Cataloging Without Title Pages: Detective Work for Catalogers

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Description: When the publisher does not supply the bibliographic information normally needed for the library catalog, the job of a cataloger is challenging, sometimes intriguing and gratifying and other times complicated and frustrating. This presentation will discuss how these items end up in the library collections, reasons for cataloging these materials and the challenges that Hebrew and Yiddish present as a language of publication. In addition, the kinds of knowledge needed will be discussed as part of subject analysis. Each item is a detective story. The presentation will cover the tools and techniques for the detective work needed to create a full record. Join Daniel on a journey that a problem or puzzle solver will love to complete.

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