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In 1934 the Society transferred to Jerusalem where both Shai Agnon and Gershom Scholem served as presidents of the Society. The Society has published important editions of Midrash, Talmudic commentaries , works of Halachah, including responsa literature, works of Jewish ethics and other genres of Hebrew literature.

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## **ENCYCLOPAEDIAS**

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