Macros in the Judaica Division of the Harvard College Library

Leveraging ALEPH Acquisitions Module Capabilities with Macro Express

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Why Macros?

- Macros dramatically leverage ALEPH's capabilities
- Macros improve:
 - Productivity
 - Ergonomics
 - Accuracy
- Macros allow "customization" of ALEPH

What Macros?

- Created using Macro Express
- Macros used for:
 - Acquisitions
 - Cataloging
 - Barcoding

Why Acquisitions Macros?

 Most Judaica Division acquisitions done via approval plans

 In old online system, ordering and payment could be done simultaneously

Why Acquisitions Macros? (cont.)

- In Aleph, ordering and payment must be done as two separate processes
 - More time-consuming
 - Order numbers must be written down and rekeyed in to pay
- Judaica Division has many different funds -Aleph system for selecting and inputting a fund is cumbersome

Not Just Macros, A New Acquisitions Solution

- Workflow Redesign
- Software
 - ALEPH
 - Macro Express
 - FileMaker Developer

Workflow Redesign

- What stayed the same:
 - "Cataloging on Receipt"
- What changed:
 - student assistants now do payment and endprocessing instead of catalogers
 - all cataloging and acquisition statistics are automated

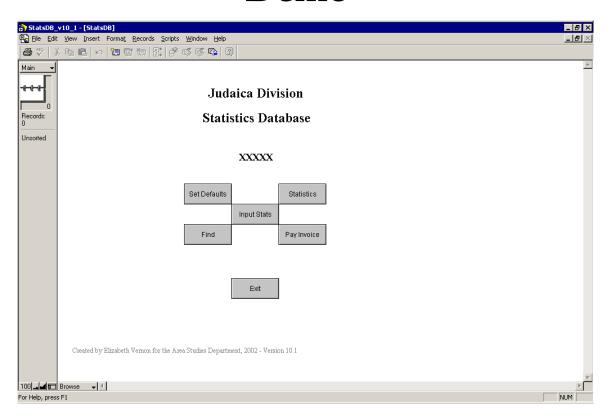
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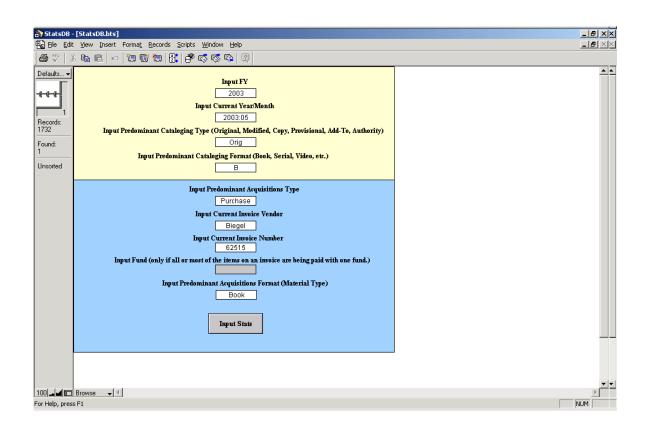
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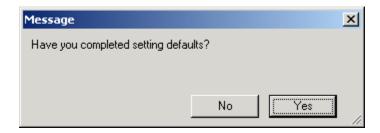
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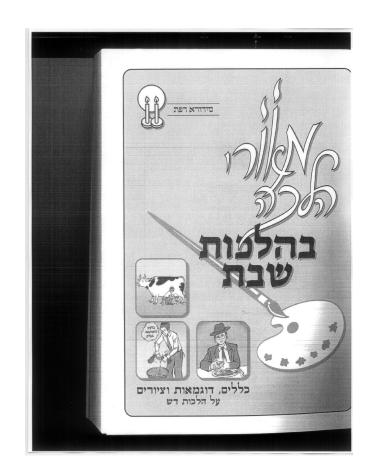
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Demo



