ALA President Molly Raphael Will Close Out 2012 AJL Convention in Pasadena as Keynote Plenary Speaker

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To wrap up AJL Convention in Pasadena on a high note, Molly Raphael, president of the American Library Association, will be the closing plenary keynote speaker on Wednesday, June 20th just before she heads off down the freeway to ALA's Annual Conference in Anaheim.

Molly Raphael has had a long and distinguished career as a librarian and administrator in the public libraries of several cities beginning as an assistant librarian in 1969 in Wilbraham, Massachusetts and culminating as the Multnomah County director of libraries in Portland, Oregon four decades later.

From 1970 when she started out as a children’s librarian until 2003 when she completed her sixth year as director and State librarian of DC, Raphael worked at the District of Columbia Public Library. At DCPL, she held a number of positions including reference librarian; head of the Philosophy, Psychology and Religion Division, Martin Luther King Memorial Library (DCPL's Central Library); executive assistant to the director; and assistant director for Program and Support Services before taking over the helm of DCPL in 1997.

During her tenure at DCPL, Raphael helped oversee the transition from a primarily print-oriented institution to one that fully utilized digital resources and the delivery of library services through innovative technologies. She was a key player in bringing the first public library services in the US to the deaf community. She was a leader in reaching out to at-risk children and ensuring relevant bibliographic services to them and their families.

As director of libraries in Multnomah County from 2003-2009, Molly Raphael boosted diversity in hiring and greatly increased programs and collections. She was recognized for her efforts as a recipient of the Arthur Flemming Civil Rights Award. MCL earned a national reputation for its leading role in building early literacy and outreach programs to culturally diverse and underserved populations. In acknowledgment of these initiatives under Raphael's leadership, in 2009, MCL was given the most prestigious national award for libraries and museums, the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

Raphael retired from Multnomah County Library in 2009.

Molly Raphael has been active in ALA since 1974 and has held a number of posts in the association including councilor-at-large; first chair of ALA's Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Section on Library Service to the Deaf, a group that she co-founded; president, Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA); ALA Executive Board member; president-elect, and now president.

The last time the president of ALA attended AJL Convention was on June 23, 2002 in Denver when Maurice J. (Mitch) Freedman was the opening keynote speaker four days after he was inaugurated at ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta. As this time Convention precedes ALA Annual Conference, Molly Raphael is taking the opposite tack: this will be her last official visit outside of an ALA event before her term concludes. We are honored and delighted that she will spend this time with us and deliver the concluding address at Convention.

The American Library Association is the world’s oldest and largest professional library association; ALA was founded in 1876 and has a membership of nearly 61,000.


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Editor’s Message

Dear Readers,

Recently a few changes of personnel took place in News & Reviews. Our long time co-editor Linda Silver, who had stepped down from her role as co-editor for Children and Teen reviews, was replaced by Rachel Kamin. Linda had started as a co-editor back in 2002 and helped us publish hundreds of valuable, professional reviews. I thank Linda for an excellent, insightful and very helpful service and advice during the years! Welcome to Rachel Kamin as the new co-editor for Children and Teen reviews. Another change of personnel is in the Advertising ‘department’; Karen Ulric was replaced by Jackie Ben-Efraim. Thank you to Karen – who is still our layout editor - and welcome Jackie!

I would like to let you know about a recent decision that was passed in the last Council meeting in New York on January 17, 2012. As you know, when we moved from print to digital, we have offered our members to print out the electronic file for those who do not have access to a computer and send it to them by US mail. Based on my recommendation, the Council has decided to end this arrangement on December 31, 2012. No printed issues will be supplied to members after that day.

I hope you will enjoy this issue; please make sure and read the Reviews issue as well.

With best wishes, Uri Kolodney, Editor-in-chief

Prepare another for a livelihood…

Our Talmud in the Tractate Kiddushin tells us that a father is obligated to teach his son a trade. It is incumbent upon each of us to help prepare a student for a profession and, at the same time, promote Judaica librarianship. We can do this by supporting our scholarship awards. Our donations are down, and any amount is appreciated.

The AJL Scholarship Fund awards two scholarships of $1000.00 each year to talented library science students who show an interest in pursuing a career in Judaica librarianship. For each gift, an acknowledgment card is sent to the appropriate person. It is a very meaningful way to recognize simchas, send donations in memory of a deceased, or make a donation for a speedy recovery. Send your contributions with the appropriate information. Please remember to include the address of the family of those honored or remembered in order that we can notify the appropriate individuals.

Recent Donations to the Scholarship Fund:

• From Toby Rossner in honor of Pearl Berger’s Life Membership Award.
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• From Ellen and Stewart Share in memory of Harold Goldsmith.
• From Ellen and Stewart Share in memory of Gaston Oxman.
• From Lisa Silverman in honor of Suzi Dubin and her new life in her new home.

AJL Scholarship Fund Donation Form

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Michael J. Rosen and Robert Sabuda, author and artist of *Chanukah Lights*, Susan Goldman Rubin, author of *Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*, and Robert Sharenow, author of *The Berlin Boxing Club*, are the 2012 winners of the prestigious Sydney Taylor Book Award. The awards were announced at the mid-winter meeting of the School, Synagogue and Community Center Division of the Association of Jewish Libraries. The Sydney Taylor Book Award honors new books for children and teens that exemplify the highest literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience. The award memorializes Sydney Taylor, author of the classic All-of-a-Kind Family series. The winners will receive their awards at the Association of Jewish Libraries convention in Pasadena, California this June.

Rosen and Sabuda will receive the 2012 gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award’s Younger Readers Category for *Chanukah Lights*, published by Candlewick Press. This exquisite book celebrates Jewish history by pairing poetic prose with intricate paper cut pop-up art. Barbara Bietz, Chair of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee, said: “From the shtetl to skyscrapers, the white pop-up scenes against a background of deep rainbow colors illuminate Jewish life for the eight nights of Chanukah. Together, children and adults will marvel at the stunning scenes that magically unfold with each turn of the page.”

The gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award’s Older Readers Category will be presented to Susan Goldman Rubin for *Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*, published by Charlesbridge Publishing. This biography shares the inspiring story of the young musician and his commitment to succeed in spite of his family’s opposition. Through hard work, determination and a spirit that won’t quit, Bernstein’s dream is realized as he takes the stage as a conductor at Carnegie Hall. Numerous photos help bring Bernstein’s journey to life. Committee member Barbara Krasner commented: “Music Was It shows the struggle between the old and new worlds - the immigrant generation and the American generation. Susan Goldman Rubin’s well-researched and polished narrative was filled with tension that today’s kids can relate to.” In 2000, Goldman Rubin received the Sydney Taylor Honor Award for *Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis*. Her book, *The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin*, was a 2006 Sydney Taylor Honor Book.

