

# **The maskil, the kabbalist and the political scientist**

**Judaica classification schemes in their historical context**

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# Leo Baeck College classification

001-099 Bible and Biblical Studies

100-199 Classical Judaica: Halakhah and Midrash

200-299 Jewish Observance and Practice

300-399 Jewish Education

400-499 Hebrew, Jewish Languages and Sciences

500-599 Jewish Literature

600-699 The Jewish Community: Society and the Arts

700-799 Jewish History, Geography, Biography

800-899 Israel and Zionism

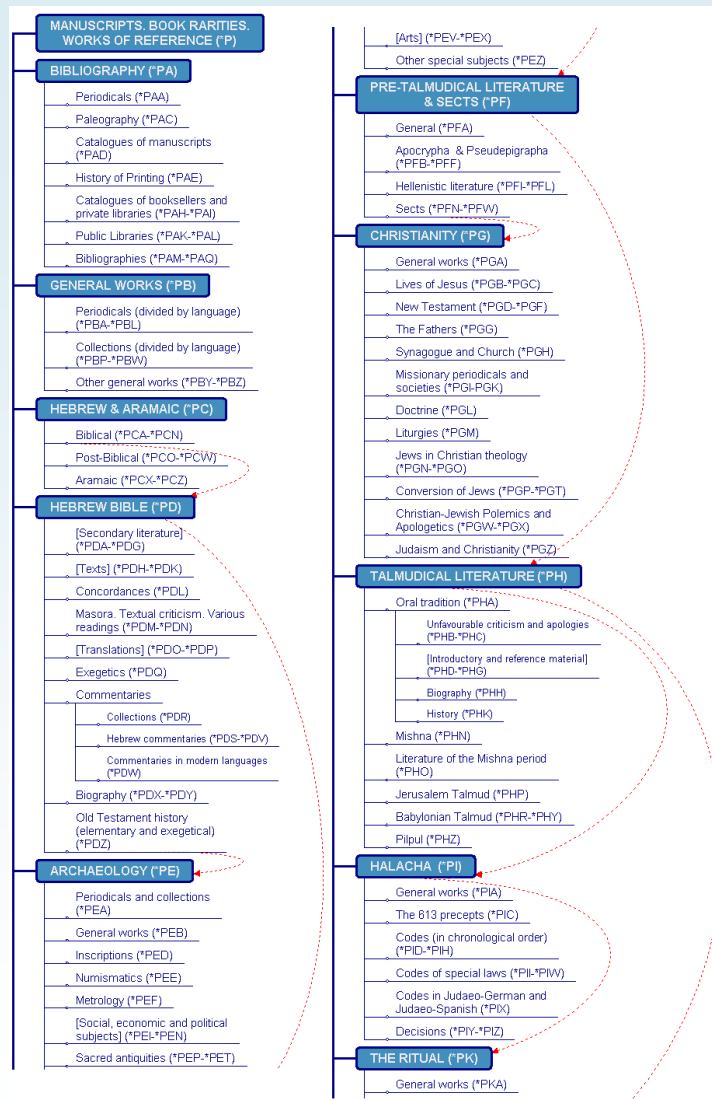
900-999 General Works

# UCL classification

A-N	General works; Jewish history
P	Language
Q	Jewish literature generally; Bible
R	Rabbinic literature generally
RA-RD	Tannaitic literature; Mishnah; Talmud
RH	Halakhah
RM	Midrash
RN	Sermons
RP	Liturgy
RS	Mysticism
RT-RV	Jewish philosophy & ethics
S-T	Literary texts
W	Judaism
X	Arts & sciences in relation to Judaism

The classification of a great library is equivalent to a classification of human knowledge, and may, if men please, become the standard or symbol of conflicting schools of thought ... Fortunately for the **neutral bibliographer**, there exists a book which not only holds in **civilized** countries a place unique among books, but which has further established its claim to precedence by the practical test of being the first to get itself printed. The Museum classification accordingly **begins with the Bible** and I venture to express the opinion that **every sound classification** will do the same.