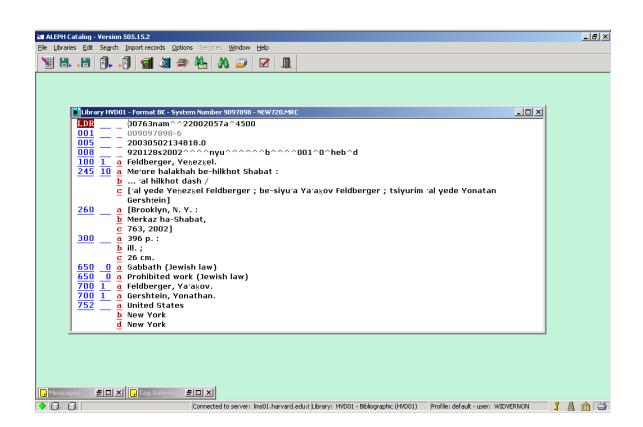




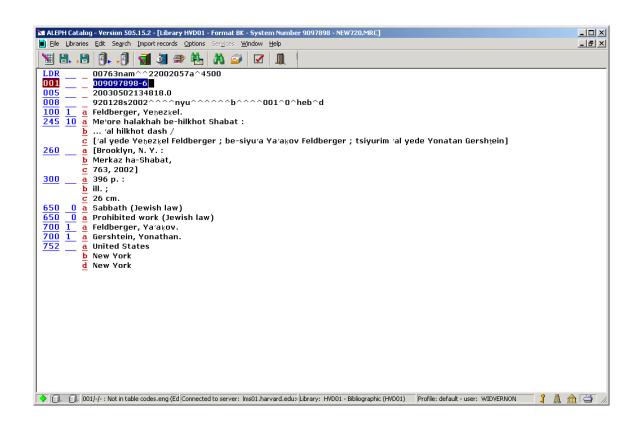


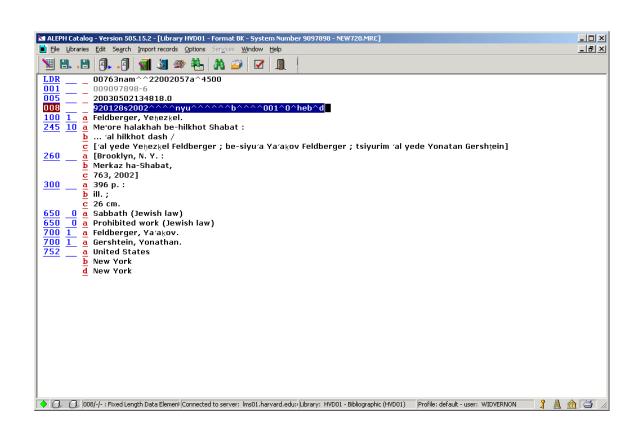


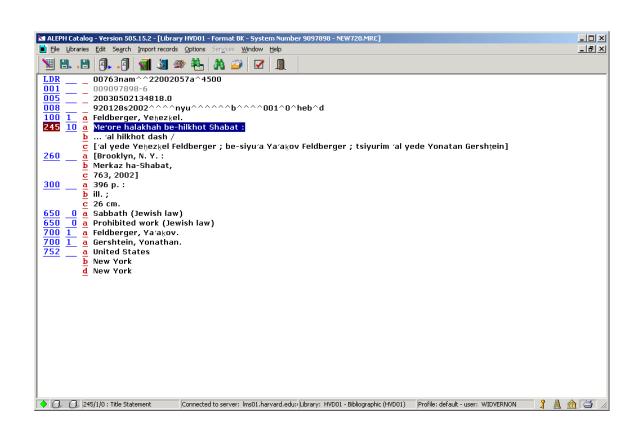


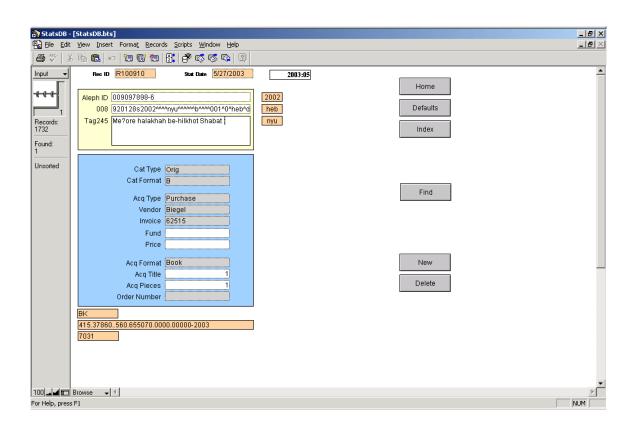


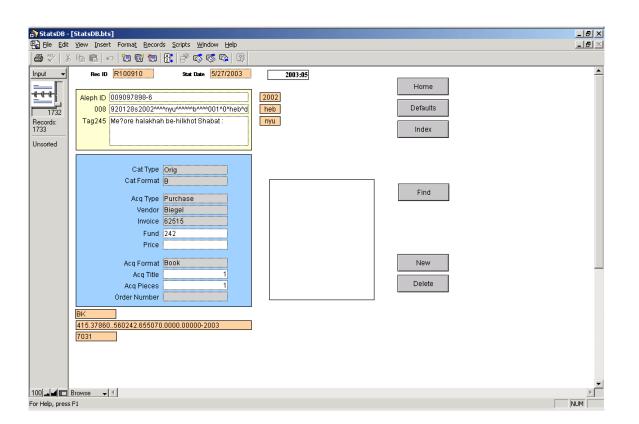
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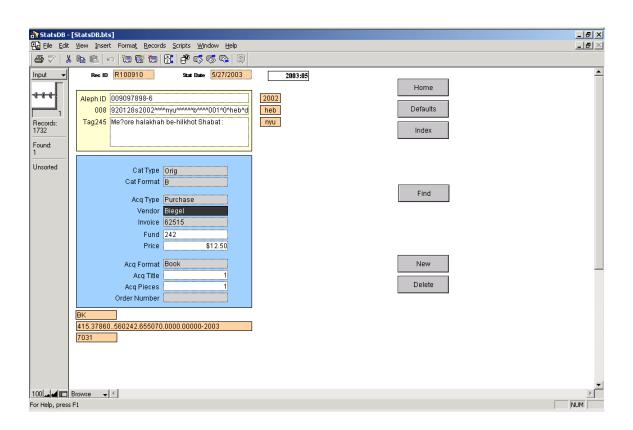