Robert Sharenow will receive the 2012 gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award’s Teen Readers Category for *The Berlin Boxing Club*, published by HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishing. This historical novel reveals the history of Nazi Germany through the eyes of Karl Stern, a typical 14-year-old German boy. Karl never gave much thought to being Jewish and had little connection with any religious life. When classmates bully Karl, he is forced to face the dangers in his own community. Given the opportunity to learn boxing from German champion Max Schmeling, Karl jumps at the chance. He grows strong and learns to defend himself. But as the Nazi’s gain power and his family is in peril, Karl questions who he can trust. Aimee Lurie, incoming Chair of the Award Committee noted: “The superb writing, meticulous research, and dramatic look into the world of boxing pack a punch that will leave teens mesmerized! Readers will be captivated and inspired by Karl’s transformation from being the victim of anti-semitic violence to a strong, confident young man who is able to protect his family.”

Eight Sydney Taylor Honor Books were named for 2012. Naamah and the Ark at Night by Susan Campbell Bartoletti with illustrations by Holly Meade (Candlewick Press) and Around the World in One Shabbat written and illustrated by Durga Yael Bernhard (Jewish Lights Publishing) are recognized in the Younger Readers Category. Sydney Taylor Honor Books for Older Readers include: Lily Renee, Escape Artist: from Holocaust Survivor to Comic Book Pioneer by Trina Robbins with illustrations by Anne Timmons and Mo Oh (Graphic Universe, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group, Inc), Hammerin’ Hank Greenberg: Baseball Pioneer by Shelley Sommer (Calkins Creek, an imprint Boyds Mills Press), and Irena’s Jars of Secrets by Marcia Vaughan with illustrations by Ron Mazellan (Lee & Low Books). For teen readers, the Honor Books are Then by Morris Gleitzman (Henry Holt and Company) and The Blood Lie by Shirley Reva Vernick (Cinco Puntos Press). In addition to the medal-winners, the Award Committee designated eighteen Notable Books of Jewish Content for 2012.
The 2012 Sydney Taylor Book Awards - Complete List

The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner for Younger Readers:
*Chanukah Lights* by Michael J. Rosen with artwork by Robert Sabuda (Candlewick Press)

The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner for Older Readers:
*Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein* by Susan Goldman Rubin (Charlesbridge Publishing)

The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner for Teen Readers:
*The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow (Harper Teen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers)

Sydney Taylor Honor Books for Younger Readers:
*Naamah and the Ark at Night* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti with illustrations by Holly Meade (Candlewick Press)
*Around the World in One Shabbat* written and illustrated by Durga Yael Bernhard (Jewish Lights Publishing)

Sydney Taylor Honor Books for Older Readers:
*Lily Renee, Escape Artist: from Holocaust Survivor to Comic Book Pioneer* by Trina Robbins with illustrations by Anne Timmons and Mo Oh (Graphic Universe, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group, Inc.)
*Hammerin’ Hank Greenberg: Baseball Pioneer* by Shelley Somner (Calkins Creek, an imprint of Boyds Mills Press)
*Irena’s Jars of Secrets* by Marcia Vaughan with illustrations by Ron Mazellan (Lee & Low Books)

Sydney Taylor Honor Books for Teen Readers:
*Then* by Morris Gleitzman (Henry Holt and Company)
*The Blood Lie* by Shirley Reva Vernick (Cinco Puntos Press)

Notable Books for Younger Readers:
- *Picnic at Camp Shalom* by Jacqueline Jules with illustrations by Debbie Melmon (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group)
- *Joseph and the Sabbath Fish* by Eric A. Kimmel with illustrations by Martina Peluso (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group)
- *Sadie’s Sukkah Breakfast* by Jamie Korngold with illustrations by Julie Fortenberry (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group)
- *The Shabbat Princess* by Amy Meltzer with illustrations by Martha Aviles (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group)
- *Lipman Pike: America’s First Home Run King* by Richard Michelson with illustrations by Zachary Pullen (Sleeping Bear Press, an imprint of Gale)
- *The Littlest Mountain* by Barb Rosenstock with illustrations by Melanie Hall (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group)
- *I Will Come Back for You: A Family in Hiding during World War II* by Marisabina Russo (Schwartz & Wade Books, an imprint of Random House)
- *Marcel Marceau: Master of Mime* by Gloria Spielman with illustrations by Manon Gauthtier (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group)
- *One Little Chicken* by Elka Weber with illustrations by Elisa Kleven (Tricycle Press, an imprint of Random House)

Notable Books for Older Readers:
- *Flesh & Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy* by Albert Marrin (Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Random House)
- *The Cats in the Doll Shop* by Yona Zeldis Donough with illustrations by Heather Maione (Viking, an imprint of the Penguin Group (USA) Inc.)
- *When Life Gives You OJ* by Erica S. Perl (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- *Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto* by Susan Goldman Rubin with illustrations by Bill Fransworth (Holiday House)
- *Terezin: Voices from the Holocaust* by Ruth Thomson
- *OyMG* by Amy Fellner Dominy (Walker & Company)
- *Requiem: Poems of the Terezin Ghetto* by Paul Janeczko (Candlewick Press)
Blog Tour 2012: The Sydney Taylor Book Award Interviews

The Sydney Taylor Book Award celebrated and showcased its 2012 gold and silver medalists and a few selected Notables with a Blog Tour, February 5-10, 2012! Interviews with winning authors and illustrators have appeared on a wide variety of Jewish and kidlit blogs. For those of you who have not yet experienced a Blog Tour, it's basically a virtual book tour. Instead of going to a library or bookstore to see an author or illustrator speak, you go to a website on or after the advertised date to read an author’s or illustrator's interview.

Below is the schedule for the 2012 Sydney Taylor Book Award Blog Tour. Please follow the direct links below to visit the hosting blogs even after their tour dates, and be sure to leave them plenty of comments!

