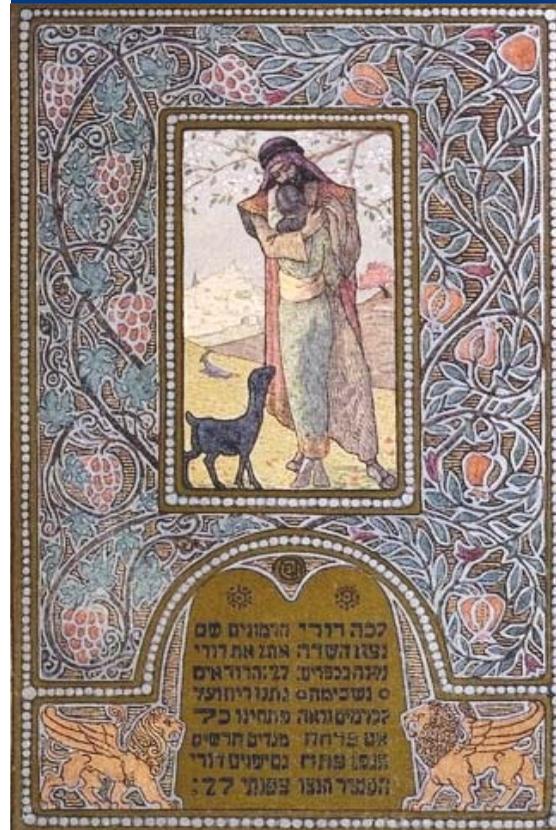


Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica

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One of America's foremost Judaica research collections is housed in the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida. The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica comprises over 90,000 fully cataloged volumes, incorporates three major private collections, and is notable for its exceptional depth, scope and singularity.

This remarkable library was first established in 1977 with the purchase of Rabbi Leonard C. Mishkin's personal collection of books, then the largest private library of Judaica and Hebraica in the US. A professor of Jewish history at the Hebrew Theological College, Mishkin had amassed over 30,000 volumes covering virtually every area of Jewish scholarship and in a variety of languages.

With the acquisition of this [Mishkin] Collection, Florida [will be] catapulted into the ranks of the larger university collections in this field

(Charles Berlin, 1973)

In 1978, the University of Florida also acquired a collection owned by the late Dr. Shlomo Marenof, lecturer in Hebrew and Near Eastern Civilization at Brandeis University. Marenof had assembled more than 3,000 works, predominantly in Hebrew.

A third significant collection was secured the following year by the library's new bibliographer, Robert Singerman. Singerman



A detail from the *Juedischer Almanach*, Berlin, 1902

organized the purchase of Bernard Morgenstern's bookstore on New York's Lower East Side. Included in this hoard of 10,000 items were major Yiddish works.



Cover page of *Oyf de Bregen fun Plata*, Buenos Aires, 1919

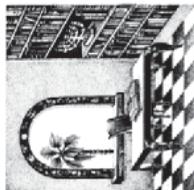
These "3-M" collections were officially dedicated as The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica in March 1981. The library was supported by a large endowment created in 1977 by two University of Florida alumni, Jack and Samuel Price, in honor of their parents, Isser and Rae, who had instilled in them the importance of Jewish education.

The Isser and Rae Price Library Endowment Fund was formed to support the Judaica Library and to preserve a cultural legacy.

We hope our gift will be a spark

(Jack Price, 1981)

The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica



at the University of Florida Libraries
From the library of Rabbi Leonard C. Mishkin

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“The library is something for everyone to use.” – Rae Price, 1981

Over the past 30 years, the Price Library of Judaica has gone from strength to strength. Above and beyond its core collection, the library is particularly noteworthy for its concentration of late 19th and early 20th century imprints. Among these volumes are a wealth of titles now scarce in the United States, including ephemeral materials such as pamphlets, brochures and newsletters not held elsewhere.



A page from *Moses*, Wien, 1924

The library currently subscribes to more than 500 periodicals and newspapers. Many of the discontinued periodicals on the library shelves can no longer be found in Florida libraries or in the libraries of neighboring states.



A page from an *Alef-Bet*, Berlin, 1923

Another major strength of the Price Library of Judaica is its wealth of imprints from Latin America, including booklets and newsletters in Yiddish and Spanish that are of growing interest to mainstream scholarship. Materials related to Florida Jewry are likewise preserved, alongside local and state Jewish newspapers.

In addition to an extensive Holocaust collection, the library holds more than five hundred limited print, post-war memorial books commemorating the lost Jewish communities of Europe. With the recent acquisition of a major post-war database and German archives on microfilm, the Price

Library is now one of just ten libraries in the United States offering key resources dealing with the aftermath of the Holocaust.

Associated with the library are special collections of Judaica such as the Holy Land Map Collection, individual archives like Kaplan's lantern slides from 1920s Palestine, and a rare Judaica collection with works dating back to the 16th century.

Rich in resources that facilitate study and research in many disciplines, the Price library of Judaica is a library without peer in the southeastern United States and a source of great pride for the Jewish communities of Florida.



A page from *Our Holidays; the Season for Rejoicing*
Cover illustration: A page from *Shir ha-Shirim*, Jerusalem, c. 1930s

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