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*Karachi, that was the capital of Sind* (1963), *Marriage in ancient Iran* (1965), *The Age of Zarathustra* (1968), and a collection of his articles, *Iranian and Oriental papers* (1960). BioB134

**Katsh**, Abraham Isaac, born 10 August 1908 at Indura, Poland, he went in 1925 to the U.S.A., where he received a Ph.D. in 1944 from Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Philadelphia, for *Aggadic background of the Qur'an, Suras II and III*. He became an eminent authority on Jewish studies and was noted both for instituting the study of modern Hebrew in U.S. universities and for convincing the Soviet Government in the midst of the Cold War to allow him access to innumerable documents pertaining to Jewish history that had been hidden from Western eyes since the 1917 revolution. He was a professor of Hebrew culture and education at New York University. His writings include *Judaism in Islam* (1954), and *Catalogue of Hebrew manuscripts preserved in the USSR* (1957-58). He died in 1998. Au&Wr, 1963; BlueB, 1973/74, 1975, 1976; CnDiAmJBi; ConAu, 5-8, 169, new rev., 8; CurBio, 1962; DrAS, 1974 F, 1978 F, 1982 F; IntAu&W, 1977; Selim; WhoAm, 1974-1998; WhoE, 1974/75-1989/90; WhoWor, 1976/77-1989/90; WhoWorJ, 1955, 1965, 1972, 1978

**Katsitadze**, David Varlamovich, born 8 November 1928 at Tiflis, he graduated in 1955 from the Oriental Faculty, Tiflis State University, received his first degree in 1961 with a thesis entitled *Персидские источники продолжений «Картлис цховреба»*, and a doctorate in 1968 for *Грузия на рубеже XIV-XV вв.* He was appointed a lecturer in 1964, and a professor in 1974. He was a historian of Oriental history and was successively associated with the Institute of History, Georgian Academy of Sciences, and Tiflis State University. He was a joint author of *Грузино-иранские культурно-исторические связи* (1978). Miliband; Miliband<sup>2</sup>

von **Katte**, A., he was a German traveller in Abyssinia; his travel account is entitled *Reise in Abyssinien im Jahre 1836* (Stuttgart, 1838). NUC, pre-1956

**Katz**, Ze'ev, born 20th cent., he received a Ph.D. in 1957 from the University of London for *Party-political education in Soviet Russia*. He was in 1964 a member of the editorial board of the daily, *Ha'aretz*. His writings include *Soviet dissenters and social structure in the USSR* (1971), and he edited the *Handbook of major Soviet nationalities* (1975). NUC, 1956-77

**Kaufhold**, Hubert, born 19 March 1943 at Braunschweig, Germany, he received a Dr.phil. in 1970 from the Universität München for *Syrische Texte zum islamischen Recht*, and also a Dr.jur. in 1972 for *Die Rechtssammlung des Gabriel von Basra und ihr Verhältnis zu den anderen juristischen Werken der Nestorianer*. Since 1977 he was a professor of ecclesiastical and legal history of antiquity, particularly of the Christian Orient at his alma mater. His writings include *Syrische Handschriften juristischen Inhalts in südindischen Bibliotheken* (1989), and he edited *Syrische Texte zum islamischen Recht* (1971). Kürschner, 1983-2005

**Kaufman**, Richard Harris, born 30 January 1936 at Boston, Mass., he received a Ph.D. in 1963 from Harvard for *Exchange rate and economic development; the experience of Israel*. He was an economist and banker whose writings include *The Technology gap; United States and Europe* (1970). WhoE, 1974/75, 1976/77; WhoFI, 1974-75 (not sighted)

**Kaufmann**, David, born 7 June 1852 at Kojetin, Moravia, he was educated locally, where he studied the Bible and Talmud until 1867 when he went to the Rabbinerseminar, Breslau, concurrently also studying at the Universität Breslau. In the summer of 1874 he received his Dr.phil. from the Universität Gotha for *Die Attributslehre des Saadja Alfajumi*, and on 29 January 1877 he was ordained rabbi. In the same year he declined a professorship at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, preferring the chairs of history, philosophy of religion, and homiletics at the newly founded Landes-Rabbinerschule, Budapest, which he held until his death. Concurrently he taught Greek and German in the preparatory school of the same institution, carrying on this work in Hungarian, which he had rapidly mastered. He displayed a prolific literary activity; the bibliography in the *Gedenkbuch zur Erinnerung an David Kaufmann* (Breslau, 1900), includes 546 items, covering nearly every branch of Jewish science, and including *Die Spuren Al-Bataljüs's in der jüdischen Religionsphilosophie* (1879), and *Die Sinne; Beiträge zur Geschichte der Pysiologie und Psychologie im Mittelalter aus hebräischen und arabischen Quellen* (1884). He died in Karlsbad, Austria, on 6 July 1899. ADIB, vol. 51, pp. 81-84; DtBE; GeistigeUng; JewEnc; JüdLex; *Revue des études juives*, 41 (1900), pp. 1-30; Wininger

**Kaufmann**, Max Rudolf, born 29 April 1886 at Basel, Switzerland, he studied at Bern and Heidelberg and received a Dr.phil. in 1908 from the Universität Bern for *Der Kaufmannsstand in der deutschen Literatur*. He was an editor of *Oriens*, Constantinople, 1912, *Osmanischer Lloyd*, Constantinople, 1910-1915, concurrently contributing to newspapers in Zürich, Frankfurt, and Wien; and an editor-in-chief of *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, Berlin, from 1916 to 1922. Since 1935 he was a writer and editor at Zürich. His writings include *Pera und Stambul* (1915), and *Türkische Erzählungen* (1916). NSB

**WOLFGANG BEHN, CONCISE BIOGRAPHICAL COMPANION TO INDEX ISLAMICUS: AN INTERNATIONAL WHO'S WHO IN ISLAMIC STUDIES FROM ITS BEGINNINGS DOWN TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY : BIO-BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUPPLEMENT TO INDEX ISLAMICUS, 1665-1980, VOL. II(H-M), LEIDEN 2006.**

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## THE KAUFMANN-GENİZAH: ITS IMPORTANCE FOR THE WORLD OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Budapest Jewish Theological Seminary (Országos Rabbiképző Intézet) was founded on 4 October 1877. Two young scholars were invited to join its staff: Vilmos BACHER and Dávid KAUFMANN. The latter, born in Kojetein in Moravia, gained his doctorate in Leipzig and completed his studies in Breslau, now Wrocław. Only 25 years old, he was already a mature academic.

Four years later he became engaged to Irma GOMPERZ, whom he described to ZUNZ, the greying doyen of Jewish studies, as follows: "Sie hat das Herz und die Bildung, allen meinen Bestrebungen sich anzuschliessen."

His marriage provided him with the financial means to secure rare and valuable manuscripts and books, enabling him to build up one of the largest and richest private libraries of Judaica and Hebraica in the world. Some of his own research work was based on manuscripts in his own collection: he published texts, historical studies, and pioneering work in the field of Jewish art history.

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The Mantuan Rabbi Marco MORTARA's bequest forms the core of the collection. His illustrated codices were obtained mostly from the TRIESTE brothers of Padua and the bookseller N. RABINOWITZ.

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Her mother Mrs Zsigmond GOMPERZ presented the entire library to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Its then president Albert BERZEVICZY in a letter of 21 December 1905 expressed his gratitude for this generous gesture and noted the importance of the collection.

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