**Sunday, February 5, 2012**
- Susan Campbell Bartoletti, author of *Naamah and the Ark at Night*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Younger Readers Category at [ima On & Off the Bima](http://imaonandoffthebima.blogspot.com)
- Holly Meade, illustrator of *Naamah and the Ark at Night*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Younger Readers Category at [Into the Wardrobe](http://www.intothewardrobe.com)
- Shelley Sommer, author of *Hammerin' Hank Greenberg*, Baseball Pioneer, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Older Readers Category at [Great Kid Books](http://www.greatkidbooks.com)

**Monday, February 6, 2012**
- Marcia Vaughan, author of *Irena's Jar of Secrets*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Older Readers Category at [Shelf-Employed](http://shelf-employed.blogspot.com)
- Ron Mazellan, illustrator of *Irena's Jar of Secrets*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Older Readers Category at [The Children's War](http://www.childrenswar.com)

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012**
- Trina Robbins, author of *Lily Renee, Escape Artist: From Holocaust Survivor to Comic Book Pioneer*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Older Readers Category at [Bildungsroman](http://www.bildungsroman.com)
- Anne Timmons and Mo Oh, illustrators of *Lily Renee, Escape Artist: From Holocaust Survivor to Comic Book Pioneer*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Older Readers Category at [Gathering Books](http://www.gatheringbooks.com)
- Morris Gleitzman, author of *Then*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Teen Readers Category at [The 3 Rs](http://www.the3rs.com)

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**
- Michael Rosen, author of *Chanukah Lights*, Sydney Taylor Book Award winner in the Younger Readers Category at [A Chair, a Fireplace, and a Tea Cozy](http://www.thechair.com)
- Robert Sabuda, illustrator/paper engineer of *Chanukah Lights*, Sydney Taylor Book Award winner in the Younger Readers Category at [Practically Paradise](http://www.practicallyparadise.com)
- Susan Goldman Rubin, author of *Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*, Sydney Taylor Book Award winner in the Older Readers Category at [Cynsations](http://www.cynsations.com)

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**
- Durga Yael Bernhard, author & illustrator of *Around the World in One Shabbat*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Younger Readers Category at [Frume Sarah’s World](http://www.frumesworld.com)
- Shirley Vernick, author of *The Blood Lie*, Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner in the Teen Readers Category at [The Fourth Musketeer](http://www.fourthmusketeer.com)

**Friday, February 10, 2012**
- Gloria Spielman, author of *Marcel Marceau, Master of Mime*, Sydney Taylor Notable Book, and finalist for the National Jewish Book Award at [Shannon and the Sunshine Band](http://www.shannonsunshineband.com)
- Richard Michelson, author of *Lipman Pike: America’s First Home Run King*, Sydney Taylor Notable Book, and finalist for the National Jewish Book Award at [Blue Thread](http://www.bluethread.com)
- Sydney Taylor Award Winners – Wrap-Up: All winners, all categories at [The Whole Megillah](http://www.wholemegillah.com)
AJL News
February/March 2012

Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award Competition
AILEEN GROSSBERG, CHAIR

The Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award Committee is hard at work reading and evaluating the manuscripts submitted for the 2012 award. The Manuscript Award, funded by Jo Taylor Marshall, Sydney Taylor's daughter, is awarded to middle grade literary fiction that has universal appeal to readers but presents a positive picture of Jewish life.

This year nine writers of varying backgrounds and experiences have submitted manuscripts with themes ranging from historical fiction to contemporary problems.

Over the life of the award, several manuscripts have been accepted for publication. Some of these have appeared on the Sydney Taylor Book Award lists.

The winning manuscript will be announced by April 15. The writer will be presented with his or her award at the annual convention in Pasadena.

If no manuscript is deemed of high enough quality, no award will be given.

For further information about the requirements for entering the Competition, consult the recently updated Manuscript Award section of the AJL website.

AJL and Ben Yehuda Press Co-publish Guide to Yiddish Short Stories

The Association of Jewish Libraries and Ben Yehuda Press are pleased to announce the joint publication of *The Association of Jewish Libraries Guide to Yiddish Short Stories* by Bennett Muraskin. This is the first such cooperative publishing effort between the two organizations, both of whom are strong advocates for Judaic literature.

*The Guide to Yiddish Short Stories* is a gateway into the rich world of Yiddish literature that began in the 19th century. It provides an annotated summary of more than 130 stories available in English translation, from the classics of Sholem Aleichem and Mendele Moycher Sforim to those written by Holocaust survivors in post-war America. For each story there is a bibliographical listing of where it can be found, both in English and the original Yiddish.

Arranged topically, *The Guide* can help readers or educators select stories centered around themes including: Jewish holidays, questioning God's justice, the struggle of workers, ethics and piety, life in the shtetl, the curse of poverty, moral choices, anti-Semitism, parents and children, marriage, and spirituality. *The Guide* further provides biographical sketches of the 43 authors whose works are featured in this volume.

Author Benett Muraskin is the adult education director of the Jewish Cultural School and Society in West Orange, NJ. He is the author of *Let Justice Well Up Like Water: Progressive Jews from Hillel to Helen Suzman* (2004), *Humanist Readings in Jewish Folklore* (2001), a co-author of *Celebrating Jewish Holidays: An Introduction for Secular Jewish Families and Their Communities* (2002) along with Lawrence Schofer and Judith Seid. He contributed a chapter on "Jewish Secularism" to *Peace, Justice and Jews: Reclaiming Our Tradition*, edited by Murray Polner and Stefan Merken (2007). He is a columnist for *Jewish Currents* and *Outlook* (Canada) and a regular contributor to *Humanistic Judaism*. His articles have also appeared in *Israel Horizons*.

"Bennett Muraskin's book fills a niche that has been missing in the Yiddish community. An excellent resource for teachers, program directors and students of Yiddish literature," says Philip Kutner, past vice president, International Association of Yiddish Clubs.

*The Association of Jewish Libraries Guide to Yiddish Short Stories* is available for $14.95 on the *Ben Yehuda Press* website and at other online retailers.

