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PREFACE

The following bibliography was submitted to the New York State Library School as one of its graduation requirements, by a member of the class of 1914. As indicated by the title, it attempts to include all fiction, in book form, touching upon Jewish life, that has been written in English in England and America. It is not a selected list but contains all material of which the compiler was able to get any trace.

With few exceptions it is arranged by the country in which the scene of the story is laid and it is followed by an author and title index. Under some headings there are not more than one or two entries, but it has seemed desirable to make the headings as specific as possible.

In the main entry under country, besides author, title, publisher and date, there are included paging and listed price wherever possible. Those entries marked with an e have been personally examined.

Annotations are given for nearly all entries and those quoted either wholly or in substance are followed by the source. The unsigned annotations are by the compiler.

The sources consulted are:

Library of Congress

New York Public Library (where many valuable suggestions were received from Mr A. S. Freidus)

New York State Library

Library of the Temple Beth Emeth, Albany, N. Y.

Seattle Public Library

University of Washington Library

A. L. A. Booklist

A. L. A. catalog, 1904, and 1904-11

Baker. Guide to the best fiction

——— Guide to historical fiction

Bloch Publishing Co. Catalogs

Calisch. The Jew in English literature

Mr Dobseavage's list in the American Jewish Year Book, 5667, p. 130

Jewish Publication Society. Catalog

Two short lists by A. M. Friedenburg in the *Jewish Comment*, Dec. 18, 1903, p. 6-7, and J. Lebowich in the *Menorah*, 40:269
Rabbi Harry Levi's Jewish characters in fiction, English literature.
(Jewish Chautauqua Society)

ABBREVIATIONS

Baker's best fict: Baker. Guide to the best fiction
Baker's hist. fict: Baker. Guide to historical fiction
Bloch: Bloch catalog
Calisch: The Jew in English literature
Dobsevae: American Jewish Year Book list, 5667
Pittsburg: Carnegie Library. Classified catalogue
P. W.: Publishers' Weekly
e: Personally examined
j: Juvenile

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GENERAL

- Bien, Herman M.** Ben-Beor: a story of the Anti-Messiah. 528p. Baltimore, I. Friedenwald, 1891, \$1; also N. Y. Bloch, \$1. e
A story of the Anti-Messiah. Part 1 (The man in the moon) is a counterpart of Wallace's *Ben-Hur*. Part 2 (The wandering Gentile) is a companion romance to Sue's *Wandering Jew*. *Dobsewage*
- Lazarre, Jacob.** Beating sea and changeless bar. 133p. Phil. Jewish Pub. Soc. 1905, 75c. e
A collection of short stories, each portraying a different period in history but dealing with the same main theme, the love of a Jewess for one outside her faith but ending in the renunciation of her love for her religion.
- Stollnitz, Henry Sandé.** Glimpses of a strange world. 202p. Camb. Mass. printed for the author [Univ. Press] 1908, \$1.50; also N. Y. Bloch, \$1.50.
Contains seven delightful sketches of Jewish life in the different Ghettos. *Black*
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Conversations with, and imaginative memoirs of, historic representatives of the Jewish race—Uriel Acosta, Maimonides, Spinoza, Heine. Written with warmth of feeling. *Baker's best fic.*

AUSTRIA HUNGARY

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Contains a few short descriptions of the Jewish section of Prague.
- George, W. L.** Until the day break. 356p. N. Y. Dodd, 1913, \$1.30 n.
Traces career of Israel Kalisch from Cracow through Hungary, to strive and fight in New York, to his death in Piccadilly. *Bookman*, 37:93.
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Scenes of Jewish life in Galicia, where the mean and degraded conditions of their existence are portrayed with rather a hard brush, though the book has a charm of style that atones for its unpleasant character. *Calisch*
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Shows the ugly side of Jewish life in a miserable Galician town, where Recha's father, a sternly orthodox Jew, employs his daughter as an instrument for fleeing foolish young Austrians. *Baker's best fic.*
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Tale of a young English widow among some lighthearted Austrian army people. The Tyrol is the setting and a Wasser Kur the immediate scene of action. An officious Jewess, one of the characters portrayed. *P. W.* 82: no.14

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Short stories of Jewish life, most of them set in Moravia, Austria.
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A biblical romance in which Joseph, the son of Jacob, is the leading character. *Bloch*
- Canfield, William Walker.** The sign above the door. 325p. Phil. Jewish Pub. Soc. 1912, \$1; also N. Y. Bloch, \$1. e
Story of the liberation of Israel from Egyptian bondage. *Bloch*
- Church, Rev. Alfred John.** A young Macedonian in the army of Alexander the Great. 325p. illus. N. Y. Putnam, 1891, \$1.25; also Lond. Seeley, 5s. e
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