101 Treasures from the National Library of Israel

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Published to celebrate the autumn 2023 opening of the new NLI building in Jerusalem, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, the book is full of fascinating insights and manuscripts. It is akin to a greatest-hits collection from the Jewish world over the past 1,500 years.” — Jewish Link

This fascinating and inspirational new volume provides a thematic journey through the rich and diverse collections of the National Library of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide. Selected by the Library’s curators and collections experts, this fine-art volume presents 101 of the most precious items in the Library’s collections, from 5th century Babylonia to modern-day Tel Aviv, and shares illuminating stories and anecdotes about these significant works and the intriguing people behind them. Highlights include Maimonides’ autograph copy of his Commentary on the Mishna; the Damascus Crowns including a vitally important 10th century Hebrew Bible codex; theological ruminations of Isaac Newton; love poetry by Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent; manuscripts from leading Jewish and Israeli writers, such as Martin Buber, Stefan Zweig, Franz Kafka, Naomi Shemer, and Shai Agnon; and rare materials documenting Israeli history. High-quality photographs illustrate the stories, and the introduction sets these collections within their cultural and historical context.

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