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Member in the News

Anne Dublin, co-editor of children’s and teens reviews for AJL Reviews, teacher-librarian, and author participated in the Kids’ Lit Quiz on Feb. 7/12 in Toronto. The authors’ team, which included three other Canadian authors--Lena Coakley, Philippa Dowding, and Gillian O’Reilly--was pitted against over 40 teams of kid readers to answer questions about literature geared towards children ages 10 to 14. Coined the “sport of reading” by its founder, Wayne Mills, from New Zealand, the Kids’ Lit Quiz is in its 21st year. Check out www.kidslitquiz.com for more info. The winning team was the University of Toronto Schools. The children will be heading off to Auckland, New Zealand for the world finals in July 2012.
Chapter Chatter
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CHAPTER RELATIONS NEWS
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The Association of Jewish Libraries currently has fourteen active chapters (http://www.jewishlibraries.org/main/AboutAJL/OrganizationalStructure/Chapters/ChapterLocations.aspx). Please take a look at the list. If you live nearby one of our chapters, please contact its president to become a member. Chapters provide a means to share the expertise of local librarians within an accessible geographic area. Chapters provide peer support, training opportunities, and ideas for fundraising, programs, and collection development along with opportunities to upgrade your professional skills.

Chapter Chatter provides members of AJL with an overview of the programming and educational opportunities taking place in AJL chapters throughout the world, with the hope that our chapters will adapt these ideas to their own needs. Perhaps you will be inspired to start a chapter in your area. So read these reports carefully and start planning! The Capital Area Chapter’s excellent discussion and suggestions and the chapter members’ recommendations of fiction and non-fiction and the Cleveland Chapter’s programs are excellent examples of “ideas to steal.”

CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER (AJL-CAC)
Submitted by Naomi Morse, Chapter President and Mindy Hecker, Treasurer

The Capital Area Chapter of AJL enjoyed a successful get together on November 6th at Barnes & Noble, Rockville. Those who attended and contributed to this list and to our discussion were: Ann Bradbury, Susan Frieband, Mindy Hecker, Robin Jacobs, Naomi Morse, Beila Organic, Harriet Reiter, Ellen Shere, and Galina Teverovsky.

The first part of the program was a discussion on Successful Strategies for Increasing Library Use. Participants were sent five questions prior to the meeting:
1. How have changes in the collection increased library use? What kinds of changes have been most important?
2. How important have adult services been in increasing library use? What kinds of services have been most important?
3. How important have other kinds of library services been in increasing library use? What kinds of services have been most important?
4. How important have changes in the library’s physical environment, (space, interior design, lighting, temperature) been in increasing library use? What kinds of changes have been most important?
5. How has “library use” been measured or determined?

Summary of the discussion: Changes in the collection, including eBooks and downloadables, have been a driving force in increasing library use (according to Arlington County public librarians). Diversity of staff is also important, because it determines the kind of interaction people have when they come to the library, as is a welcoming, comfortable environment. Traditional library services for kids, including story time, have continually been popular, bringing many people into the library. Having a website that describes all library programs, what’s happening, and the new technology available is very important.

Congregational library use is increased by having a welcoming librarian, inviting book displays, book reviews in the congregational newsletter(s), and author programs.

In the second part of the program, participants recommended the following books:
• Appelfeld, Aharon. The Story of a Life, translated by Aloma Halter (0805211268).
• Fletcher, Martin. The List (9780312606923).
• The Complete Psalms. translated by Pamela Greenberg, (9781608191208).
• Hoffman, Adina, and Peter Cole. Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza (9789080524258).
• Lagnado, Lucette. The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family’s Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World (9780060822125).
• Lagnado, Lucette. The Arrogant Years: One Girl’s Search for Her Lost Youth from Cairo to Brooklyn (9780061803673).
• Roberta Kalechofsky. Four Women from Ravensbruck: 5 Stories from the Shoah. (9780916288570).
• Richman, Alyson. The Lost Wife (9781444730203).
• Shalev, Meir. My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner, (9780805242874).
• Shalev, Meir. Beginnings: Reflections on the Bible’s Intriguing Firsts. (9780307717184).
• Weitzman, Steven. Solomon: The Lure of Wisdom (9780300137187)
CHICAGO CHAPTER (JLNMC)
Submitted by Shoshanah Seidman, President

Members of the Jewish Library Network of Metropolitan Chicago (JLNMC), the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Jewish Libraries joined the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in celebrating their One Book, One Community events revolves around *A Day of Small Beginnings* by Lisa Pearl Rosenbaum. Spertus held a few of these events in the suburbs where many of our members work and live.

As a follow-up to the announcements of the winners of the different awards given by AJL, we shall organize a “What’s hot, what’s not” event about children’s literature in February. Our speaker will be our own member and expert, Rachel Kamin.

We are also planning a panel on e-books, especially their use and popularity in smaller libraries, in May before the AJL convention.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER (AJLSC)
Submitted by Lisa Silverman

The Southern California Chapter (AJLSC) is working full steam ahead on convention plans for the upcoming June convention in Pasadena. Enid Sperber and Sharon Benamou are the co-chairpersons for the event and they have been meeting regularly with members and with national convention chair Toby Harris.

In the meantime, our chapter met in December, at Stephen S. Wise Temple Library for a little socializing at our Hanukkah party with delicious sufganiyot and holiday décor. We passed out the new Jewish Book Month bibliographies that we send yearly to all the Los Angeles public libraries and also post on our website ([www.ajlsc.org](http://www.ajlsc.org)). We met some new members, talked convention planning, and got to play a little Jewish Jeopardy with fun book prizes.

Our next meeting will take place in February, and we will be visiting the brand new multi-million dollar public library of West Hollywood and getting a private tour of the place by the branch manager.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER (LI-AJL)
Excerpted from the November/December, 2011 issue of SIFRIA, the Long Island Chapter Newsletter.

The November meeting of LI-AJL was held at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation. Tobi Innerfield, Old Westbury’s Director of Congregational Education showed the group what she did to enhance her children’s library, including adding a Smart Board. She provided information on the source of funding for a Smart Board for your library. The group was also able to browse the Synagogue’s Book Fair.

The December meeting, *Writing A Book and Getting it Published*, was held at Dix Hills Jewish Center and featured our own chapter’s authors. The authors discussed the process of both writing and publishing a book and, most important, how to publicize your book.

The Long Island Reads Committee selected the just-released book by Alyson Richman, *The Lost Wife*. This book tells the heart-wrenching story of a love affair begun in pre-WWII Prague that was interrupted by fear and hatred. *The Lost Wife* is not just the story of a sixty-year love affair, but also an exploration of the power and durability of the artistic spirit and its need to create and document, even under the most horrific conditions. Early praise for the *Lost Wife* — “staggeringly evocative…”, daringly constructed…”, …a love story wrapped in tragedy and survival…”, and “The Sophie’s Choice of this generation.”

