

## Checking and repair of IHP periodical records

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The project has aimed to update records of serials in Index to Hebrew Periodicals (IHP) prior to exposing the records to general public. The need for inspection and repair was caused by uneven indexing and inconsistent monitoring of serial publishing. Some periodicals ceased publication, but were still described in IHP as active serials. IHP team erroneously stopped indexing some periodicals after their shift from print to digital format. Many IHP records lacked some fields. I have checked the publication years and the index coverage dates of each of the serials and if necessary repaired content of appropriate fields. I have also added the fields "active serial" and "index coverage dates" if any were missing. Now the periodical records are more reliable and uniform. I came to the conclusion that there is no up to date source of information about the publication years of each Hebrew serial. It is recommended that IHP team keep constant contact with publishers, because they seldom inform libraries on their own initiative of ceasing publication or format shift. The project has helped me better understand the fields of cataloging and indexing. It has also contributed to the organization of bibliographic information. As a result of correcting the records IHP team is going to renew indexing active serials, erroneously stopped.