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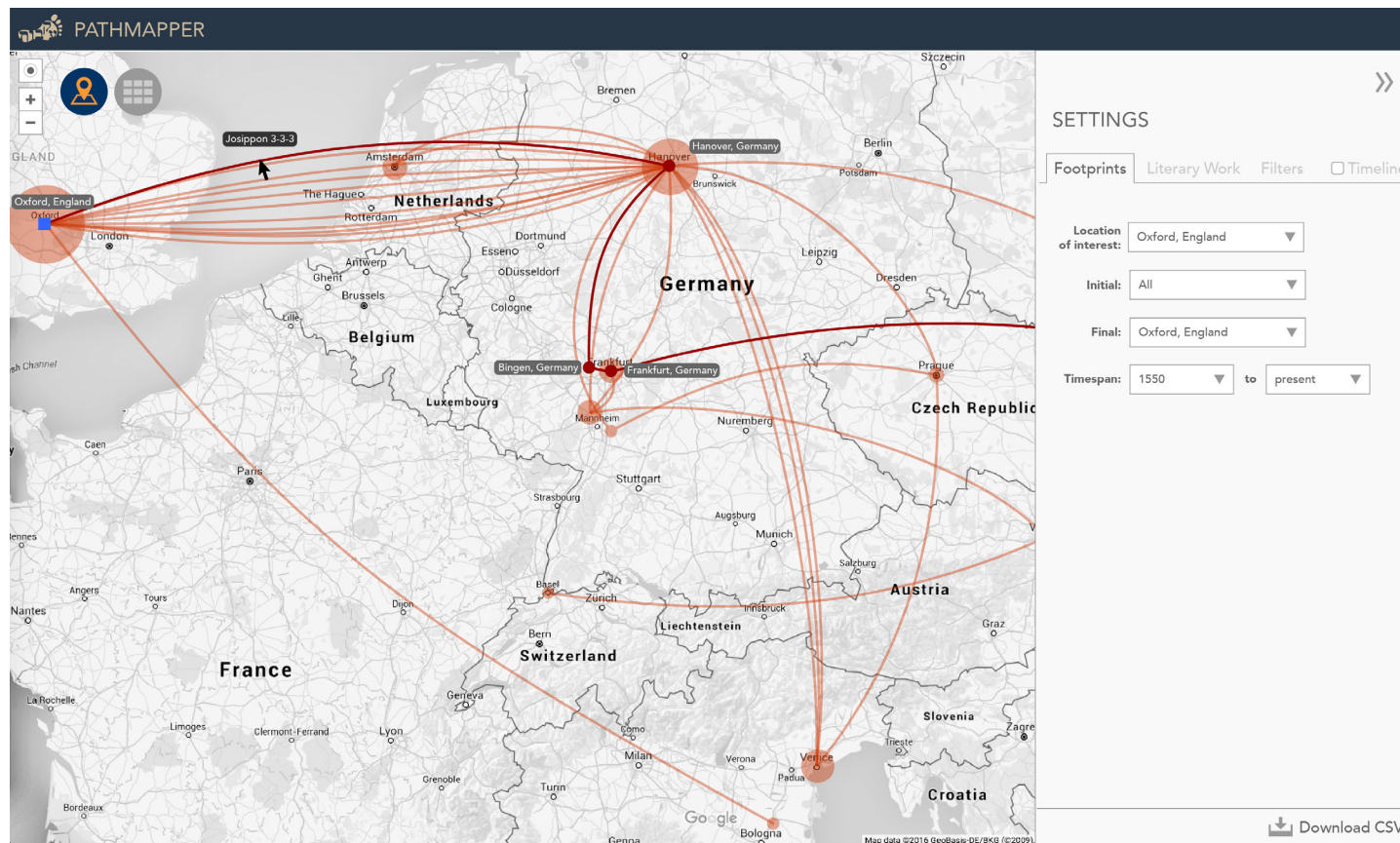
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Introduction

Pathmapper is a web-based application for charting the historical journey of Jewish books across the world, and through time.

Using the Footprints database, Pathmapper traces the movements of these literary works on a map. These paths reveal compelling narratives and dissemination patterns of knowledge, faith, and culture in the global Diaspora.