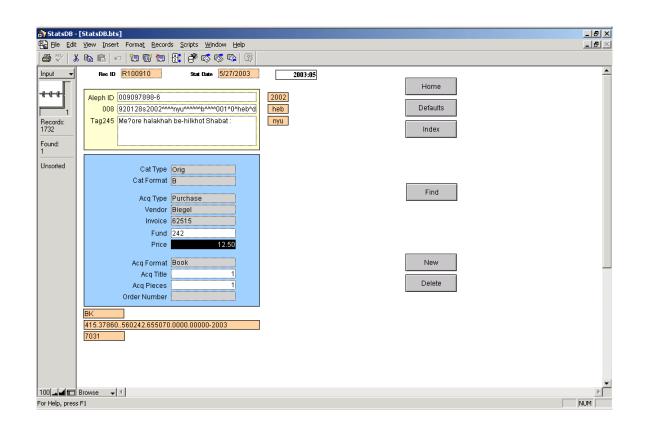


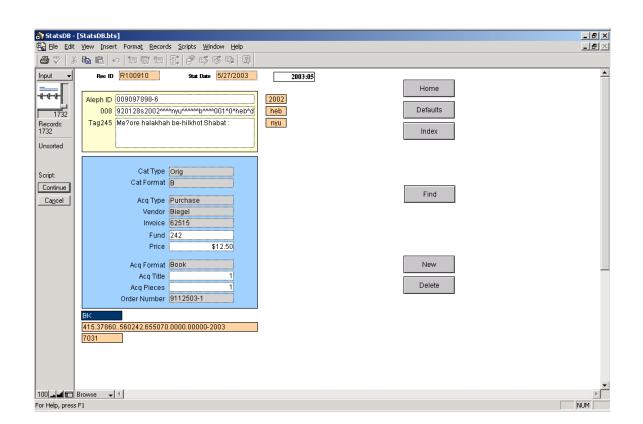
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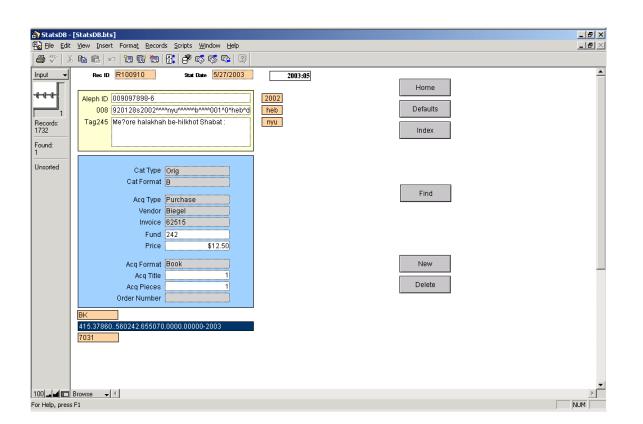
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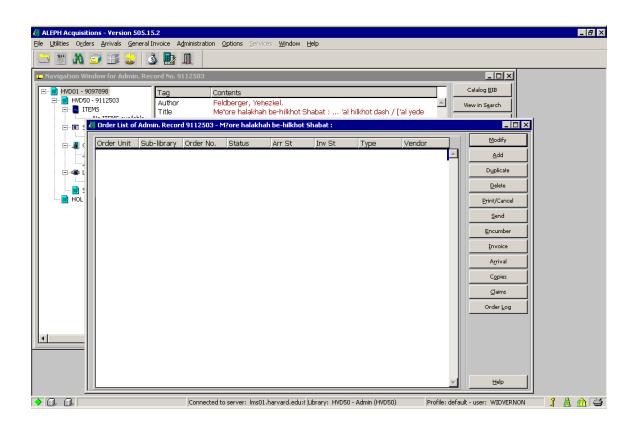
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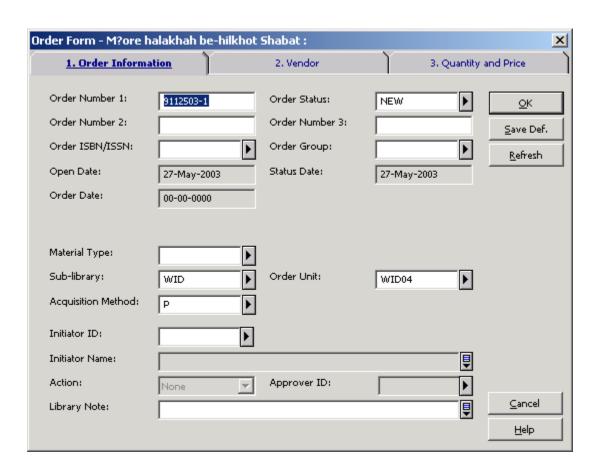


