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appreciation of which thirty illustrations are reproduced. Of great assistance is a chapter on bibliography, and also an elaborate index.

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List of Works relating to the History and Condition of the Jews in various countries. New York: THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY (Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations), 1914. pp. 278 (reprinted from the *Library Bulletin*, July–October, 1913).

The New York Public Library is performing a commendable service to Jewish scholars and students by issuing from time to time lists of works dealing with various phases of Jewish literature. Heretofore a list of Jewish periodicals in the Library was published in the *Bulletin*, VI, 258–64, and a list of Anti-Semitic and Jewish-Christian periodicals in VII, 30–1. The present more comprehensive list, dedicated ‘to Jacob H. Schiff, whose generosity made possible this collection’, comprises about 4,500 numbers in various languages relating to the history and condition of the Jews in various countries. The list is arranged according to subjects—Bibliography, General Works, Special Periods, Jews in Various Countries, Anthropology and Ethnology, Social and Economic Conditions, Jews in their relations to the Gentiles—and is followed by a general alphabetical index of authors at the end.

The importance of this catalogue lies not so much in recording books and large works, most of which lack the claim of rarities, and are found in other Jewish collections in this country, but in registering many reprints and separates which are by nature ephemeral and rare. Also the abundance of cross-references to collective works and the repetition of titles under several subdivisions which have a mutual claim to them, deserve praise and laudation. Each number bears the class signature for quick reference and orientation. The printing is distinct, and, aside

from a few minor errors (usually in foreign languages), there is nothing to mar the appearance of this book which is bound to be a useful reference work for bibliographers. All students are indebted to the compiler of this list, A. S. Freidus, who is entitled also to a large share of credit for the upbuilding of this greatly-used collection.

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