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA (AJL-NYMA)
Adapted from an article by Elizabeth F. Stabler, Librarian, Temple Emanu-El, NY.
Submitted by Rita Lifton

NYMA’s December 5, 2011 fall conference, Emergency Preparedness in Libraries: Concepts and Experiences, was held at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The conference was organized by NYMA’s newly installed president, Tina Weiss.

Michael J. Miller, Associate Professor and Associate Librarian for Public Services, Benjamin Rosenthal Library, Queens College (CUNY), spoke on the topic “In the Years Following the Flood: Lessons and Benefits.” He described his experiences at the Queens College Library seven years ago when, after seven weeks on the job and new to management, he had to deal with a flood in the library. Professor Miller’s suggestions for dealing with this kind of emergency include making a plan, knowing where to find the plan in an emergency and
always putting people before objects. The emergency plan should include contact information for appropriate members of the finance, facilities and administrative offices, and a triage list of which materials, equipment and furnishings to save. Other information to have on hand – know what your insurance will cover and what is the deductible. Professor Miller suggested the following resources: Northeast Document Conservation Center’s Disaster Assistance Hotline, the National Library of Medicine, “Disaster Preparation and Recovery”, and the Library of Congress “Emergency Preparedness” resources.

Naomi Steinberger, Director of Library Services, Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, spoke about “Real Disasters and the Disaster Plan.” She described two disasters that befell the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Firstly, she reminded those assembled of the disastrous 1966 fire which destroyed 70,000 volumes and damaged many more. More recently, there was the December 2011 flood from a leak in the high-density storage, a closed stack area. Ms. Steinberger went on to outline the emergency preparedness plan that the JTS Library has developed and recommended that any such plan be reevaluated and updated frequently, and that duplicate copies be kept offsite. Plans should include – evacuation routes; emergency contact numbers; a staff list; a list of members of the disaster response team; steps to be taken when there is advance warning; emergency instructions; salvage priorities; and initial response steps. Suggested resources: the California Preservation Organization, “Emergency Preparedness & Response,” the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts “Emergency Resource Guide,” Ferraro, J. and Henderson, J. “Identifying Features of Effective Emergency Response Plans,” Journal of the American Institute for Conservation, Spring/Summer 2011, v. 50, no. 1 pp. 35-48.

Haviva Donin Peters, Librarian, Ramaz Lower School, presented on “The Ramaz Experience: A Work in Progress.” She spoke about the effects on the Ramaz library of the fire at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun on July 11, 2011. Because the Ramaz Lower School, which is adjacent to the synagogue, had been undergoing renovations during the summer, all the library materials were stored in the basement gym. Therefore, after the fire, everything in the collection was waterlogged. The insurance company removed the collection so that it could be freeze dried. At that point, Ms. Peters was able to inspect some of these freeze dried items before making the decision whether to proceed with the conservation attempt or whether to replace the entire collection; she decided to replace the collection. An additional challenge was the issue of Shemot i.e. the material that could not simply be discarded. Rather, all material had to be inspected so that anything with G-d’s name could be placed in a genizah. Ms. Peters emphasized the importance of keeping good records, especially a current catalog. Ramaz’s finance department was able to use that information to assess the value of the collection.

David M. Pollock, Associate Executive Director and Director of Government Relations, Jewish Community Relations Council, concluded the program with “I’ve Seen the Fire and I’ve Seen the Rain: Protecting Your Collection from Disaster.” Mr. Pollock works with Jewish organizations to develop disaster plans. The universal elements for disaster planning include spotting and evaluating dangers; developing response plans and teams; identifying priorities, acquiring appropriate materials; and, very important, training, training, training! He suggested the following resources: Jewish Community Relations Council website, “Security & Emergency Preparedness,” and “NYC Hazards.”

A digital recording of the conference in its entirety will be available in several months on NYMA’s website, www.ajlnyma.org.

The next event on NYMA’s calendar was the 2012 reference workshop, The eBooks are Coming, the eBooks are Coming! What You Need to Know about the Changes in the World of Publishing. The workshop, organized by Leslie Monchar and Bruchie Weinstein, was held on January 17th at The Abraham Joshua Heschel High School. Upcoming are the annual day school/high school workshop (March 14, 2012, SAR Academy) and a regional rare books workshop (March 26th, Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America).

Greater Cleveland Chapter

Submitted by Linda Silver

Jewish Book Month was celebrated by the Greater Cleveland Chapter and by individual chapter libraries. The chapter sponsored a talk by Ellen Cassedy, author of the forthcoming book, We Are Here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust (University of Nebraska Press), in cooperation with the Cleveland Jewish Genealogy Society. Cassedy spoke of her research on the Holocaust and Holocaust education in Lithuania, telling details of her family’s history and drawing our attention to efforts by Lithuanians to remember what happened in their communities. About seventy-five people attended the event, held at Park Synagogue. The chapter’s
March meeting will feature a talk by Marla Levine, author of a digital library blog for Overdrive, a publisher of eBooks and audiobooks. Levine will help members understand changes in publishing and what they mean for us as both readers and professionals.

Andrea Davidson reports that the Lee and Dolores Hartzmark Library of the Temple-Tifereth Israel celebrated Jewish Book Month with its annual Bookmark Contest. For this year’s theme, the students illustrated a bookmark about their favorite Jewish book. Favorite titles chosen were the Sammy Spider books, Bagels from Benny, The Keeping Quilt, and The Boy in the Striped Pajamas. The winners from each grade level were honored at a special service and had their bookmarks laminated for distribution. All the participants enjoyed a pizza party, and proudly brought their family and friends to see their bookmarks on display in the library.

As part of the Mandel JCC Festival of Books and Authors, the Library co-sponsored a program with Gerda Weissmann Klein speaking about her book All but My Life. Over 400 people attended.

Chapter member Julie Moss and her volunteers at Fairmount Temple Library have been busy cataloging and processing the collection of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland after its relocation to a new home in the temple’s Arthur J. Lelyveld Center for Jewish Learning. Highlights Include Poland: People to Know, an intriguing “guide for the real traveler” to meeting Polish residents while visiting there and the 1893 souvenir book commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Jewish Orphan Asylum (now Bellefaire), dedicated to the “the many hundred orphaned children made happy.” In celebration of this partnership and Jewish Book Month, the Society and the Library co-sponsored the appearance of Ellen Cassedy at Shabbat services on Friday, December 2 at Fairmount Temple. Ms. Cassedy’s new book, due in March, is titled We are Here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust. It addresses newly discovered links to her ancestral town and that period of history. The evening ended with a festive Oneg Shabbat held in celebration of the Library addition’s 25th anniversary.

