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Digitization and Beyond:

New Projects and Challenges at the Leo Baeck Institute



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> Overview

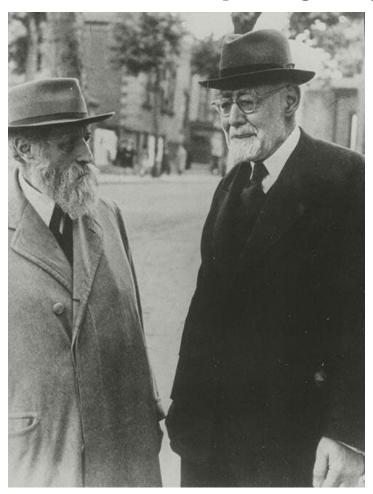


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The Leo Baeck Institute is a research, study, and lecture center whose library and archives offer the most comprehensive documentation for the study of German Jewish history



- Founded in 1955 by prominent German-Jewish leaders
- Centers in New York, London, Jerusalem
- Since 2001:
 Branch of LBI NY
 Archives at the Jewish
 Museum in Berlin



Martin Buber & Leo Baeck in London, 1950s



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1960s - 2000 E 129 73rd ST

2000 - present Center for Jewish History 15 W 16th Street

Partner:

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"Leo Baeck Institute
"YIVO Institute for Jewish Research
"Yeshiva University Museum



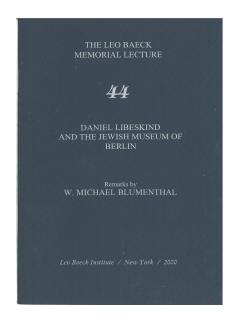


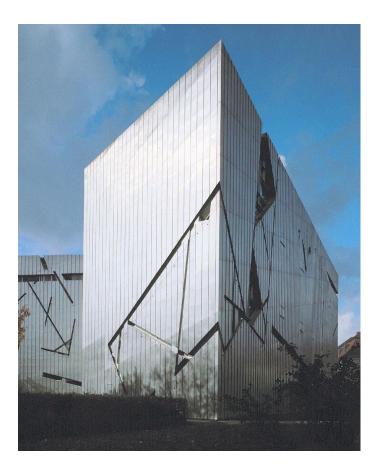
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Since 2001: Branch of the NY Archives at the Jewish Museum in Berlin

Since 2013: Office Glinkastrasse Berlin







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Collections



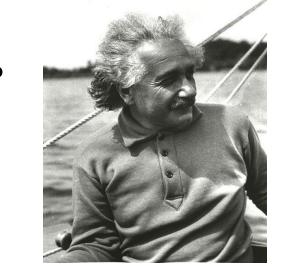
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LBI ARCHIVES



Letter of protection (1768) for Levi Heyne (AR 189)

- 10.000 archival collections
- 3,000 memoirs
- 25,000 photos





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LBI ARCHIVES / Austrian Heritage Collection



Image from the Rudolf and Rudolphina Menzel Collection, Vienna ca. 1920

- 4.000 questionnaires
- 500 oral history interviews



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LBI LIBRARY

- 80,000 volumes
- 1,600 periodicals



Kirchner, Paul C.: Jüdisches Ceremoniel. Nürnberg, 1724. *Sukkoth, 10th copper plate*



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LBI ART COLLECTION

4000 paintings, drawings, and prints



Magnus, Eduard: Portrait of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)