# The Freudus Classification



- \*P Open shelf reference works
- \*\*P Rare books
- \*PA Bibliography. Literary History
- \*PB General Works
- \*PC Hebrew Language. Aramaic
- \*PD Hebrew Bible
- \*PE Archaeology
- \*PF Pre-talmudical Literature and Sects
- \*PG Christianity
- \*PH Talmudical Literature
- \*PI Halakhah
- \*PK The Ritual
- \*PL Homiletical Literature
- \*PM Ethics
- \*PN Doctrinal Theology
- \*PO Post-talmudical Schisms and Dissensions
- \*PP Philosophy
- \*PQ Kabbala. Chasidism
- \*PR Folklore
- \*PS Belles-lettres
- \*PT Dialects and Their Literatures. Languages
- \*PV Secular Sciences
- \*PW Geography. General History. Biography
- \*PX Jewish History
- \*PY Jewish Race ethnologically, sociologically
- \*PZ Jews and Gentiles

TALMUDICAL LITERATURE Includes serial publications from yeshivas	*PH	Mishnah	*PHM
		Commentaries	*PHN
The Oral Tradition	*PHA	Literature of the Mishna period	*PHO
Unfavorable criticism See also Antisemitic writings, *PZE; Gentiles in Jewish law and literature, *PZI; Christian polemics, *PGW	*PHB	e.g. Tosefta, Sifra, Sifre, Mekhilta	
		Jerusalem Talmud	*PHP
Apologies	*PHC	Commentaries	*PHQ
Introductions. Essays	*PHD	Babylonian Talmud	*PHR
Methodology. Hermeneutics	*PHE	Parts	*PHS
Helps	*PHF	Minor treatises	*PHT
Works of References: Indexes, concordances See also Indexes to the Agada, *PRF	*PHG	Translations	*PHV
		Selections	*PHW
Collective biography e.g. of the Amoraim	*PHH	See also Agada, *PRE - *PRH	
		Textual criticism	*PHX
Individual biography	*PHI	Commentaries	*PHY
History See also History: Return from Babylon to the close of the Talmud, *PXH	*PHK	Pilpul	*PHZ



JEWS AND GENTILES	*PZ	Emancipation	*PZV
General works	*PZA		
		Assimilation. Mixed marriage	*PZW
Delineation of the Jew in literature and art Includes movies and theater	*PZB	Zionism	*PZX
Works on antisemitism	*PZD	Territorialism	*PZY
Antisemitic writings	*PZE		
Antisemitic belles-lettres	*PZG		
Gentiles in Jewish law and literature	*PZI		
The blood accusation	*PZL		
Apologetic writings	*PZO		
The Jewish question	*PZR		
Various solutions	*PZS		
Toleration	*PZT		

JEWISH HISTORY	*PX	Balkan Peninsula	*PXM
Periodicals. Societies. Collections	*PXA		
		Italy	*PXN
Historical miscellanies. Textbooks	*PXB		
		Spain and Portugal	*PXO
Josephus	*PXC		
		France	*PXP
Chronicles	*PXD		
Amoraim; Tannaim		Great Britain	*PXQ
General Jewish history	*PXE	Smaller European Countries e.g. Netherlands, Belgium, Scandinavia	*PXR
DIVISION BY PERIODS			
Pentateuchal traditions	*PXF	Germany	*PXS
		Use catchword for individual localities, e.g. *PXS (Bremen)	
Entire Old Testament period	*PXG		
For elementary works see *PDZ; see also Ancient Judaism, *PNC		Austria. Hungary. Czechoslovakia	*PXT
Return from Babylon to the Close of the Talmud	*PXH	Poland	*PXV
Includes Maccabees, Hasmoneans, Bar Kokhba			
		Russia	*PXW
Middle Ages to the latter half of the 18th century	*PXI		
		America (except U.S. and Canada)	*PXX
Modern	*PXK	United States and Canada	*PXY
DIVISION BY COUNTRIES			
Orient (Near and Far East)	*PXL	Other Countries	*PXZ
Includes Jews in Arab countries; Ethiopian Jews; India; China			

