

## LIBRARY

### Opening times

#### LIBRARY – OPENING TIMES

Monday	10:00 - 16:00
Tuesday	14:00 - 18:30
Wednesday	10:00 - 16:00
Thursday	14:00 – 18:30
Friday	Closed

#### ENTRY

The library is open to the public. Access is via the ICZ Community Centre, Lavaterstrasse 33, 8002 Zurich.

**For security reasons, all visitors are subject to identity checks and questioning. Please bring an identity card/passport with you and avoid carrying large bags.**

You'll find information on how to get here under "[Location & opening hours](#)" of the community centre.

## About us

Welcome to the cultural pearl of our community! The ICZ Library is one of the largest Jewish community libraries in the German-speaking world and holds more than 60,000 titles.

Do you have any questions?

Please contact us at: [bibliothek@icz.org](mailto:bibliothek@icz.org)

## RULES FOR USERS

[Benutzungsordnung 2019 \(PDF\)](#)

## DONATION GUIDELINES

Would you like to donate books to us?

The ICZ Library is well-stocked with about 60,000 items. Please understand that we can only accept donations under the following conditions:

- After prior consultation with our librarians Kerstin Paul and Oded Fluss ([044 283 22 50/51](tel:044283225051))
- If they fit the profile of the library
- If they aren't already in stock
- If a list of the items you wish to donate has been drawn up in advance in order to check against our library catalogue.

In the case of larger donations, the ICZ Library reserves the right to dispose of books that are not taken into its holdings at its discretion.

## About the ICZ Library

Because of its very rare and historically valuable holdings, the ICZ Library has been awarded the title "Cultural asset of national importance" by the Federal Office for Civil Protection. Deepen your knowledge of literature relating to Judaism: from contemporary grand masters such as Philip Roth, Amos Oz and Judith Katzir, to children's books, history books, and religious works such as the Kabbalah and Talmud.

The ICZ Library holds books not only in **German**, but also in **Hebrew, English, French and Yiddish**. The academic department is aimed at researchers, rabbis, theologians, Judaists, and academics, as well as students of all disciplines and those interested in Judaism.

The ICZ Library has a spacious reading room containing the most important reference works, as well as a well-maintained author- and subject catalogue. The librarians are in contact with writers, lecturers, publishers and cultural institutions, and regularly organise readings, lectures, and exhibitions. We are happy to offer **library tours**, which we will arrange individually with you.

The holdings of the ICZ Library are linked to the national NEBIS catalogue and can be accessed via [www.nebis.ch](http://www.nebis.ch).

### FURTHER LINKS

[Die Bibliothek der Israelischen Cultusgemeinde Zürich](#), arbedo - Swiss Journal for Archives, Library and Documentation

[Die Bibliothek der Israelischen Cultusgemeinde Zürich](#), Association for Jewish Culture and Science (VJKW)

[Bibliothek der Israelischen Cultusgemeinde Zürich](#), Wikipedia - the free encyclopaedia

## [News](#)

### **PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

When visiting the library, certain rules must be observed in order to protect everyone:

- No more than eight visitors may be in the library at any one time.
- Library visitors are requested to disinfect their hands before entering the library (disinfectant is available).
- Visitors must keep a 2 metre distance from other people in the library.
- If professional advice is required (e.g. for an academic paper), please make an appointment with us in advance so that we can reserve space for this.
- People who feel ill and have symptoms such as a cough, fever, breathing difficulties, joint problems or loss of smell and taste, are asked not to visit the library.
- We continue to offer our book distribution service to users who belong to a risk group.

### **ONLINE LIBRARY**

The ICZ Library is a member of the NEBIS network.

You can search our catalogue here: [www.nebis.ch](http://www.nebis.ch).

## NEW TITLES

You'll find the new titles for this month and last month here:

[New titles February 2021](#)

[New titles January 2021](#)

## ARCHIVE OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY

We are pleased to refer you to the platform **AfZ Online Collections** of the Archive of Contemporary History, on which Swiss Jewish periodicals are available in digital form. These are available in printed form in the ICZ Library.

The periodicals are all OCR-recognised and searchable in full text (with the exception of some German text editions of the *Israelitisches Wochenblatt*). Currently only some older periodicals are publicly accessible; online access to all periodicals is planned after registration. In the meantime, the periodicals not yet open to the public are accessible in the reading room of the Archive of Contemporary History.

[AfZ Online Collections](#)

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK

"Quelle lebender Bücher" – (A source of living books) 75 years of the ICZ Library

Yvonne Domhardt and Kerstin A. Paul,

2014, edition clandestin Biel / Bienne

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