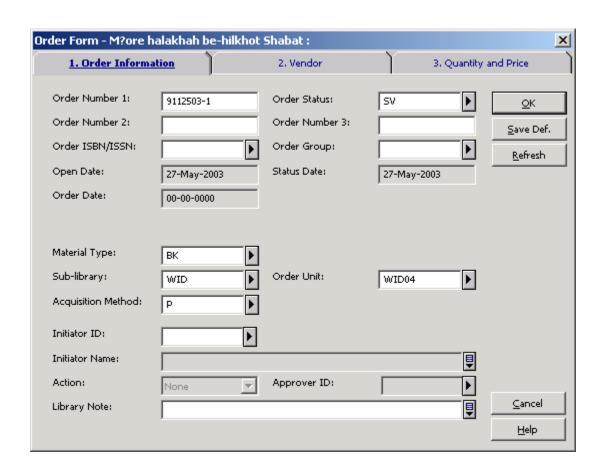


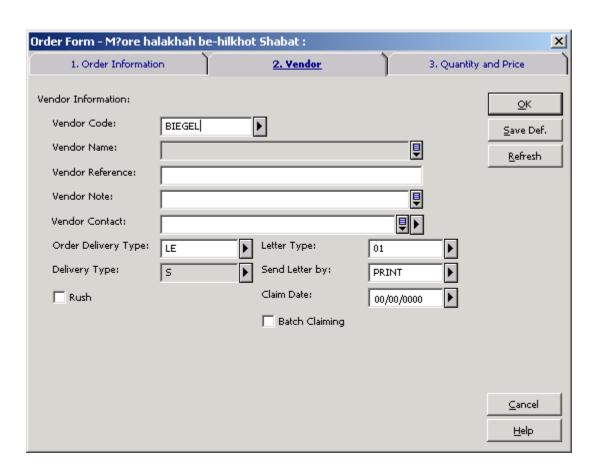


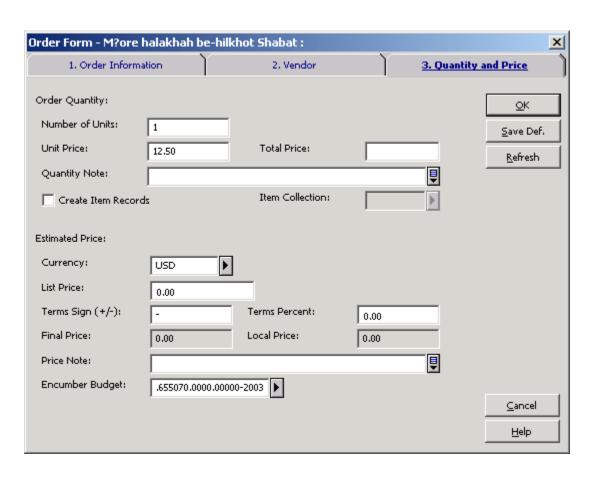


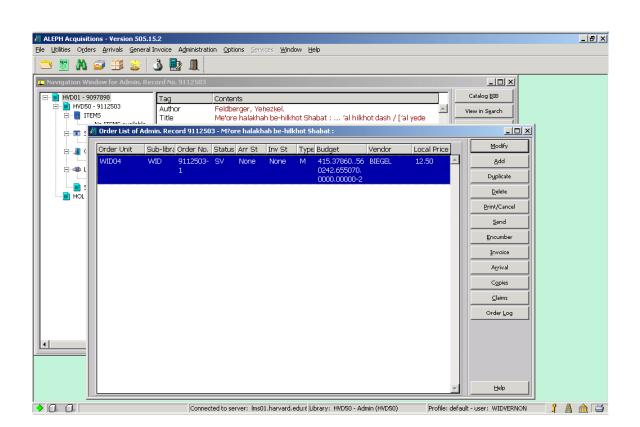






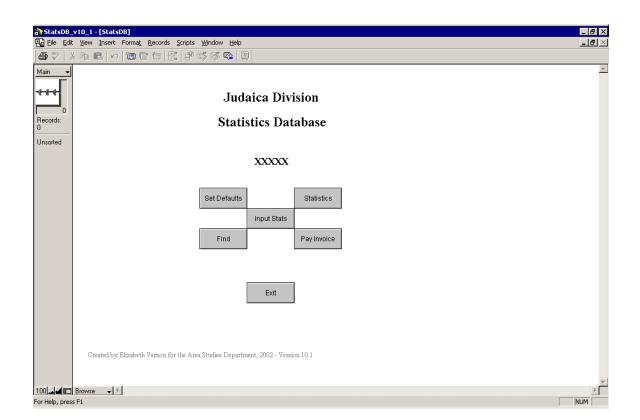


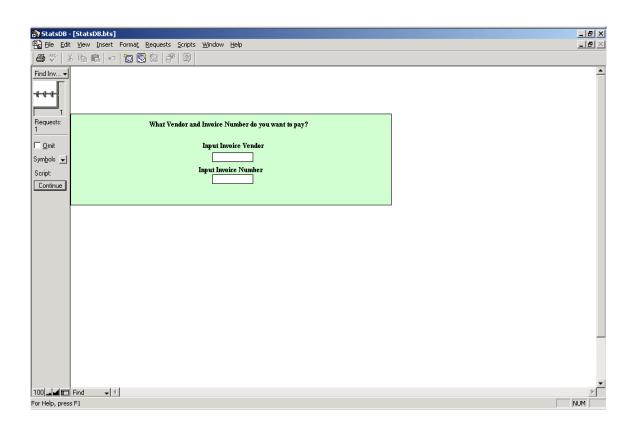


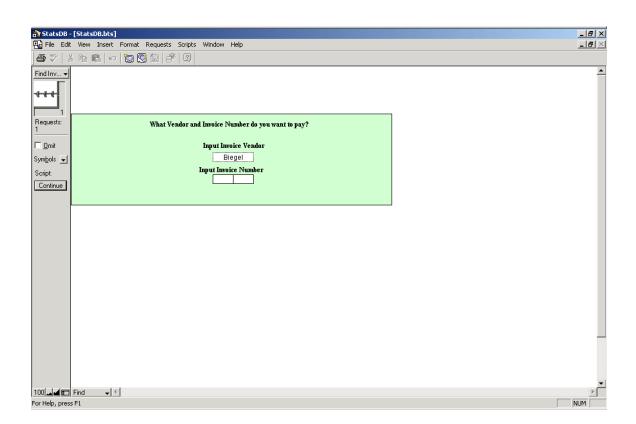


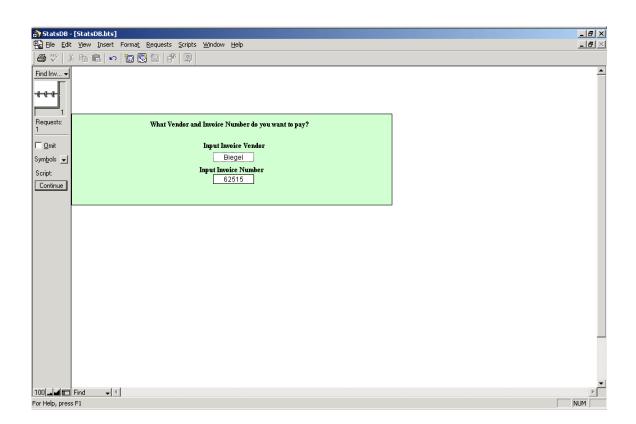
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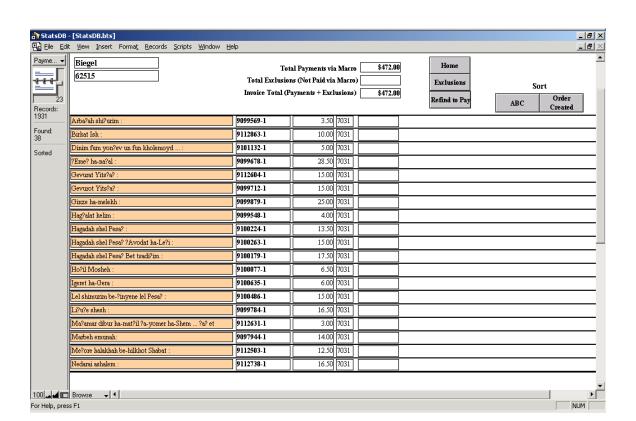


