

## Preface

This volume contains cumulative indices to the five volumes of the late S. D. Goitein's *A Mediterranean Society*. Professor Goitein intended for the cumulative indices to supplement and supersede the individual volume indices, which do not include material from the notes and appendices. Furthermore, with the exception of volume 1, the geniza texts themselves were not indexed in the individual volumes. Professor Goitein often said that he thought the notes were the most important part of the books, and he regretted that the voluminous information contained in them was not made accessible in a more systematic way to researchers. In typical fashion, he began the preparations to produce a cumulative volume long before he approached the University of California Press with the idea. He had successive research assistants index all citations of geniza texts and other material from the notes and appendices on note cards. These note cards were stored in fifteen shoe boxes, kept inside and on top of the metal cabinets that held his large collection of photographs of geniza documents.

The note cards and published indices of the individual volumes form the basis for these cumulative indices. I have attempted here to reconcile the inevitable inconsistencies in spelling and citation that creep into a work published over a period of some twenty years. To the extent possible, all references for particular individuals, terms, places, or topics are consolidated in a single entry, with cross-references to variants in spelling, citation, or nomenclature. Especially large entries for important cities or people have been broken down into more detailed subentries. Technical terms appear in both Judeo-Arabic and English and are cross-referenced. In addition, brief definitions for Judeo-Arabic terms are included when those usages differ from conventional Arabic or Hebrew meanings.

The Index of Geniza Texts is arranged alphabetically by collection and follows largely the order established in volume 1. However, experienced readers of *A Mediterranean Society* will notice several differences between the cumulative Index of Geniza Texts and the index in volume 1. First, the order of classmarks in the collections of the Cambridge University Library, which comprise the major part of the geniza documents cited in Goitein's work, has been changed

to follow that established in Stefan Reif's *Published Material from the Cambridge Genizah Collections: A Bibliography 1896–1980* (Cambridge, 1988), an invaluable reference work which users of this index will certainly consult. In addition, the citations in this index have been checked against Reif's citations, and corrections have been noted and cross-referenced. I have not, however, reconciled Goitein's method for citing geniza documents from the Taylor-Schechter Collection with that employed by Reif. As explained to me in an electronic mail communication by Stefan Reif (March 30, 1992), Goitein's custom was to use "f." within classmarks to refer to the running number and not to the actual folio. For example, what appears in Reif's bibliography as 10J5.1 appears in Goitein's work as 10J5, f.1 (where "f." is the running number and not the folio number). Second, the plus signs and asterisks after classmarks, included in the notes for volume 1 through volume 4, have been dropped. These marks were used to indicate documents that had been edited in M. Michael's *Nahray b. Nissim*, or documents edited and to be included in Goitein's *India Book* or his *Mediterranean People*, two long-term projects that remain unpublished. A fuller description and explanation of these two projects may be found in volume 1, pages ix, xviii, xxii, and xxiv. Third, references to the *Responsa* of Abraham and Moses Maimonides have been moved to the Index of Scriptural, Rabbinic, and Maimonidean Citations. Finally, I have not employed the use of "r" to indicate *recto*. Readers should take *recto* as the default in citations; references to the *verso* only of a document are indicated by "v."

Readers should also note that references are given differently in the Index of Geniza Texts than in the General Index and the Index of Scriptural, Rabbinic, and Maimonidean Citations. In the Index of Geniza Texts, references are cited by chapter, section, subsection, and note number. Sections or subsections of a chapter are separated by semicolons; chapters are separated by periods. References to appendices precede those to notes, following the order established in the volumes. Lowercase plain roman numerals indicate chapters; uppercase bold roman numerals indicate volumes. In the General Index and the Index of Scriptural, Rabbinic, and Maimonidean Citations, references are cited by volume and page number. Uppercase bold roman numerals indicate volumes; plain Arabic numerals indicate page numbers. Readers should note that an item may appear more than once on the indicated page.

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