

## Israeli Book Statistics for 2010

The National Library of Israel is responsible for the preservation of Israel's cultural assets for future generations, for researchers and scholars, and for the general public. To this end, the "Book Act" was passed, obligating anyone publishing a work in Israel to deposit two copies at the National Library of Israel.

The majority of Israeli publishers comply with the law and thus participate in the creation of the largest and most comprehensive collection of Israeli publication in the world.

## New titles and current periodicals

During 2010, **7,339** new Israeli titles were registered by the Legal Deposit Department of the National Library: **6,285** books, **725** new periodicals, and **329** non-print titles, such as CDs and cassettes. In addition, some **16,500** issues of current periodicals and newspapers were received in the National Library of Israel. Although not covered by Legal Deposit, the Library also received **1,380** masters' theses and **1,038** doctoral theses.

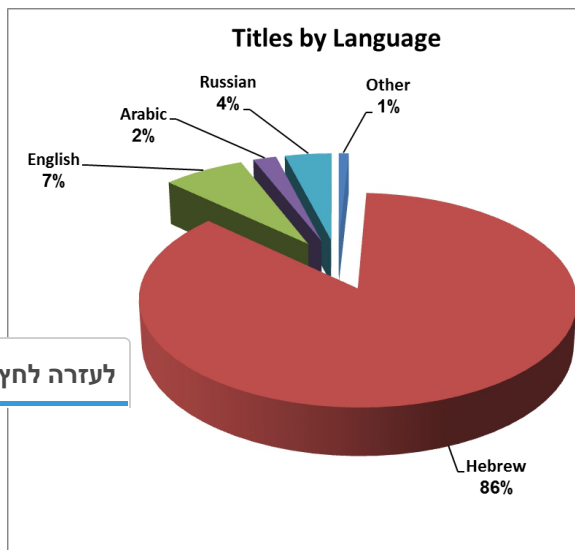
The Library's catalogue is the most comprehensive in Israel, and includes the vast majority of the titles published in Israel.

## Hebrew and Other Languages

Most of the books published in Israel are in Hebrew: **5,432** titles. The next common languages are English: **406** titles and Russian: **237** titles. This year **153** new Arabic titles were recorded.

**20** French titles were published in Israel during last year, **11** in Spanish, **11** in German and **5** in Romanian. **10** publications in various Jewish languages were received: **7** in Yiddish and three in Judeo-Tajikic (the language of Bukharan Jewry). A few books were published in other languages, such as Dutch, Polish and Italian.

Most of the Hebrew books, about **86%** were originally written in Hebrew, and about **14%** were translated into Hebrew.



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The breakdown of the **6,285** Books is as follows:

## Books by Subjects

During 2010 about **590** books for children and youth were deposited in the library – almost **9%** of the total number of books received. In addition, **105** textbooks were deposited – about **2%** of the total number of books received. No less than **38** cookbooks

were deposited. In addition **24** travel books in Israel were deposited, **107** books about the history of cities and the Yishuv, **336** biographies of Jews, **117** titles about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, **158** books dealing with different aspects of the Holocaust and **315** titles concerning art (including exhibition catalogues).

**Type of Publishing**

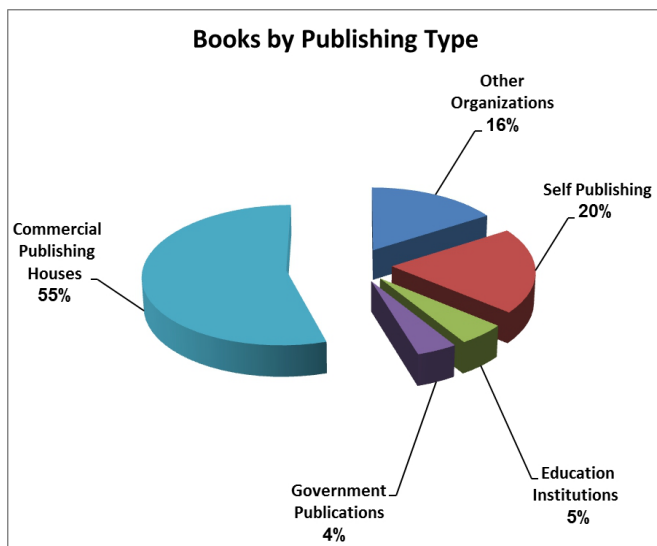
**55%** of the books were published by commercial publishing houses.