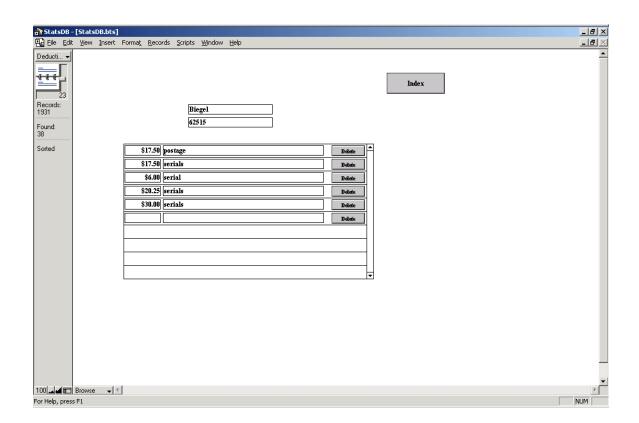


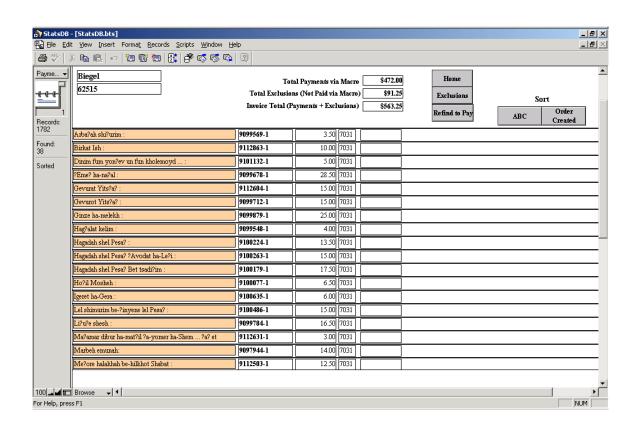


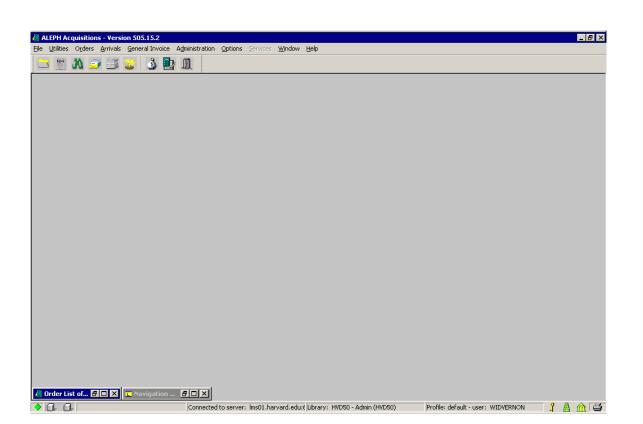


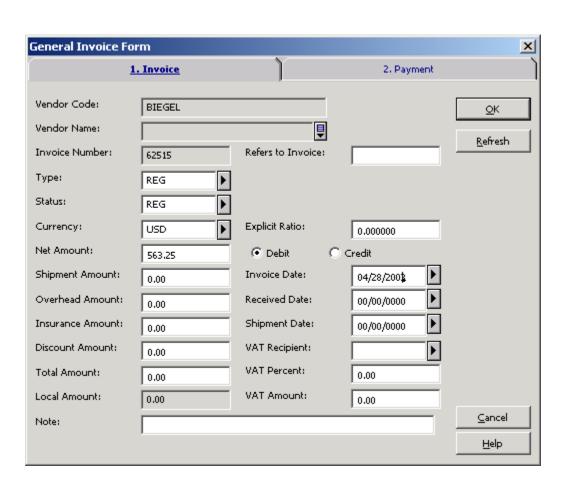


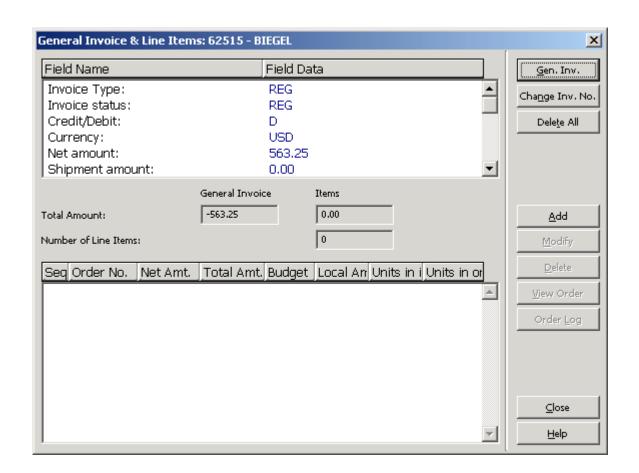


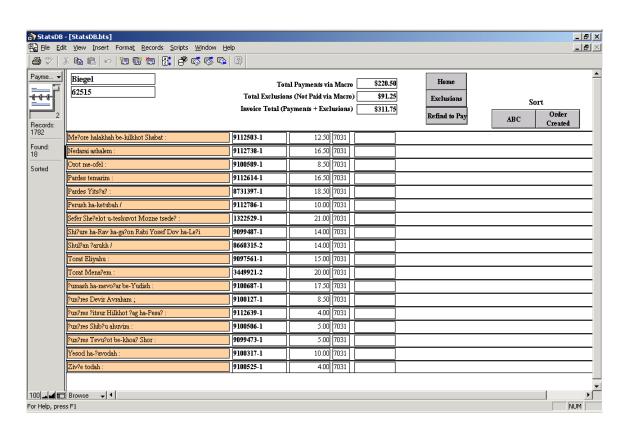




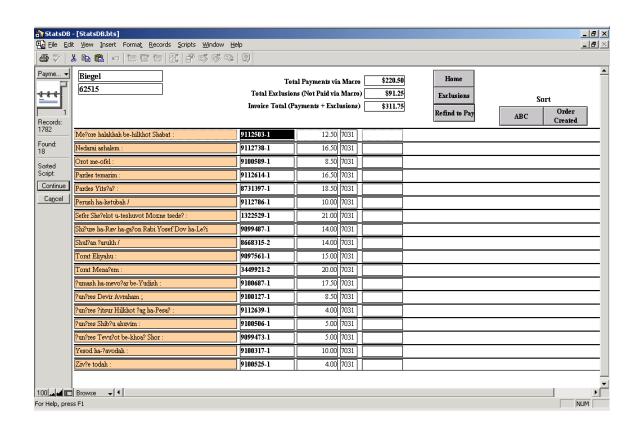


