

# Digitizing the Index for Jewish Art

## a joint project

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An agreement was finalized FY2013 between the Judaica Division and the National Library of Israel, with the assistance of TAMAR (the cultural heritage preservation department in the Israeli Prime Minister's Office) to digitize the Index to Jewish Art, a unique collection of photographs, documenting all aspect of Jewish art, all over the world, for the last forty years. Housed at the Hebrew University's Center for Jewish Art, and work on that is underway. The goal of the project is to provide a pragmatic solution to issues such as access, archiving, and storage of this vast collection of Jewish art photographs last forty years, to gain bibliographic control over the collection, and enables scholars to gain online-access to the entire collection.

This presentation will provide information on our collection, our concerns, and the way that we implemented the Index for Jewish Art digitizing project.