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Projects

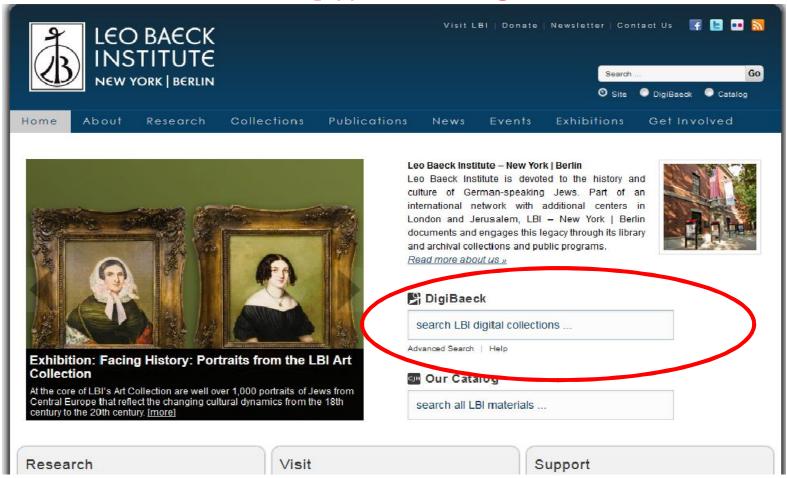






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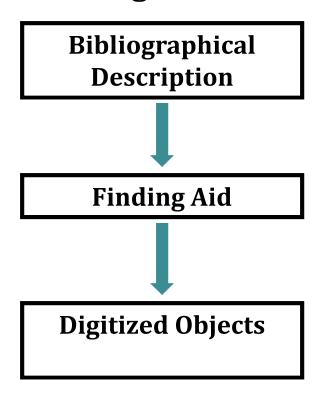
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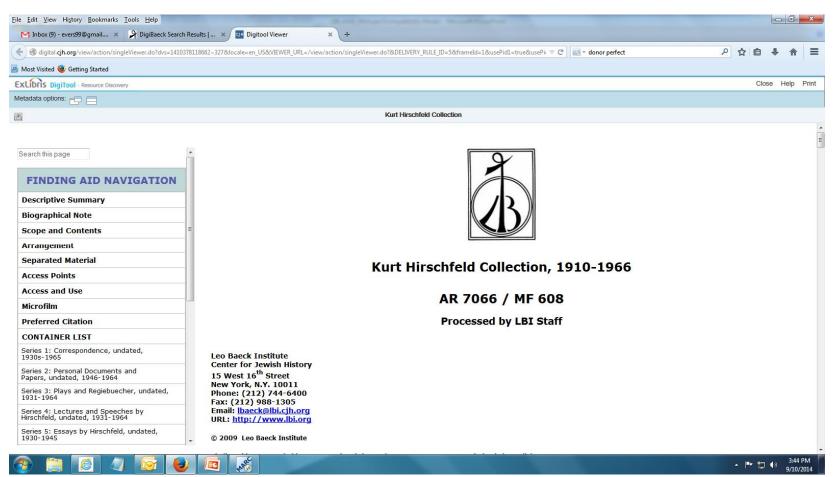


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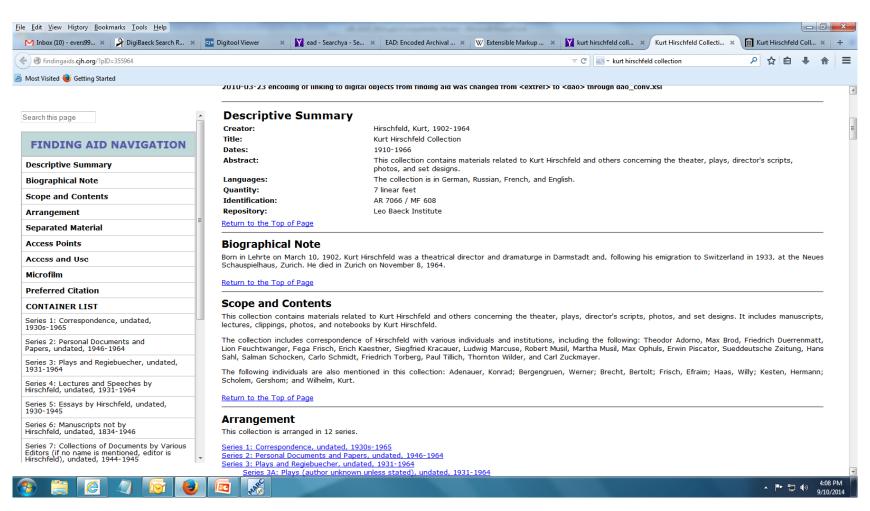
Presentation of Digitized Archival Collections