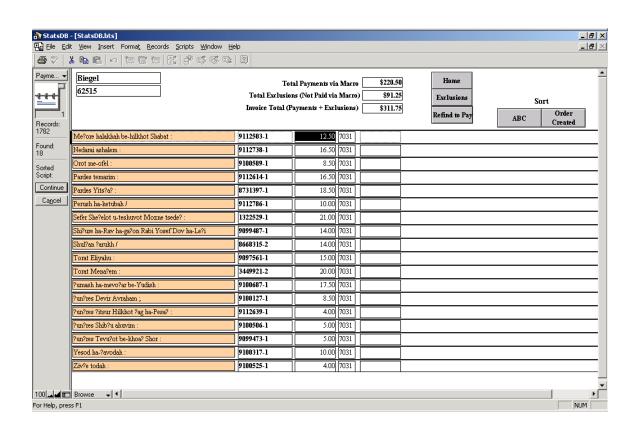


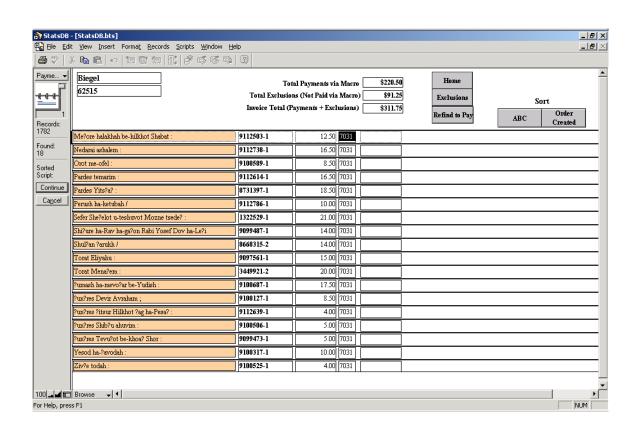


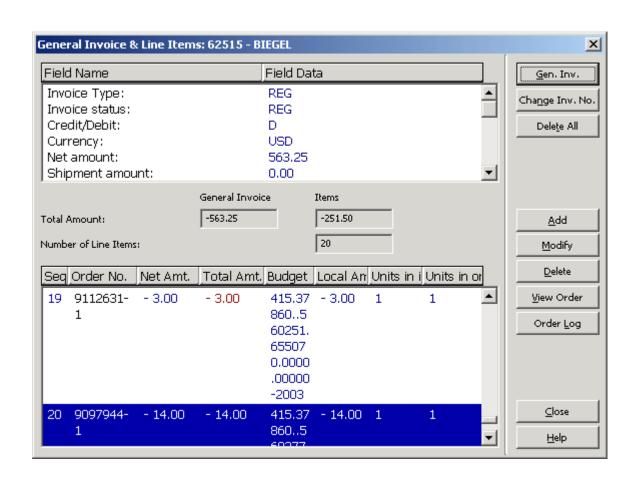


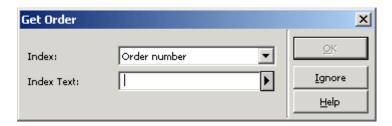
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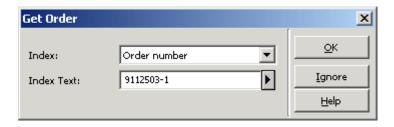


