

TOWARDS AN ISRAELI NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY

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Description: Computer literacy (and particularly information literacy) is seen today as a basic skill required to function in modern society. In Israel, developing and using these skills require a significant and reliable corpus of Hebrew language information sources. The fact that there are limited Internet-based information resources in Hebrew has led to various Israeli governmental and non-governmental initiatives aimed at creating a digital library to serve the general public and the education system. Despite the difficult economic situation, the Israeli government has given priority to advancing these initiatives, and particularly to coordinating them so as to create an effective national digital library. Much of the material in this library will be available for use worldwide.

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