The National Library of Israel: A Showcase of Judaic Treasures
Introduction

This presentation will highlight new acquisitions from the Judaica collection of the National Library in Israel, current policy and thoughts for the future.
“Ilanot” Parchment Sheets Presenting the Kabbalistic “Tree of Life”

The National Library of Israel has recently acquired a set of “Ilanot” parchment sheets, which depict the kabbalistic concept of the “tree of life”. These intricate and detailed drawings showcase the complex system of divine emanations and spiritual worlds that are central to Jewish mysticism.

Each page is a masterpiece of calligraphy and illustration, with every line and curve carefully crafted to convey the mystical teachings in visual form.
The Jerusalem-North America Pinkassim Collection

The largest known Jerusalem ledger contains over 600 documents detailing the fundraising activity of North American Jewry in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is important for research on Jerusalem and crucial for understanding North American Jewish history, as each ledger contains names, addresses, and amounts of money contributed by private donors and congregations in various towns.
Irish Jewish Genealogy

In December 2022, the National Library of Israel received a significant donation from Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt of Ireland, an expert on Irish Jewish genealogy. The donation included over 22 volumes of documents, lists, and information about Irish Jews and their descendants. The event was celebrated with a festive evening, co-hosted by the Irish Embassy in Israel and the Israel-Irish Friendship League.

The collection is a treasure trove for those interested in tracing their Irish Jewish ancestry. It contains detailed records of births, marriages, and deaths of the Jewish community in Ireland, as well as immigration and naturalization records.

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**Satiric Periodical *El Jugeton***

the National Library of Israel has become one of the only libraries to contain a nearly complete run of *El Jugeton*, the satirical Ladino newspaper published by the prominent journalist, humorist, and author Elia Rafael Carmona.

After the Young Turks Revolution, Carmona and other writers felt freer to use satire as a tool for the critique of communal leadership in their poems, parodies, articles, serialized stories, and drawings.

*El Jugeton* (also *El Gugeton*) gained popularity and was published for over two decades.
101 Treasures and Going on!

The National Library of Israel has published a new book, 101 Treasures of the National Library of Israel, featuring high-quality images of cultural and religious items from 5th-century Babylonia to modern-day Tel Aviv. This book offers fascinating stories and anecdotes about the 101 items featured in the Library’s collections.