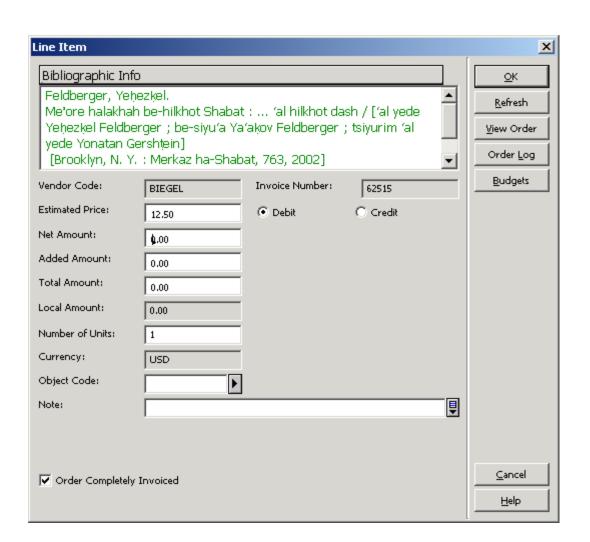


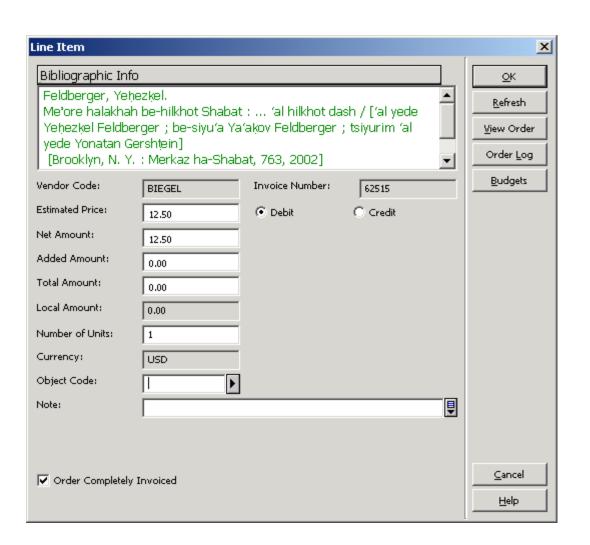


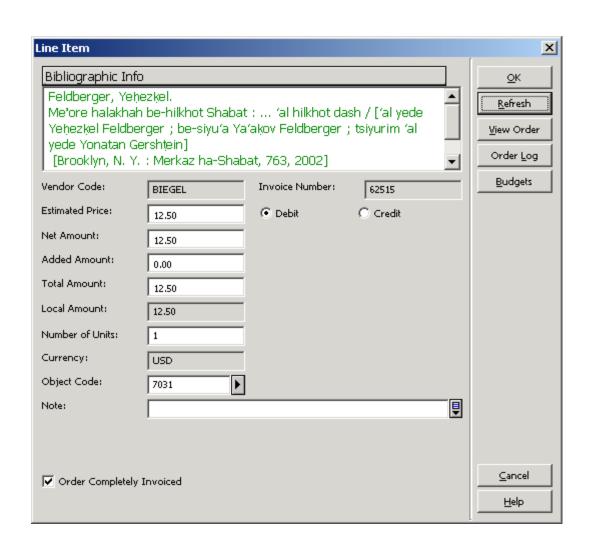




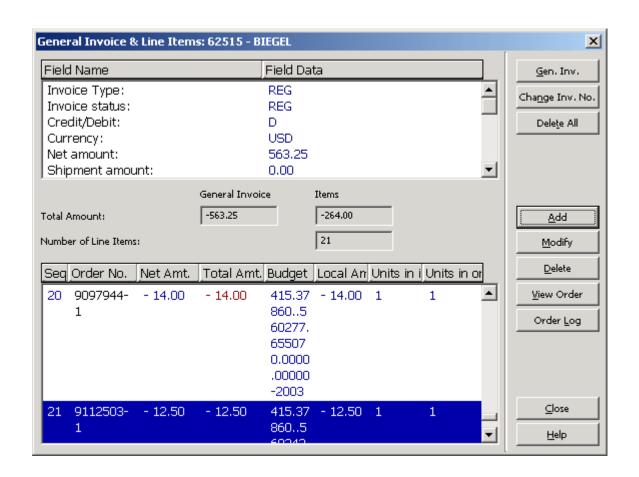


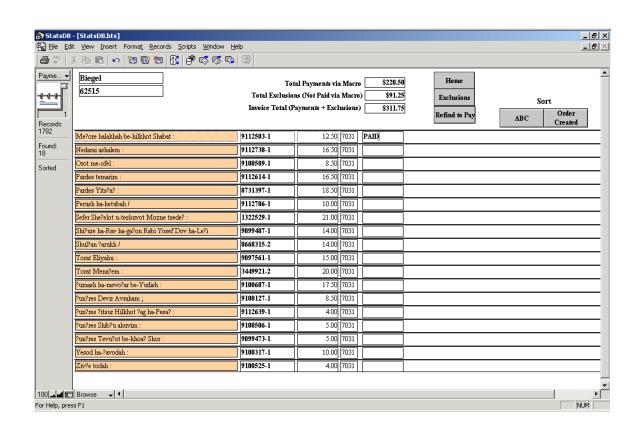


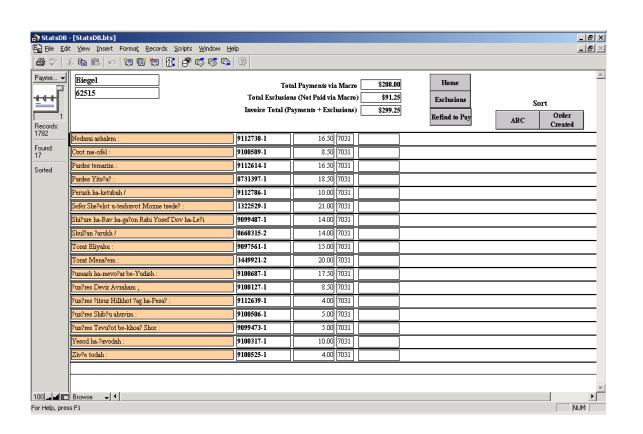








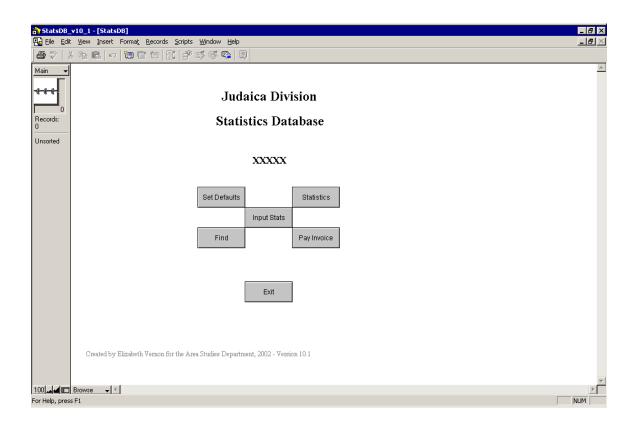


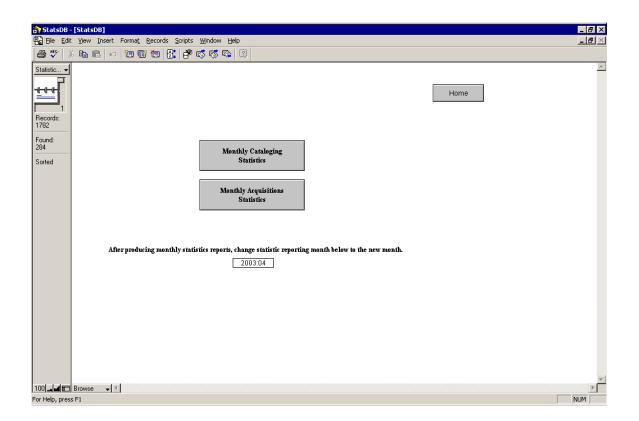


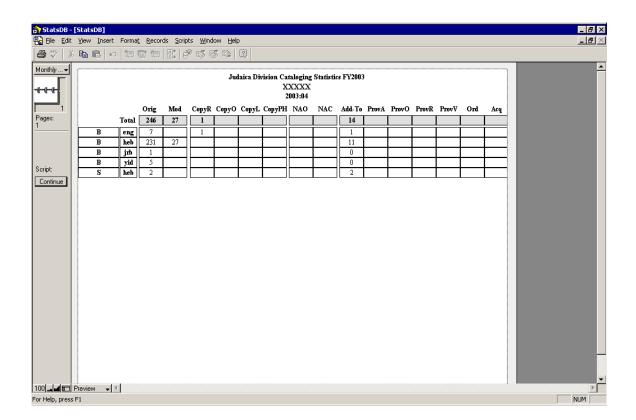
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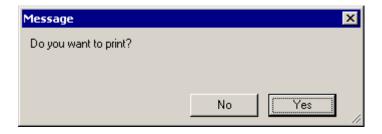
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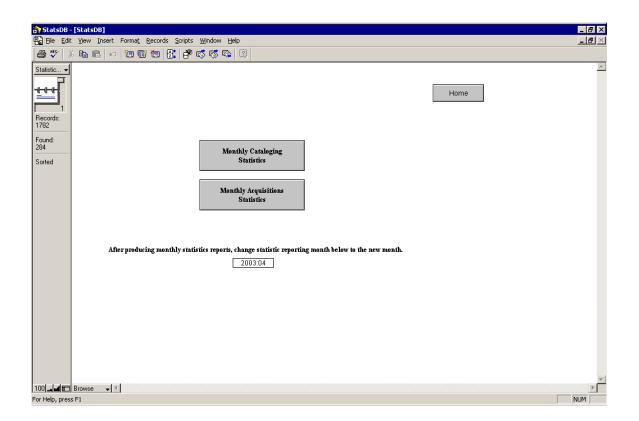
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- Cataloging
 - Count by cataloging type, broken down by format and language
- Acquisition
