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Now that I'm in Israel...

On behalf of the TCI faculty and staff, we welcome all of our new students to Israel.

When you come to the library to order your textbooks or purchase your copies and prints, you are also encouraged to explore the library's collection of books about Israel. The topics range from Israeli history and politics to literature and business. Reading about Israel will only add to your experience at TCI and Israel in general.

If you are interested in locating any of these books, many of which are award winning titles, ask a member of the library staff for assistance.

Wishing you "hatzlacha rabba" in your studies at TCI.

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New in the Library--All About Israel

Recently, several new titles about Israel have been added to the library's collection. Some of these books are known as classic works about Israeli culture. Another title tells the story of Israel's booming hi-tech industry. Another book, which is a best-seller in Israel, tells the recollections of an aide to several prime ministers. All are guaranteed to enlighten you about the struggles and successes of this dynamic nation.

Start-Up Nation : The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle

JUD HC415.25 .S455 2009

By Dan Senor and Saul Singer
"...a book about innovation and entrepreneurship, and how one small country, Israel, came to embody both."

The story of the hi-tech industry in Israel, with a focus on the success and failure of start-up companies.

The Prime Ministers by Yehuda Avner DS 126.5 .A96 2010

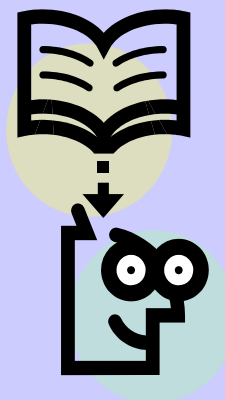
"The first and only insider account of Israeli politics from the founding of the Jewish State to the near-present day. It reveals stunning details of life-and-death decision-making, top-secret military operations and high level peace negotiations."

The Israelis: Founders and Sons by Amos Elon

"This is a fascinating account of how and why Zionism led to the creation of Israel. Elon captures well how Israel's pioneer generation differ in their values from the Israeli-born youth. He explains how the myths of Zionism contributed to the tragic situation today."

My Michael by Amos Oz PJ 5054 .O9 M9 2005

"Written in 1967, "My Michael" is still considered by many to be Oz's best novel ever. The plot takes place in the 1950's, when Israel is still young, and Jerusalem is an old decaying city of stone and rusty fences. Hannah and Michael are a young couple and the story, as told by Hannah, takes us along several years of their married life."



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Database Highlights - Cotar Online

This edition of the TCI Library Newsletter will focus on a relatively new database to our collection, Cotar.

This database contains a selection of articles collected from periodicals and Torah sources which forms a comprehensive and unique repository of articles, providing answers to fundamental and daily Halachic questions.

According to Cotar, the repository presently contains more than 10,000 articles collected from hundreds of periodicals and Torah sources published between 1970 and 2003. Cotar Online includes a unique and detailed index of more than 2,400 topics which provides direct links to the relevant articles. The articles in the database deal with a variety of topics such as Civil law, Eretz Israel and its mitzvot, Shabbat and holidays.

A few examples of questions examined in COTAR Online include:

- Disconnecting a terminal patient from an artificial breathing machine
- Experiments on animals for research purposes
- Freeing terrorist prisoners in order to free Jewish captives
- Selling organs for transplants

Cotar online was published by Responsa Project of Bar Ilan University.

All articles in Cotar are in Hebrew. To search, one must have Hebrew language support. If not, it is recommended to use the virtual keyboard which is in Hebrew. This can be found on the search page.

Search Tip—Boolean Logic

During information literacy sessions I briefly describe how to use Boolean Logic when searching the Virtual Library. Boolean Logic is a system that allows the searcher to communicate to a database specific relationships between keywords. The most common operators are “and”, “or” and “not.”

AND is used to tell the database that you want to retrieve items which contain both (or all) of the keywords you specify. It is used to connect unrelated terms or concepts. Remember that “and” narrows your search. During sessions I use the example of an article about both “cats and dogs.”

OR is used to communicate to the database that you want to retrieve documents which contain one, or the other, or all of the terms that you specify. It is used to connect related or synonymous terms and is a very powerful tool in keyword searching. Its effectiveness lies in the fact that several different terms can be used to express a concept. For example, the concept of 'children' can also be expressed using the terms 'kids' or 'youth'. Using “or” broadens the number of relevant documents you will retrieve in a search.

NOT is used to communicate to the database that you do not want the items it retrieves to contain certain terms that you specify; that is, it excludes results. For example, if you are searching in a periodical database for newspaper articles about a topic, use “not” to exclude editorials. I advise students to exercise caution when using “not” since one could potentially eliminate useful documents that may contain the “not” term in its citation.

If you need any help formulating your searches, please ask me for assistance.

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