility (SOR) Sub-Field

- Current CSR practice: inclusion of S.O.R. in record optional as it may change over time. Other fields, such as imprint and 7xx also contain the same information

- Decision: pursue RDA rule revision with the JSC

Currently, the statement of responsibility field is option, as the information may change from one issue to another. There is no requirement to create a new record when that happens, but patrons are often confused by an outdated statement of responsibility. For serials, S.O.R. is often publisher information, and, as such, those changes could be put into multiple 260 fields. If the creator is not the publisher, it can be put in the 710 fields.
The RDA requirement to mandate dates in the 260 field is a change from the current practice which makes that an option. There isn’t that much a need for this field because the complete publication dates are available only when the first and/or last issue is available.

For many libraries, this requirement will not pose too many additional hardships. However, this is not the case for Hebraica serials cataloging. Bib records for serials are created in OCLC, which hasn’t yet resolved problems with bi-directionality. Dates in Hebrew fields come out scrambled and confusing in OCLC.
ISSN-L

- ISSN-L number links all media versions of the same title to one number. With RDA, the question arises to which level in FRBR model the number should be linked.

ISSN number is given to each format and an individual ISSN is given to separate formats of that title. The ISSN-L links all formats of the same title. RDA adds complications because it has yet to be determined at which of the level of the FRBR model the number should be linked (manifestation, expression, etc.)
As you know, there is considerable discussion in the library community of moving beyond the MARC format. However, at the CONSER meeting, the more immediate task was to how to navigate the transition to RDA. The question then arose as to whether to present the RDA elements as the primary focus and map the RDA elements to the MARC tags OR whether to create the map/“cheat sheet” from the MARC tags to the RDA concepts. No decision was reached at the meeting, but it was decided that a CONSER task group will be formed to create this document.
Our vendors need to be trained in RDA because they are creating bibliographic records. We will need to communicate with our vendors to determine the best training options.
I just want to briefly note a few new changes regarding serials that are not specifically RDA-related. This expanded use of 588 takes advantage of the availability of online texts and is applicable when online texts parallel print serials. It is important to make sure that the print serial described in the record is not ceased as such but continues to be published parallel to the online version.

Expanded Use for 588 Field

• When online texts parallel print serials, they can be used to update records for print serials. This action will be recorded in field 588.
Podcast as serial and ISSN

• Some podcasts are presented serially. They should have their own ISSN assigned.

The CONSER meeting also discussed the need to have podcasts produced serially assigned individual ISSN's. And now back to Joan.
all my troubles seemed so far away
Now it looks as though they're here to stay--
Oh, I believe in yesterday ...
Oh, I believe in ...
Training Plan (updated March 2, 2012)
Resource Description and Access at the Library of Congress

The U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee issued its first quarterly update on progress towards carrying out the recommendations made in the Committee’s Final Report issued in June 2011. The progress is very promising. Because the Library of Congress has such a large contingent of staff to be trained to apply RDA, we have determined that we will need sufficient lead time to get everyone trained. To set the training plan in motion, we needed to determine a target RDA Implementation Day One. We have determined that date to be March 31, 2013.

LC’s partner national libraries (U.S.: National Agricultural Library and National Library of Medicine; and non-U.S.: British Library, Library & Archives Canada, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (DNB), and National Library of Australia) have been apprised of our plan and—with the exception of DNB that plans to implement a bit later in mid-2013—also intend to target the first quarter of 2013 as their RDA implementation date, i.e., between January 2 and March 31, 2013.

--Beacher Wiggins, LC
PCC Day One for RDA Authority Records Announced

On March 23, 2012, Linda Barnhart, Chair of the PCC, announced that PCC Day One for RDA Authority Records will be March 31, 2013. In her message to the PCC list, Linda wrote:

“We selected this date for several reasons. It gives a year of lead time for NACO catalogers to be trained in NACO RDA authority work (training sessions coming in April!) and to develop a smooth and confident local workflow for those contributions. It provides a reasonable target date for the work that will need to take place in and with the authority file in preparation for RDA. It gives the vendor community time to plan. And because it matches the date for LC implementation of RDA, there will be less confusion for catalogers in keeping dates straight.”
RDA in NACO Training Modules

The RDA in NACO Training Modules (http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/courses/rda_naco/index.html) are now available. The training will be coordinated by groups.

Please check the list of PCC/NACO Institutions and NACO Funnels Scheduled for RDA in NACO Training Modules (http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/courses/rda_naco/index.html) to see when your NACO institution is scheduled to take the training.

The NACO Hebraica Funnel Project is scheduled to take the training in August-September 2012.

NACO funnel members: your funnel coordinator may take the training before you do and then serve as a trainer or a liaison in the funnel training. She will be updating you on how and when your training will take place.
The PCC web site has several pages dedicated to RDA and its implementation in the PCC:

RDA FAQ
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/RDA%20FAQ.html

RDA Proposed Guidelines and Standards
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/
RDA PCC Proposed Guidelines and Standards.html

RDA Task Groups
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/RDA Task Groups.html

RDA Interim Policies and Best Practices
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/RDA Interim Policies and Best Practices.html

RDA Implementation
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/RDA Implementation.html

RDA Training
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/RDA Training.html

RDA Resources
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/RDA Resources.html
Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative
http://www.loc.gov/marc/transition

The Library of Congress is launching a review of the bibliographic framework to better accommodate future needs. A major focus of the initiative will be to determine a transition path for the MARC 21 exchange format in order to reap the benefits of newer technology while preserving a robust data exchange that has supported resource sharing and cataloging cost savings in recent decades. This work will be carried out in consultation with the format’s formal partners—Library and Archives Canada and the British Library—and informal partners—the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and other national libraries, the agencies that provide library services and products, the many MARC user institutions, and the MARC advisory committees such as the MARBI committee of ALA, the Canadian Committee on MARC, and the BIC Bibliographic Standards Group in the UK.

This web site will be the official location for information, announcements, and resources related to this initiative.
Library of Congress Announces Modeling Initiative

The Library of Congress is pleased to announce that it has contracted with Zepheira to help accelerate the launch of the Bibliographic Framework Initiative. A major focus of the project is to translate the MARC 21 format to a Linked Data (LD) model while retaining as much as possible the robust and beneficial aspects of the historical format. Zepheira has been active in the development of Semantic Web and Library standards as well as open source tools to support LD technologies and library applications. These activities represent knowledge and experience that are instrumental for constructing a core data model and to support prototype services that will serve as a basis for a new bibliographic framework and related services.

The Library of Congress has asked Zepheira to provide a model (or models) that can serve as a strong starting point for discussion, and an analysis of related initiatives underway that will be useful to this effort. LC expects that the proposed model(s) will change and be further tuned based on valuable feedback from the community and a natural progression of requirements as they are addressed. We will be posting information as it emerges from this initial work, especially relating to projected milestones at the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative website (www.loc.gov/marc/transition).
The Syriac Romanization Table is Completed!
VIAF
The Virtual International Authority File

Viola affinis “sand violet”—Vi. af. for short

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The Virtual International Authority File

At left is a list of the presently participating institutions.

Records from the Russian State Library and the National Library of Norway are now being tested for inclusion.
And now for our feature presentation.

Feature Presentation: *ROGERS AND MARC*

- Written by Peter Kearney
- Direction and Videography by Henry Lefkowitz
- Featuring: Joan Biella, Mark Chello, Peter Kearney, Marina Korenberg, Carolyn Sturtevant, Aaron Taub, and Galina Teverovsky
- Costume & Props: Joan Biella
- Continuity: Joan Biella