# The Scholem Classification

# Dewey religion section

**200 Religion**

**210 Natural theology**

**220 Bible**

**230 Christian theology**

**240 Christian moral & devotional theology**

**250 Christian orders & local church**

**260 Christian social theology**

**270 Christian church history**

**280 Christian denominations & sects**

**290 Other & comparative religions**

291 Comparative religion

292 Classical (Greek & Roman) religion

293 Germanic religion

294 Religions of Indic origin

295 Zoroastrianism

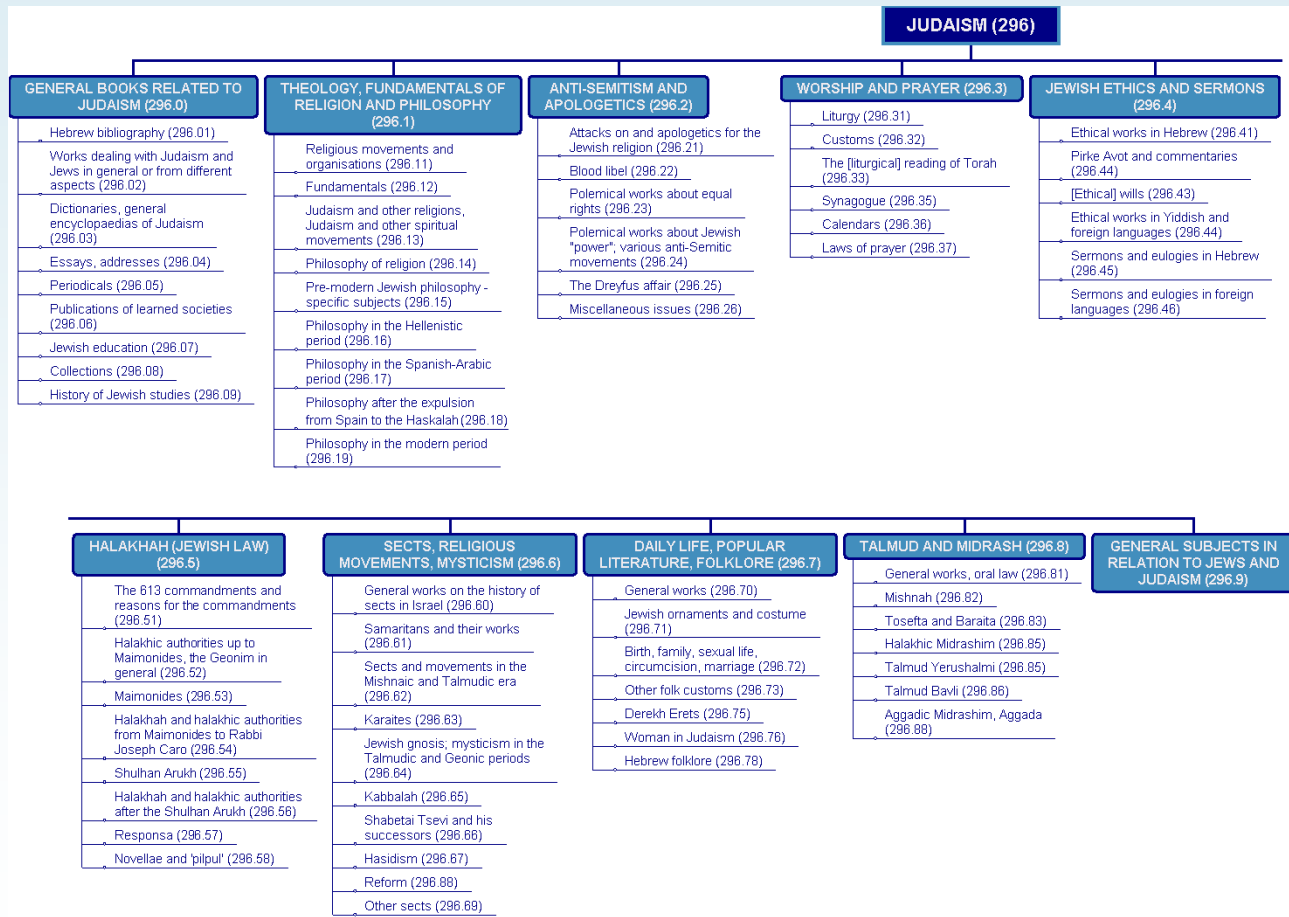
296 Judaism

297 Islam

298 Mormonism

299 Other religions

# Scholem's expansion



## Dewey ancient history section

930 History of ancient world

931 China

