

**THE UNIQUE CODICOLOGICAL DATABASE *SFARDATA*:  
A TOOL FOR DATING AND LOCALIZING  
MANUSCRIPTS AND FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH  
A WORKSHOP WITH  
MALACHI BEIT-ARIÉ**

The first on-line codicological database of medieval Hebrew manuscripts (and the only one in any script), SfarData combines the features of a sophisticated software allowing data retrieval, complex querying, clustering, etc., to the empirical procedures of Hebrew quantitative codicology and paleography. Malachi Beit-Arié, the founder and director of SfarData, is the Ludwig Jesselson Professor Emeritus of Codicology and Paleography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the head of the Hebrew Paleography Project under the auspices of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and the National Library of Israel. Among his most recent publications: *Unveiled Faces of Medieval Hebrew Books* (2003) and *Hebrew Codicology: Historical and Comparative Typology of Hebrew Medieval Codices based on the Documentation of the Extant Dated Manuscripts in Quantitative Approach* (2015, Internet version 0.4 available on line on the site of the National Library of Israel).



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