



I-Core In The Study of Modern Jewish Culture

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Jewish Cultures on the Map (JCM)

A web-based platform developed by *Da'at Hamakom*

Concept

- **Interactive web-based map** based on innovative digital-mapping and information visualization technologies designed to explore and experience Jewish cultures in their historical development from a perspective of time and space
- **Easy accessibility of high quality content** to a wide range of publics, such as university researchers, schoolteachers, students and laypersons searching for information in a platform that differs from extant searching and data mining engines
- **A flexible platform** for incorporating, presenting and sharing data from existing databases and archives

Unique and Innovative Aspects

- **A pioneering digital cartographic platform** for presenting Jewish culture and history
- **Visualizing dynamic relations and trajectories** characteristic of the Jewish world through a uniquely designed interface combining a map with a timeline
- **Presenting multimedia documentary information**, including sound, images, and film, along with quantitative geographic information (GIS)
- A context for worldwide scholars and experts of all cultural fields **to generate and share time-space based information**

Potential Users

- **Academics** of different levels from senior researchers to undergraduate students
- **Educators** and high school students
- **General public** interested on Jewish history and culture as map applications on the web and mobile devices are gaining public popularity as a medium to share knowledge, experiences and stories from a spatial perspective

Content Examples Currently Uploaded on the JCM

- Hatikvah - the sources, inception and reception of the national anthem based on documents, rare recordings and film clips
- Concepts and uses of the Telegraph by Jews of the 19th century from the perspective of Halacha literature and correspondences
- Early modern travelers to the East - accounts by Jewish travelers to the Eastern Mediterranean basin in the 15th-17th centuries

Examples of Future Databases incorporated into JCM

- Worldwide shifts of political borders over time
- Changing names of places
- Locations of Jewish communities, demographic changes of their number over time and data about their social segmentation
- Location, activity and migration of Hebrew printing houses since the inception of the press



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Goals and Activities

- Develop and enhance the interfaces and computational abilities of JCM for displaying, uploading and sharing contents
- Establish JCM as a worldwide center for mapping and visualization of Jewish culture (or for that matter any other culture) offering grants, support and consultation for innovative projects
- Promote public use of the map including workshops, educational programs and scientific publication and activity
- Open the platform worldwide to scholars and experts to post and present material on JCM
- Collaborate and share data with libraries, archives and databases of Jewish culture and general geo-historical data
- Aggregate and create new digital databases of geographical and historical information