932 Egypt

933 Palestine

934 India

935 Mesopotamia & Iranian Plateau

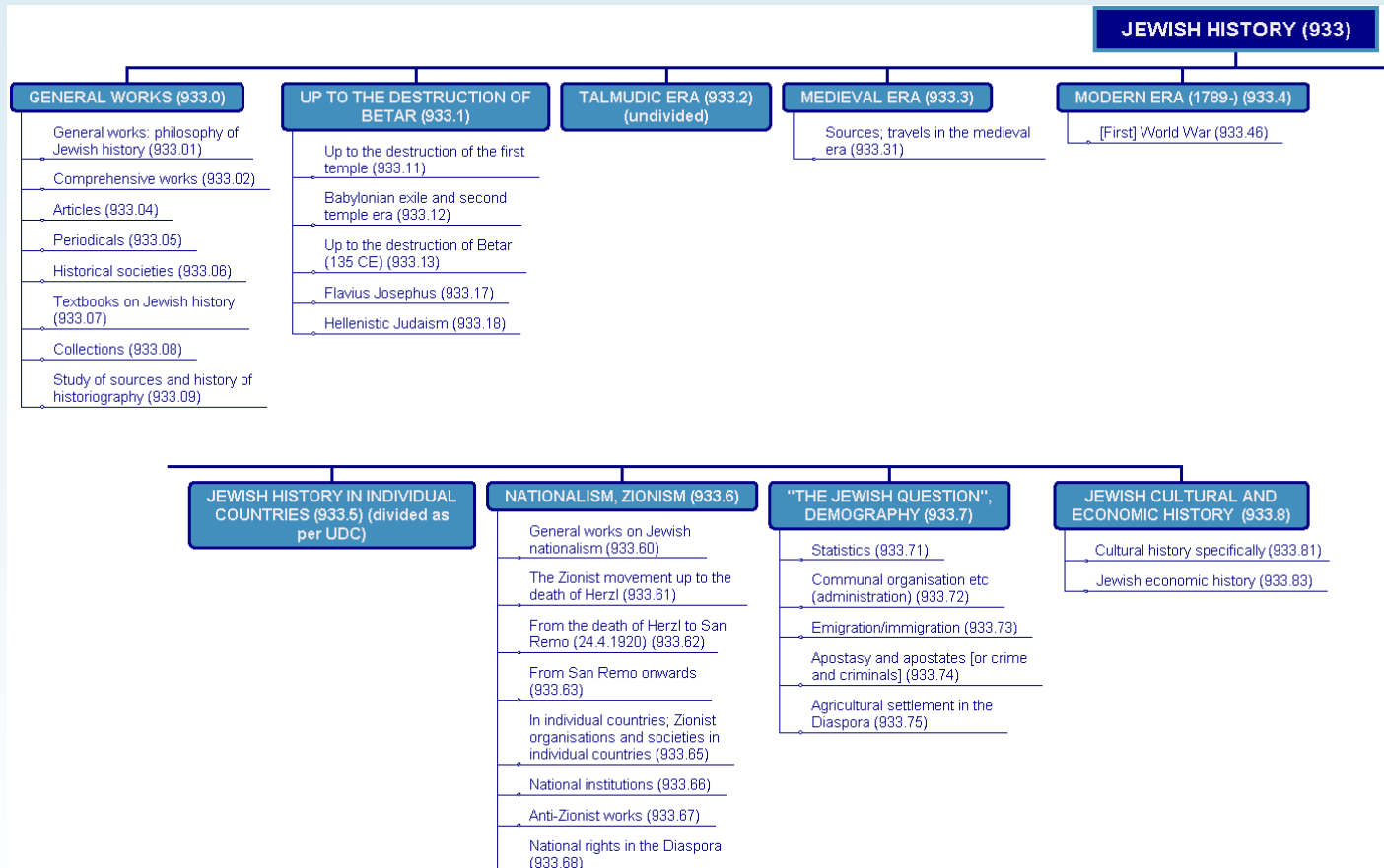
936 Europe north & west of Italy

937 Italy & adjacent territories

938 Greece

939 Other parts of ancient world

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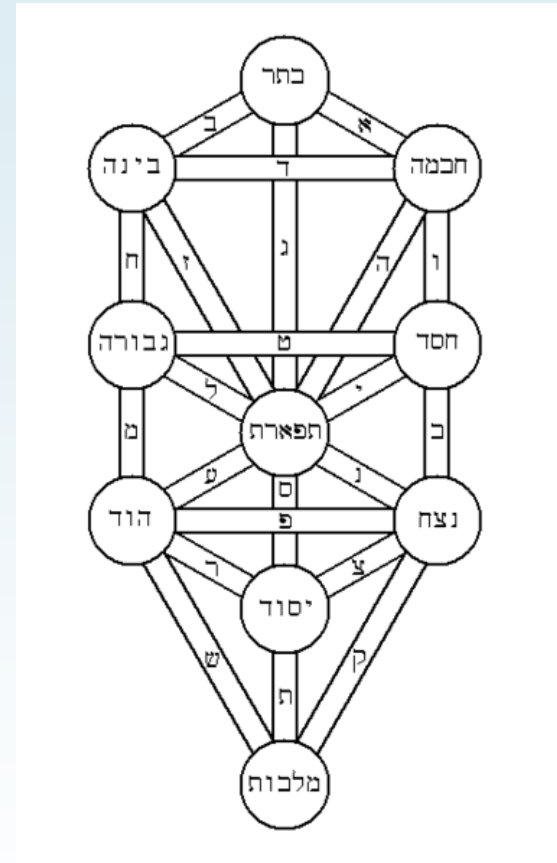
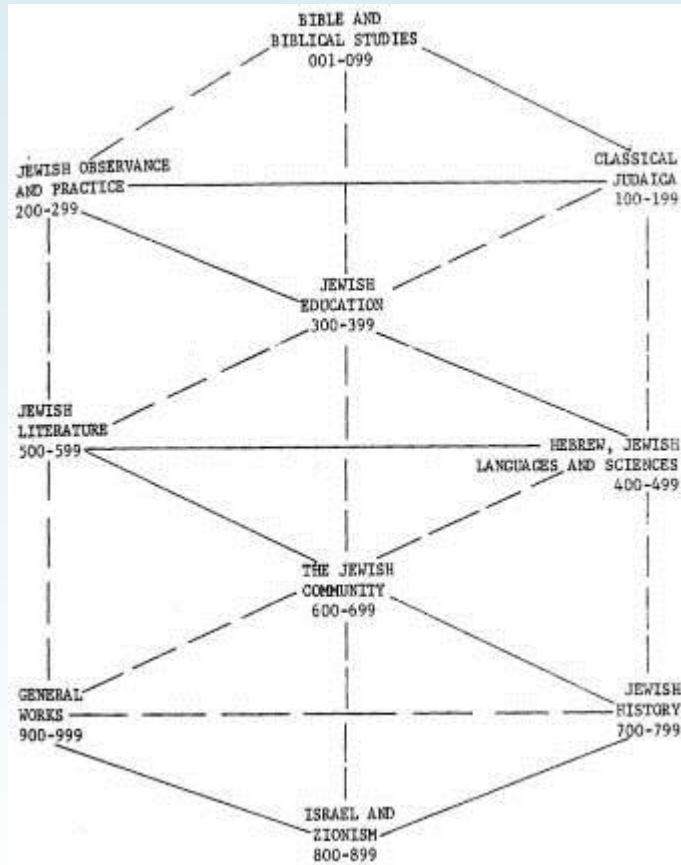