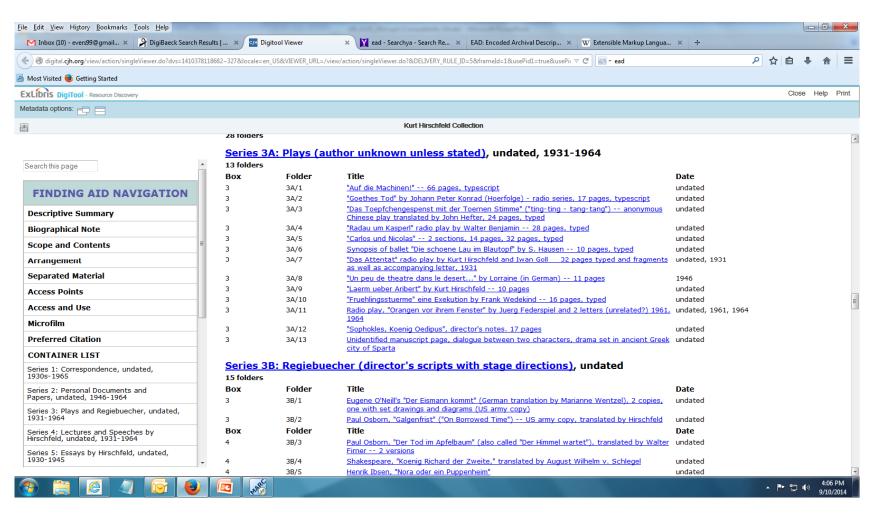




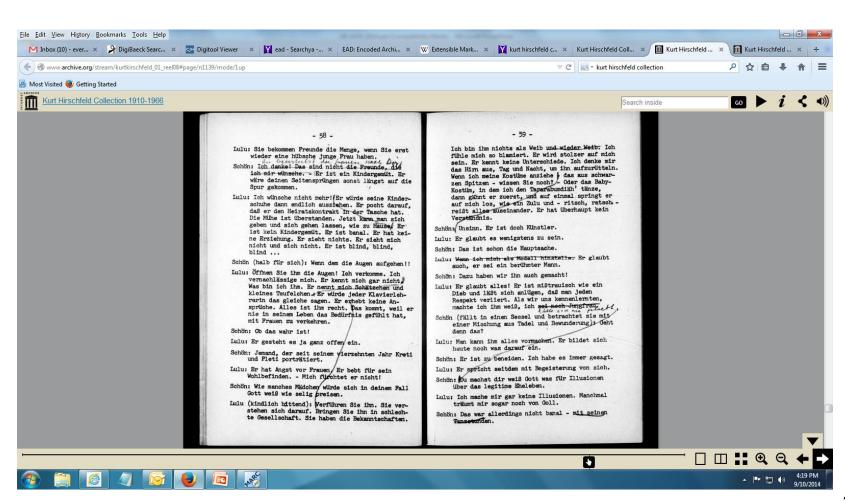












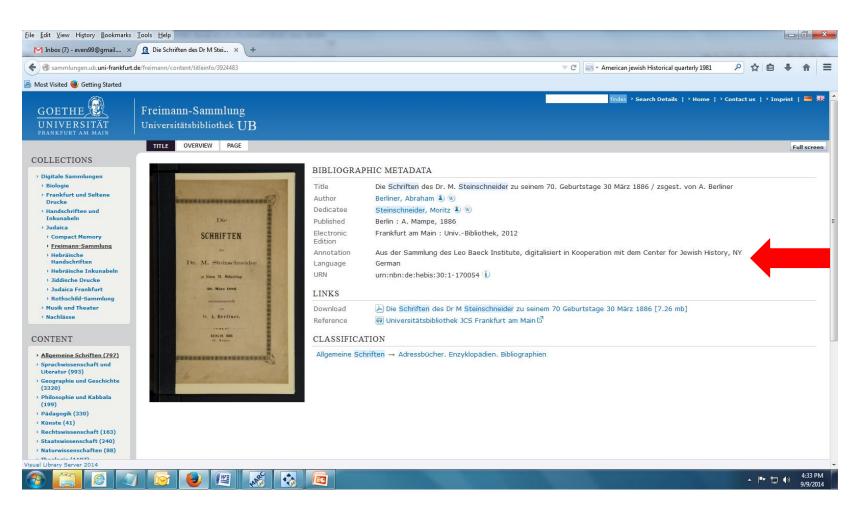


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" DFG/NEH Project: The Freimann Collection