Friends of the Library@Siegal College offered a Jewish Book Month program featuring a multi-media presentation, “A Taste of Israeli Theater,” by Nili Adler. College staff ‘acted’ scenes translated from several Cameri productions, accompanied by clips from the actual plays.

In other events, chapter officers Heather Lenson and Aimee Lurie are providing programming for Cleveland PJ Library families. Heather co-lead the third meeting of the “Post-PJ Library Mother-Daughter Book Group” for 3rd and 4th grade girls. The books Secrets at Camp Nokomis by Jacqueline Dembar Greene and Naming Liberty by Jane Yolen were discussed and attendees participated in activities related to the books’ themes. The next book will be All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor. Also, Aimee Lurie and Heather are hosting a post-PJ Library mother-son book club in February. Titles being considered for discussion are Say-Hey and The Babe: Two Mostly True Baseball Stories by Neil Waldman or Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman by Marc Tyler Nobleman.

Aimee Lurie has been appointed the new chair of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee. This continues a Cleveland tradition, as previous chairs include Julie Moss, Merrily Hart, Claudia Fechter, and Linda Silver.

In an exhibit of great interest to chapter members - an exhibit of the work of Maurice Sendak - Rabbi Alan Lettofsky is speaking at the exhibit opening about Sendak’s Jewish background and how it informed his art. Lettofsky’s congregation, Beth Israel--The West Temple is a co-sponsor of the exhibit.

Judaica Librarians Group (Israel)
Submitted by Yaakov Aronson

On November 3 the Judaica Librarians’ Group held a study day at the National Library of Israel. The topic Rare Books was the theme for the day and the program included presentations on How to Define a Rare Book; What Makes an Incunabula an Incunabula; Identifying Unknown Authors of Books in Ladino, and closed with a panel discussion on Is a Rare Book Collection Important in the Era of Digitization? Lecturers were from the National Library of Israel, Bar Ilan University, David Yellin Academic College of Education, and the Ben Zvi Institute.

The 15th issue of the alon Judaica Librarians’ Group (Israel) has been posted at http://tinyurl.com/7zod5yx. Inspiration for the new issue came from a conference held on October 26, 2011 on the Mount Scopus Campus of the Hebrew University, entitled “Librarian as Researcher”. The lectures brought to light librarians who made important contributions to bibliographic and literary research. Two of these lectures were published in this issue.

Rabbi Avishai Elboim, Director of the Rambam Library, the Torah library of the Tel Aviv Public Library System and coeditor of the Group’s Alon, discussed Rabbi Reuben Margoliot, first Director of the Rambam
Library. Rabbi Margoliot spent his days running the library and after hours engaged in traditional Jewish learning and published works in almost every field of Jewish studies.

Dr. Zvi Leshem, Director of the Gershon Scholem Collection at the National Library of Israel, presented material about Prof. Scholem who was a librarian at what was then called the Jewish National and University Library as well as a world renowned scholar of Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism. Among his accomplishments as a librarian was the development of a classification system for Judaica based upon the Dewey Decimal Classification System.

These lectures make reference to the interesting confrontation between these two librarian-researchers (Rabbi Reuben Margoliot and Dr. Gershon Scholem) vis-à-vis the Sabbateans.

Prof. Rabbi Neria Gutel of the Orot Israel College concentrated on the writings of Rabbi Chaim Berlin. Rabbi Berlin served at the Chief Rabbi of Moscow, head of the Rabbinical Court in Volozhin and moved to Israel in 1906 where he was chosen Chief Rabbi of the Ashkenazi community in Jerusalem. Though he wrote on important works on many subjects his writings have not been given the attention they deserve being overshadowed by the works of his Father the famous Netziv, Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin, head of the Volozhin Yeshiva.

Concluding the issue there is a short essay of Gabriel Ravenna on the nature of the Haredi library as he sees it.

*Editor’s note: The most recent issue (number 16) is also available at [http://tinyurl.com/7dvzcxr](http://tinyurl.com/7dvzcxr).*

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc.**

**Annual Convention Meeting**

**Montreal Marriott Chateau Champlain, Montreal, Quebec**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

Present: 51 members

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by President Jim Rosenbloom at 9:59 a.m.

2. **Dvar Torah**
   Joel Tuchman spoke about Korach. Being a leader is hard work. One’s qualities are important.

3. **Elections**
   Next year is an election year. Speak to Susan Dubin if you are interested in being on the Nominating committee.

4. **2011 Convention**
   Thank you to the Montreal Convention committee, including Marsha Lustgman Chaya Goldman, Eva Raby, Susan Dubin, Ronda Rose, Toby Harris, Elana Gensler, Nancy Sack and Susan Rosner.

5. **Midwinter**
   The Board and Council meet every January to do the business of the organization. Thank you to all Board and Council members.

6. **Minutes from July 2010**
   a. Corrections to the Minutes: Daniel J. Rettberg and Maureen Reister were NOT installed.
   b. Elliot H. Gertel moved and Etta Gold seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2010 General Membership meeting as corrected. Passed unanimously.

7. **Finances**
   a. We were operating at a deficit. We needed to increase income and decrease expenses. We therefore increased dues in order to increase income. By having the AJL Newsletter go
Electronic, we saved $25,000. Some budget lines were cut. Jim Rosenbloom did NOT attend a conference in Israel this year due to budget concerns.
b. This is Zachary Baker’s last issue as editor of Judaica Librarianship. Thank you, Zachary, for all your years of service as editor. We will discuss whether Judaica Librarianship should go electronic.
c. Even with increasing income and decreasing expenses, we will still run at a deficit. Therefore, we are going to try to raise money. Kathe Pinchuck and Jim Rosenbloom will work on Development.
d. AJL hired a company to research Jewish non-profit donors. We ask everyone to send suggestions of possible donors to Kathe and Jim. We also must know what activities need funding.
e. We gave stipends this year, but less than last year, due to our finances.
f. We received an anonymous donation from a member.

8. Future Conventions
   a. 2012: Los Angeles; 2013: Houston; 2014: possibly Las Vegas
   b. We are looking creatively at conventions to try to cut costs.
   c. Contact Jim Rosenbloom with suggestions of other possible cities.

