

[Passing of Prof. Itta Shedletzky](#)

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H-Judaic is greatly saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Prof. Itta Shedletzky (1943-2023), Jerusalem's renowned expert on German-Jewish letters. Born in Zurich, Prof. Shedletzky immigrated to Israel in 1962 and was deeply influenced by Jacob Katz and Gershom Scholem. She subsequently edited and published many of Scholem's letters, and likewise worked on figures such as Else Lasker-Schüler, Heinrich Heine, Theodor Fontane, Wilhelm Wolfsohn, and most recently Franz Kafka.

For information on Shedletzky's publications, see <https://www.nli.org.il/he/a-topic/987007268040005171>.

The Forward published an article on Shedletzky in 2010 (<https://forward.com/schmooze/129435/who-is-itta-shedletzky-kafka-specialist/>)

A memorial appeared in News in Germany (<https://newsingermany.com/itta-shedletzky-is-dead-culture/>)

We extend deepest condolences to her colleagues and friends, who were planning 80th birthday conferences in her honor.

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