

Editor's note

We are pleased to present the 2012 issue of *Quntres* (v. 3, Winter 2012). It is perhaps appropriate that this latest issue of a journal dedicated to the history of the Jewish book is entirely in Hebrew—the first and primary language of Jewish expression through the ages. This is not a matter of policy, just a consequence of the articles that were submitted for our consideration. Please be assured that we accept submissions in Hebrew, English, and other languages of Jewish scholarship.

It has been exciting to witness how scholarship on the Jewish book has entered the mainstream of Judaic scholarship in recent times. Several significant new books, addressing, for example, matters as diverse as the reception of the Talmud and religious responses to the Spanish expulsion, have employed consideration of the nature of books and their dissemination to shed new light on important chapters in Jewish history. We would like to believe that the broader recognition of the importance of the scholarship of the book makes a journal like this not less important but more so. The scholarship published here can plant the seeds of new perspectives that ultimately bear fruit in all fields of Judaica. If you are a scholar who cares about the nexus of Jewish books and Jewish life, in all of its facets, we encourage you to consider submitting your scholarship for publication in this journal. And whoever you are, we encourage you to take a look at our earlier issues of *Quntres* as well.

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