9. Educational Initiatives
   Michelle Chesner and her committee are looking into librarian certification, webinars and other educational opportunities.

10. Council
    a. In order to make Council more efficient, several positions were dropped from Council, including Proceedings, Fanny Goldstein and Life Membership, and Bibliography Bank.
    b. Thank you to Liza Stabler for her many years of service on Council.
    c. Jasmin Nof is the new Proceedings chair.
    d. Amalia Warshenbrot is the new Chapter chair.
    e. Leah Moskovitz is Accreditation chair.
    f. Yaakov Aaronson worked hard to revive the Israel group.
    g. We need an Advertising chair. Speak with Karen Ulric.
    h. We need an editor for Judaica Librarianship. Karen Ulric will be the copy editor. Speak to Zachary Baker.

11. Feinstein Lecture
    The fund is no longer active and AJL cannot afford to pay for it. This lecture, therefore, no longer exists.

12. Outreach
    When you travel, visit other Jewish libraries.

13. Newsletter
    Changes in layout will be forthcoming.

14. New Business
   a. Business Cards
      AJL now has business cards with a QR code. Give them out when attending other conferences.
   b. Membership
      i. There are 4 AJL listservs which will move to a new server. HebNACO has already moved. The Board and Council lists will move next. HaSafran will be last to move.
      ii. There are over 1,000 subscribers to HaSafran. The address will change once it is moved to the new server.
      iii. The Membership Directory is NOT up and running on the new website. Invoices will be
sent as soon as the database is operational. We have 976 current AJL members.

iv. Yossi Galron needs help with sending new member packets, forwarding invoices and sealing envelopes.

c. Publications
i. Forward ideas for new publications to Debbie Stern.
ii. Contribute to the AJL wiki.
iii. A searchable index to AJL Newsletter reviews is now online under news and Reviews. Thank you to Sara Marcus for working on this valuable resource.
iv. Some Newsletter issues are available in EBSCO databases.
v. Current News and Reviews will be password protected on our website. Back issues are available to everyone.

d. Fiscal and Membership Years
i. We would like to change our fiscal and membership years from July 1-June 30 to October 1-September 30. This would make our record-keeping more accurate, as our convention is at the end of the current fiscal year. All costs are not in by the end of June. In order to change these years, we must amend our By-Laws.

ii. Susan Dubin moved and Kathe Pinchuck seconded the motion to amend the By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2 to read: Members whose dues are unpaid on February 1 of each year and who shall continue such delinquency for one month after notice of the same has been sent, shall be dropped from membership. Lapsed members may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year. Passed unanimously.

iii. Etta Gold moved and Heidi Estrin seconded the motion to amend the By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3 to read: Membership year of the Association shall be October 1-September 30. Passed unanimously.

iv. Elliot H. Gertel moved and Zachary Baker seconded the motion to amend the By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4 to read: Dues remitted after July 1 shall be applicable to the following year. Passed unanimously.

v. Toby Harris moved and Sara Leah Gross seconded the motion to amend the By-Laws, Article V, Section I to read: The fiscal year of the Association shall be October 1-September 30. Passed unanimously.

e. Electronic Payments
PayPal charges a hefty fee for transactions and it is awkward to use. We will now use authorize.net and Merchant Account. In the near future, this should be set up on our website.

15. Announcements
a. There will be an AJL/ALA program on Sunday in New Orleans.
b. Try to write a recap of any workshops you attend and post them to the AJL blog.
c. Joyce Levine, Sara Ravid and Heidi Estrin are working on spreading the word about AJL at other conferences.
d. The Israel chapter publishes a bulletin. They welcome articles in English on Judaica Librarianship.

16. Good and Welfare
a. We wish Pearl Berger’s husband a refuah shlaymah.
b. We miss Sylvia Firschein’s presence.
c. Dotty Ehrich, a past SSC member, passed away.

17. Adjournment
Heidi Estrin moved and Karen Ulric seconded the motion to adjourn the General membership meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elana Gensler
Recording Secretary
AJL Election, Spring 2012

AJL will hold the regular biennial election April 25 – May 24, 2012. Once again, we will be voting by electronic ballot. It’s very important that we have up-to-date email addresses for all members. If your email address has changed, please contact our Vice-President for Membership, Yossi Galron at jgalron@gmail.com. Please help us save AJL money—and save some trees, too!

AJL will make special arrangements for members who require a paper ballot. Call Joy Kingsolver at 630-988-4726 to request one.

**Slate of Officers for AJL 2012-2014**
The nominating committee proposes the following slate for the 2012-2014 term. The deadline for proposing candidates for the ballot is two weeks after the slate is published. AJL welcomes all those interested in running for office to add their names to the ballot. Any current member is eligible to vote and to run for office. In order to be added to the ballot, send the name of the nominee with his/her written permission and the names of 5 members who endorse them to susandubin48@gmail.com. Electronic ballots will be sent to each AJL member in April. Votes will be tabulated in May, and the results of the election will be published May 25th.

**President: Heidi Estrin** (This office is not voted upon since President is automatically determined by being President-Elect.)

- Provides vision and leadership for the Association.
- Represents, promotes, and is spokesman for the association to the media, educational associations, constituent institutions, professional organizations, and other occasions as they arise
- Convenes meetings of the executive board and council.
- Designs the AJL Organizational Chart and establishes the reporting hierarchy.
- Appoints all AJL standing and ad hoc committee chairpersons.
- Reviews and signs contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Association.
- Serves on Finance committee along with VP and Treasurer, and participates in preparation of budgets.
- Acknowledges donors and grantors.
- Notifies members of good and welfare.

Heidi Rabinowitz Estrin has been the librarian at Congregation B’nai Israel, a large Reform synagogue in Boca Raton, Florida, since 1998. Upon hire, she was immediately drafted by AJL to help with the 1999 convention in Boca Raton, and being “dumped in the deep end” is what has led her to such an intense involvement with the organization. She has chaired the Mentoring Committee, the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee, and the PR Committee, and has served as President of South Florida AJL. Heidi is the host of The Book of Life podcast, a show about Jewish books, music, film and web, which may be heard at bookoflifepodcast.com. She has served as Vice President/President-Elect since 2010.