## Subsequent versions

- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1950, with English translation 1964
- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 1968
- 4<sup>th</sup> edition 1981
- Changes in online catalogue



# The Elazar Classification



## **175 Modern Jewish Thought**

- 176 Liberalism and Reform
- 177 Idealism
- 178 Non-Orthodox Traditionalism, Historical School
- 179 Orthodoxy, Neo-Orthodoxy
- 180 Jewish Existentialism
- 181 Religious Naturalism
- 182 Non-Kabbalistic Mysticism
- 183 Secularism
- 184 Comparative Philosophy

## **210 Jewish Religious Movements**

- 211 Samaritans
- 212 Karaism, Karaite Sect
- 213 Hasidism, Hasidic Movements
- 214 Orthodoxy
- 215 Conservatism
- 216 Reconstructionism
- 217 Reform and Liberal Movements

## **710 The Emergence of the Jewish People (20<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Cent. BCE)**

711 Patriarchal Period (20<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Cent. BCE)

712 The Egyptian exile

713 The Exodus

715-718 The First Commonwealth (13<sup>th</sup> Cent.-586 BCE)

719 The Babylonian exile

## **720 The Emergence of Talmudic Judaism (5<sup>th</sup> Cent. BCE-8<sup>th</sup> Cent. CE)**

721-722 The Second Commonwealth (440-165 BCE)

724 Galut

725-727 Tannaitic Period (165-200 CE)

728 Amoraic Period (c. 200-500 CE)

729 Gaonic (Early Talmudic) Period (c. 500-800 CE)

## **730 The Epoch of Normative Judaism (9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Cent. CE)**

731 Middle Talmudic Period (c. 800-1200 CE)

732 High Talmudic Period (c. 1200-1600 CE)

733 Late Talmudic Period (c. 1600-1900 CE)

734 Emancipation and Enlightenment

## **735 The Modern Epoch (20<sup>th</sup> Cent. -)**

736 World War II and the Nazi Holocaust

**750 Sephardic & Mediterranean Jewry**

751 Egypt

752 North Africa

753 Morocco

754 Syria and Lebanon

755 Iberian Peninsula, Spain

756 Italian Peninsula, Italy

757 Balkans and Asia Minor

.2 Byzantine Empire

.5 Ottoman Empire and Turkey

.6 Greece

.7 Yugoslavia

[etc]

758 The Marranos

**760 Ashkenazic & Eastern European Jewry**

761 Germany

.6 Austria

.7 Prussia

762 Central Europe

.1 Hungary

.2 Switzerland

.3 Czechoslovakia

763 Eastern Europe

.6 Poland

.7 Lithuania

.8 Rumania

764 Russia

.6 Ukraine

.7 Moldavia

**765 Western European Jewry**

766 Great Britain

767 France

768 Low Countries

.1 Netherlands

[etc]

769 Scandinavian Countries

.1 Sweden

[etc]

**770 United States Jewry**

771 Jewish Settlement in the United States (1621-1920)

772 The Established Jewish Community (1918-)

773 New England States

.1 Maine

[etc]

.6 Connecticut

774 Middle Eastern States

.1 New York

[etc]

775 Near Western States

776 Northwestern States

777 Far Western States

778 Southwestern States

779 Southern States: Upper South

780 Southern States: Deep South

## Subsequent versions

- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1978
- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 1997
- Updates on David Elazar's website