**4%** of the books were published by the government or governmental institutions.

**5%** of the books were published by educational institutions – universities, colleges and schools.

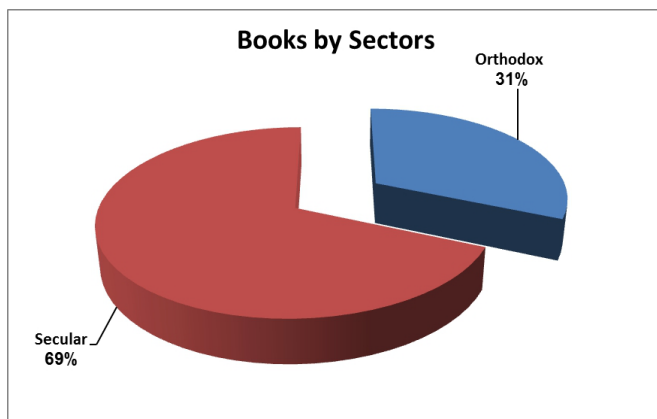
**16%** of the books were published by associations, foundations, museums, community centers and other organizations.

**20%** of the books were self-published by authors.



**Sectors**

The orthodox and ultra-orthodox sector was responsible for **31%** of the total titles that were published in Israel in 2010.



**Israeli Publishers**

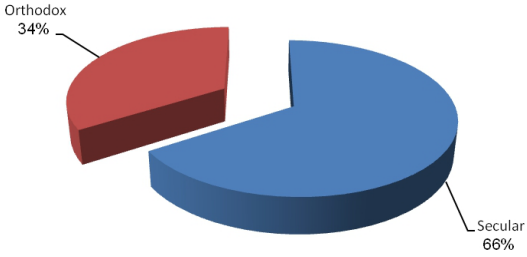
The National Library's Legal Deposit Department maintains an extensive listing of Israeli publishers, including many minor publishers who issue only a few books a year. The information includes address, telephone, and fax number of each publisher. The database contains **1,540** active publishers and organizations, which engage in publishing.

**988** are commercial publishing houses, and **500** are non-commercial.

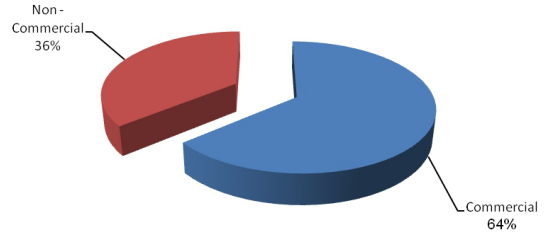
**499** publishers published for the orthodox sector and **8** for non-Jewish religious communities.

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Publishing Houses By Sector



Commercial and Non- Commercial Publishing Houses



English was the main language for **38** publishers, while **317** publishers published in English as well as Hebrew. **21** publishers published mainly in Russian, and **51** publishers published in Russian besides Hebrew. **24** publishers published mainly in Arabic, and **39** published in Arabic in addition to Hebrew or other languages.

**History of Israeli publishing**

During the last year the National Library of Israel has added to its [database of Israeli publishers](#) information on **25** publishers from the earliest days of Zionist history. So far some **161** publishers, who have ceased to be active, have been listed and documented. The database is a rich source of information on the history of publishing in Israel. Its importance derives not only from the national and historic perspective, but also from its practical value. It maps the copyright of works that appeared in the Land of Israel and makes it possible to locate copyright holders and heirs to publishers no longer in existence

For example:

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000010072	<p><b>שיטל</b></p> <p>ראה גם: שם</p> <p>ראה גם: טברסקי</p> <p>הוצאה חוקמה בשנת 1917 במוסקבה על ידי אברהם יוסף <b>שיטל</b> (א"י <b>שיטל</b>). בהמשך עברה ההוצאה ופתחה סניפים בורשה, בברלין ובניו-יורק. הוצאה לאור בעיקר ספרות ושירה מתורגמת מספרות העולם, עסקה גם ביבוא ספרים ובהוצאה לאור של כתבי עת.</p> <p>בשנת 1924 נקלעה ההוצאה למשבר כלכלי ואברהם <b>שיטל</b> העביר את ההוצאה לניהולו של נחום טרובסקי בארץ ישראל. בשנת 1929 התאחדה ההוצאה בברלין עם ההוצאה בארץ. בשנת 1939 הועברה הבעלות על ההוצאה ליד נחום טרובסקי בתל אביב. ההוצאה פעלה עד סוף שנות ה-40.</p> <p>עברית</p> <p>ספרים</p> <p>כתבי עת</p> <p>תל אביב</p> <p>אברהם יוסף <b>שיטל</b> ז"ל (נפטר ב-1946)</p>	<p>.Sys. no</p> <p>שם המו"ל</p> <p><b>Public General Note</b></p> <p>הערת מו"ל</p> <p><b>שפה</b></p> <p><b>סוג חומר</b></p> <p><b>כתובת</b></p> <p><b>נוהלי בעלים</b></p>
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