 - Count of titles and pieces, broken down by format and language

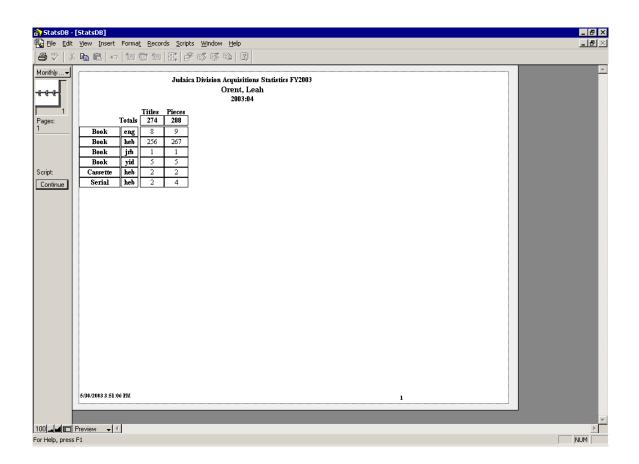


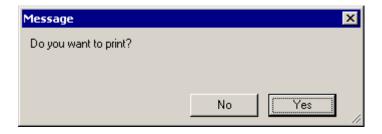


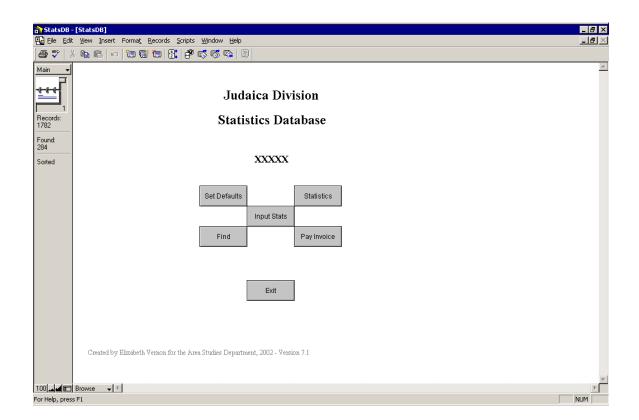












Results

- The acquisitions processing of one book (order, payment, statistics):
 - Without macros: approximately 46-58
 keystrokes and mouse-clicks, plus writing
 down of order number, plus manual recording
 of statistics
 - With macros: approximately 10-19 keystrokes and mouse-clicks

Results (cont.)

- Able to maintain and improve on pre-Aleph productivity
- In FY2003 to date (mid-July to end of May):
 - fully processed (cataloging, acquisitions, barcoding) over 15,000 titles and over 19,000 pieces (not including paper serials and photographs)
- Statistics are fully automated