Digital Collection ‘Jewish Periodicals’ in the National Library of Serbia

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Description: Thematic digital collection “Jewish Periodicals” was created for the first time for the project Migration in the Arts and Sciences, when the first eight titles were digitised and published in Digital NLS and Europeana. In 2022, this collection gained momentum with the cooperation agreement signed with the National Library of Israel, to also be published on its Jewish Press Portal. The collection is broadening to digitised periodicals kept at Serbian libraries and Jewish Historical Museum and will greatly contribute to illuminating the centuries-old existence of Jewish communities in the Balkans, but also to understanding the wider social context of the historical periods in which they were published.

Tamara Butigan Vučaj, with her background in electrical engineering, started working as a subject librarian in the National Library of Serbia, which opened a whole new galaxy of interests. For more than 25 years in the National Library, she worked also as webmaster, head of digital library, European projects coordinator and assistant, head of international cooperation, deputy director, and eight years ago, she took over again heading the digital library. Seeking new challenges brought her to the Europeana, where she served as Councillor from 2019 to 2021 and DARIAH, where she served as national representative of Serbia. She is fully dedicated to digital transformation in the cultural sector.