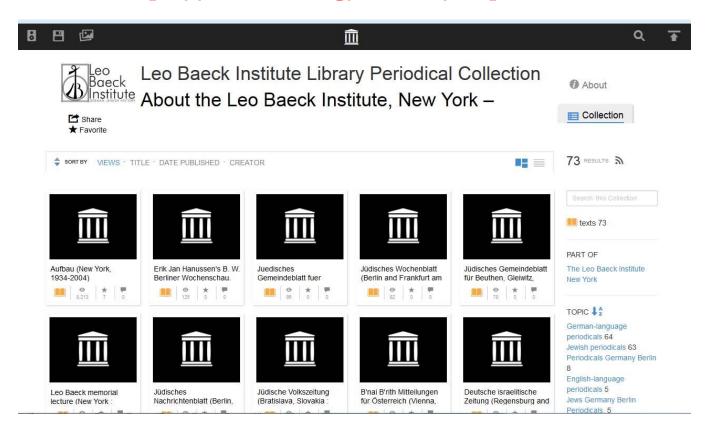




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" LBI Library Periodical Collection

https://archive.org/details/lbiperiodicals





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Digitization of "Aufbau"



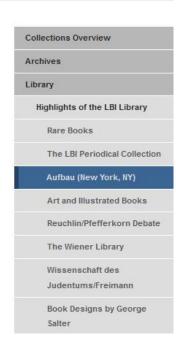
Aufbau (New York, NY)



The Aufbau was a journal for German-speaking Jews around the globe. It was founded in 1934 by the German-Jewish Club which was later renamed the New World Club and published in New York until April 2004. Hannah Arendt, Albert Einstein, Thomas Mann, and Stefan Zweig wrote for the publication. The original purpose of the journal was as a monthly newsletter for the club, which included information and helpful facts for Jewish refugees. From September 1, 1944 through September 27, 1946, the Aufbau printed numerous lists of Jewish Holocaust survivors located in Europe, as well as a few lists of victims. The Aufbau became one of the leading anti-Nazi publications of the German press in exile.

Digitization:

<u>Aufbau</u>, <u>New York</u>, <u>1934-2004</u>: The Library of the Leo Baeck Institute New York has digitized all issues of Aufbau published from inception of the newspaper in 1934 through 2004 via Internet Archives. A few issues were contributed by the New York Public Library as well as the Mikrofilmarchiv der Deutschsprachigen Presse in Dortmund. Partial





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Exile Publishers Website

Database - Jewish Publishers of German Literature in 1933-1945



* http://www.lbi.org/german-exile-publishers/



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> Plans



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LBI Art Collection online 2015/2016



Works by Eduard Magnes, Max Liebermann, and others in our closed stacks Photo: Jon Pack



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Genealogy

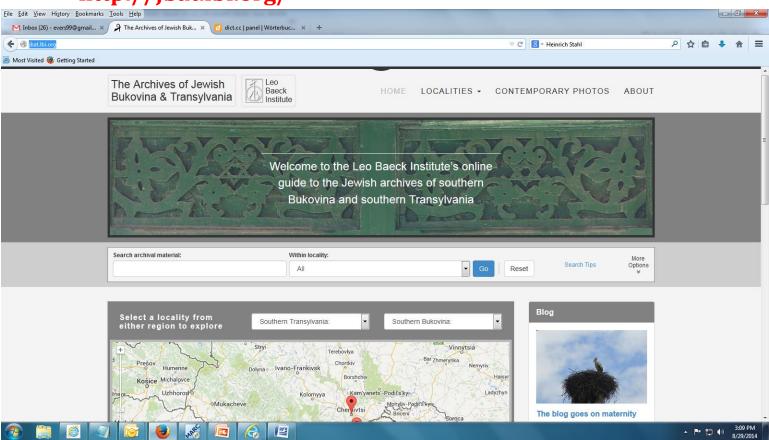




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" Bukowina & Transylvania

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> Outreach



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• 3-4 exhibitions per year:

