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DANIEL KHANANASHVILI – CHRONICLER OF GEORGIAN JEWS AND THE JEWISH QUESTION IN “DROEBA” NEWSPAPER (D. KHANANASHVILI’S PERSONAL ARCHIVE №451, CASE №12)

Daniel Khananashvili, a famous Georgian Jewish scholar committed his career to his beloved city and the study of history of his people.

D. Khananashvili became interested in the history of the Georgian Jews during his student years. He dedicated over forty-five years of his life to “The Analytical Bibliography of the Georgian Jews and the History of Georgian-Jewish Relations” which required tremendous endeavor.

During 1819-1921, approximately five hundred newspapers and magazines were published in Georgia. The Scholar annotated about eight thousand articles, news digests, pieces of information, etc. The above-mentioned Bibliography consists of 1600 handwritten pages. It is considered as a treasure of the Georgian historiography. D. Khananashvili intended to create an analytical bibliography of the materials concerned with the Georgian Jews that would truly facilitate research of those interested in the issue.

D. Khananashvili had prepared for publication *the Analytical Bibliography*, the reference for the study of Georgian-Jewish Relations but unfortunately, due to his death in 2005, he could not accomplish his plans.

Daniel Khananashvili’s personal archive, preserved at Kutaisi Central Historical Archive, thoroughly depicts his life and work in Kutaisi, and his school and university years. The archive accommodates seventy-five permanent cases of the period of 1834-1990 relating to the history of Kutaisi and the Jews.