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### The heritage of David Kaufmann: Curating Judaica Libraries in Hungary

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David Kaufmann's (1852-1899) career in Hungary started in 1877, when he became a professor at the newly founded Rabbinical Seminary in Budapest. He also served as the institution's chief librarian until 1899, and established one of the most important Jewish libraries in Europe. In addition, his marriage in 1881 enabled him financially to build up his own collection. The Kaufmann Collection, donated to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1905 is considered today one of the 10 to 15 most valuable Jewish manuscript collections in the world. In my lecture, I will present the history of these two collections and their highlights, and will share my experiences as former curator of the Kaufmann Collection from 2011 to 2014 and as director of the JTS-UJSH Library from 2016 to the present.