http://www.lbi.org/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/



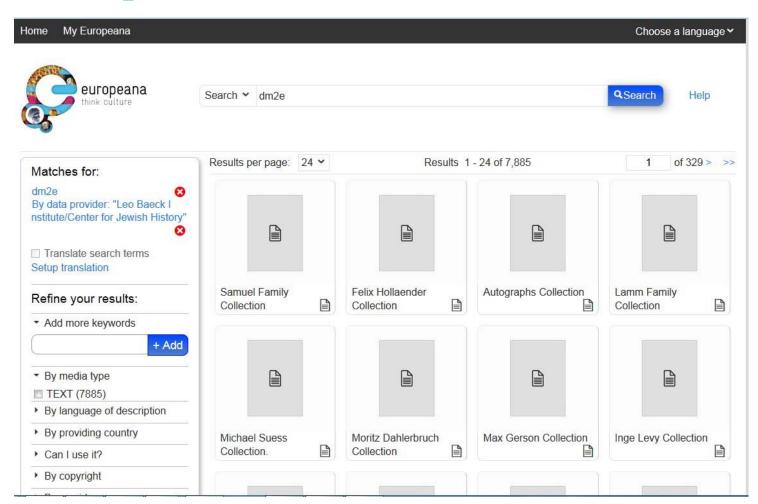
e.g.: Destination Shanghai: The Jewish Community of Shanghai, 1936-1949, *exhibition in 2013*

- Lectures, films, book presentations, concerts <u>http://www.lbi.org/past-events/</u>
- Publications



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Europeana



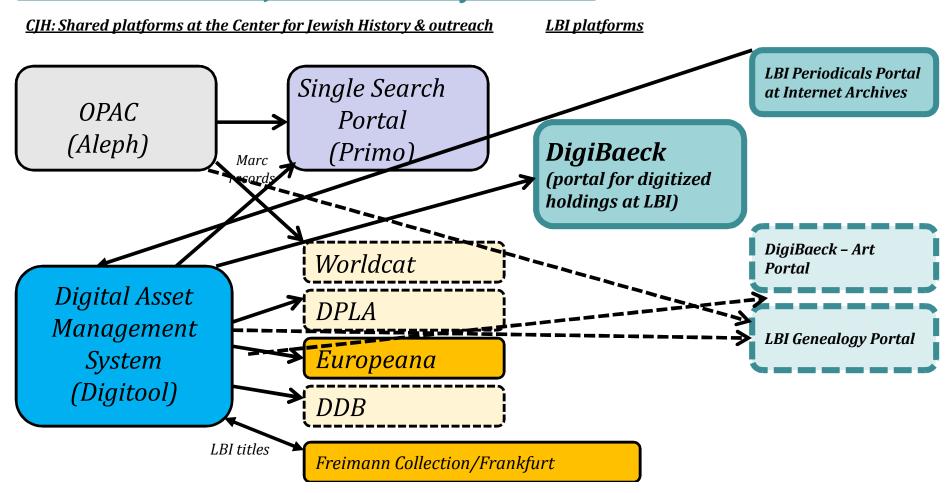


- DPLA /Digital Public Library of America
- DDB/Deutsche Digitale Bibliothek
- Worldcat/OCLC



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Outreach: Library and digital catalogs, portals, and liaisons at the Center for Jewish History and LBI





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Observations



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- More visibility, new user groups
- Different research questions
- Collaborative projects, virtual reconstruction of collections
- Aggregation vs. singularity

Discussions

- Portals for specific material?
- Portals for specific user groups?



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