Mapping Footprints

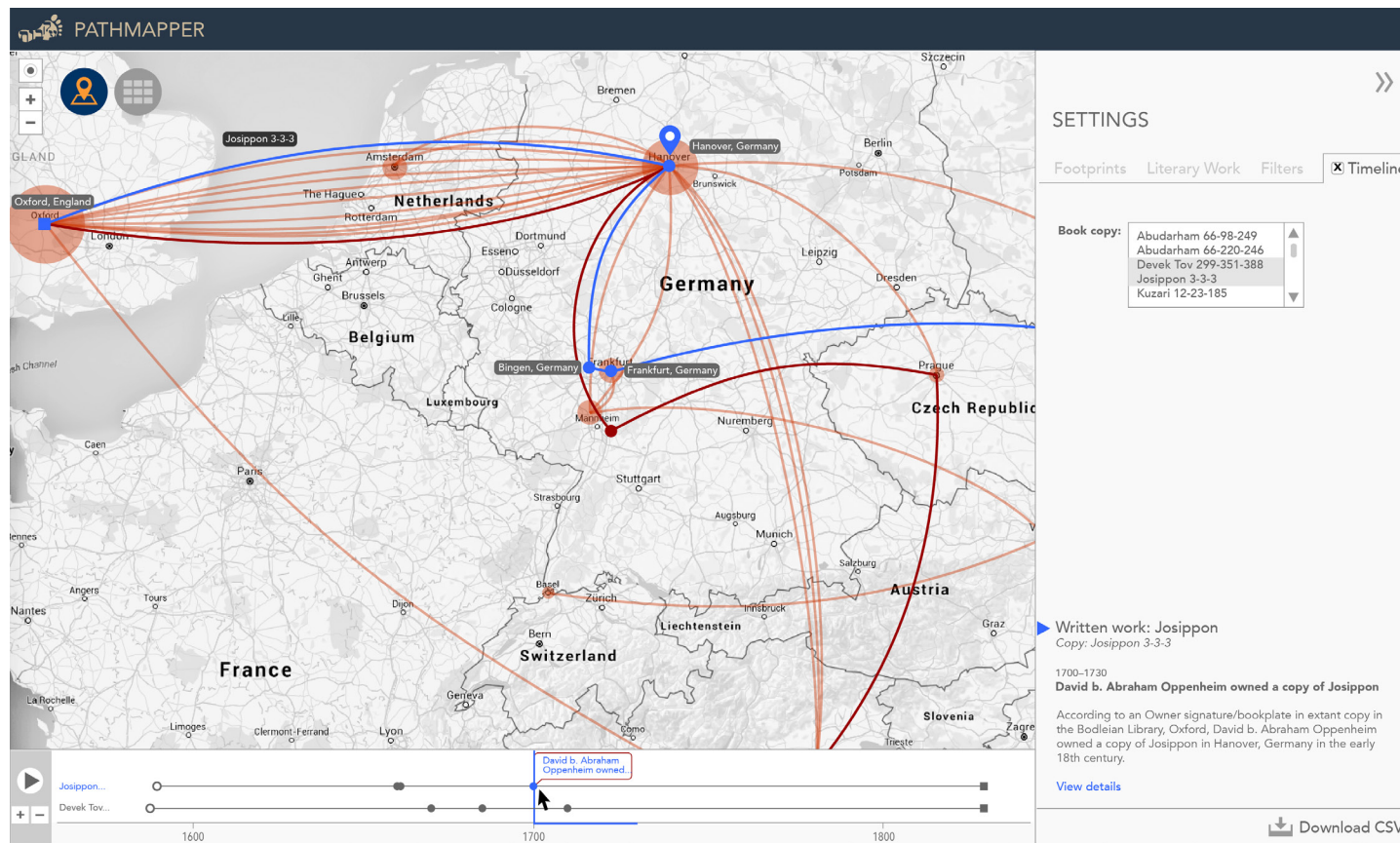


Mapping Footprints

Users will be able to select a footprint location and see all of the books known to have resided in that location, including where they came from, and in some cases where they went. In this example, users can see the paths of books in the Oppenheim collection presently at the Bodleian Library in Oxford, UK.

The timespan parameter allows users to focus the visualization on a certain period. The size of points on the map represents the number of books at the location within the specified time. The visualization can be further refined using other parameters in the filtering tool, such as imprints and ownership. Users can select one path on the map to view the movement and historical details of a any book across its footprint locations.


Comparing Timelines





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The Pathmapper Timeline offers users a way to analyze the paths of two or more books in the Footprints database. Users can select multiple paths of books on the map and see their representation over a particular time and place in the Timeline window. These comparative timelines offer a composite view of ownership and transmission of ideas in the books' travel history.

Literary Overview





Location	Date	Location type	Title ▼
Venice, Italy	1546	Imprint	Abudarham
Venice, Italy	1566	Imprint	Abudarham
Venice, Italy	1547	Imprint	'Alkedat Yitsbak
Venice, Italy	1565	Imprint	Akeidat Yitzhak
Venice, Italy	1588	Imprint	Devek Tov
Venice, Italy	1594	Imprint	ha-Kuzari
Venice, Italy	1601	Imprint	Haggadah
Venice, Italy	1547	Imprint	Kuzari
Venice, Italy	1523?	Imprint	Mikne Avram
Venice, Italy	1566	Imprint	Mishle Hakhamim mehubar be-leshon 'Ivri be-haruz na'eh
Venice, Italy	1546	Imprint	Otiyyot de-Rabbi Akiva
Venice, Italy	1552	Imprint	Rav Alfaz
Venice, Italy	1716	Imprint	Seder Haggadah Shel Pesach
Venice, Italy	1553?	Imprint	Sefer ha-Arukh
Venice, Italy	1653	Imprint	Yeven Metsulah
Venice, Italy	1544	Imprint	Yosifon

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Location of interest:

Oxford, UK

Paris, France

Prague, Czech Republic

Venice, Italy

Wien, Austria

Worms, Germany


Timespan:

1500

 to

1700

OTHER FILTERS

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Pathmapper can also condense the paths all of the books in a particular place within a slice of time in tabular form. Here, users can also peruse any existing readership trends within a community of Jews.