**Vice President/President-Elect: Yaffa Weisman, Ph.D; MLIS**

- Oversees committees as determined by agreement with the President.
- Assumes responsibility for leading the organization if the president is unable to perform his/her duties.
- Assists the president in suggesting the names of new committee chairs and council members.
- Assists the president in communicating with members of the association, its council and its divisions, concerning developments affecting the association and the field of Judaica librarianship.
- Assists the president in representing the interests of the association to the wider library and research community.
- Serves on the Finance Committee.
Dr. Yaffa Weisman is the Library Director of The Frances-Henry Library, at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles and Adjunct Associate Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies, Louchheim School of Jewish Studies, USC/HUC. Israeli born & educated, she received her B.A. from the Theatre Department, Faculty of Arts, Tel Aviv University (1975) and completed her doctoral studies in Comparative Literature at USC (1994), and her Masters of Library Studies at UCLA (1999). She is an avid reader with a rich history as a writer, translator and literary critic. She has been known to dabble and teach in the areas of Israeli culture, detective fiction and texts of faith from the Second Temple Period.

Vice President for Membership: Sheryl Stahl

- Maintains a database of membership records.
- Oversees the life membership committee.
- Records membership payments in data-base and sends checks to the Treasurer.
- Produces mailing labels and sends updates of list to RC-Direct.
- Informs the chapter presidents of new members in their area.
- Maintains membership database accessible to members only on the AJL website, searchable by various categories - executive board, council, location, individual name, organization, ...
- Prepares updates of membership records and sends quarterly reports of new members to the editor of the AJL News and Reviews.
- Prepares and sends renewal invoices and reminders.
- Works with the VP for the sale of our publications to members.
- Prepares statistical data for presentation of membership reports twice yearly at the council meetings, or as needed.

Sheryl Stahl is Senior Associate Librarian at The Frances-Henry Library, at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles. She has served as AJL treasurer for the past 3 1/2 years. At the Frances-Henry Library, she catalogs, does reference, bibliographic instruction, serves as library webmaster, and clears jams in the copy machine. In her spare time she quilts, gardens, and reads science fiction and whatever else she can get her hands on.

Vice President for Publications: Joyce Levine

- Chairs the Publications Committee.
- Responsible for all functions related to AJL’s monographic publications. Specific duties related to AJL monographic publications include their ISBN registration, publication, storage, and vending, which includes responding to questions about the publications and their purchase.
- Oversees the Bibliography Bank chair and consults as needed with the Proceedings, News and Reviews, and Judaica Librarianship editors.
- Additional duties include the receipt of payments for purchase and transfer of payments to the AJL treasurer, and maintenance of production and sales records and expenses incurred, such as postage and printing costs.
- Solicits new and updated publications from the membership, circulates submitted manuscripts for critique to knowledgeable AJL members and/or members of the publications committee, and oversees their editing.
- Investigates and initiates new publishing formats as needed.
- Maintains an updated Publications order form and submits it to the AJL webmaster for publication on the AJL website. Also submits it at least annually to the AJL News and Reviews editor.
- Works with the Public Relations committee to find effective and appropriate ways to advertise publications both to the membership and the wider world.
- Brings sample publications to the annual convention.

Joyce Levine is the Director, Library/Media Center at North Shore Hebrew Academy HS, Great Neck, NY. Joyce earned her Library Certification from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In previous incarnations she has worked as a medical librarian, a public librarian and an elementary school librarian. She established two new Jewish high school libraries, including the one at her present school, where she has held the position of Library Director (and Chief Clerk) for the past
11 years. Joyce has also been an Avi Chai Bookshelf mentor and coordinator, AJL co-Surveyer and wiki wizard. Now serving as President of AJL’s Synagogue, Schools and Centers Division, Joyce looks forward to the challenge of working as Vice President for Publications.

**Corresponding Secretary: Elana Gensler**
- Handles telephone and e-mail inquiries.
- Updates AJL’s listings in various publications.
- Fills out forms for directories and indexes.
- Arranges AJL midwinter board and council meetings.
- Distributes AJL stationery and other supplies.
- Sells and distributes AJL tribute cards.
- Is responsible for maintaining bulk-mailing permits from N.Y. Payment of $150 must be made every year and a bulk mailing must go out from N.Y. every two years. This mailing is done through a bulk mailing company.

Elana Gensler holds an MLS from Queens College and is currently a reference librarian at the West Hempstead Public Library in NY. Previously, she served as the library media specialist at the Hebrew Academy of Long Beach. Elana is the current AJL Recording Secretary and is the editor of *Sifria*, the newsletter of the Long Island chapter of AJL. Other AJL activities include: Publications VP, Bibliography Bank chair, co-chair of the 2004 AJL Convention, and editor of the program book for several conventions.

**Recording Secretary: Jolie Baron**
- Oversees the Archives Committee.
- Records minutes at Executive Board, Council and general membership meetings.
- Prepares the minutes, along with indexes, for circulation to the Board. Minutes of the general membership meeting are sent to the *News* and *Reviews* in time for inclusion in the September/October issue.
- Maintains an official AJL Minutes Book, which should include an index each year.
- Maintains two official sets of minutes with corrections, one for the next secretary and one for the archives.
- Keeps a record of resolutions passed at Council meetings and updates the official record of AJL resolutions approved by Council.

Jolie Baron has been involved with the KOH Library and Cultural Center in Sacramento, California since its inception in 2008. She has her BA in early childhood education, followed by a multi-subject teaching credential. She runs most aspects of the library, along with a staff of very dedicated volunteers. When she’s not at the library, she’s a kindergarten teacher at the Jewish day school. Besides her passion for books and Jewish learning, Jolie enjoys traveling, book clubs, games, and spending time with her family and very spoiled dog.

**Treasurer: Deborah Stern**
- Manage checkbook
- Write checks, pay bills
- Deposits
- Record keeping
- Reconcile bank account with Quicken files
- Prepare Reports to the Board and Council. Prepare report for mid-winter, preliminary end-of-year report at convention, and then final report when all convention expenses are in. Publish in fall
- Propose budget for following year
- Issue tax receipts for single donations of more than $250
- Prepare materials for the accountant to use to file taxes by end of July
- Credit History
Debbie Stern is the director of the Mordecai M. Kaplan Library at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She was educated at George Washington, Brandeis, and Columbia Universities. She was the chair of the AJL Scholarship Committee for four years and then AJL Vice President for Publications for the last six years. When not busy working for RRC or AJL, she enjoys reading – of course, cooking, and most of all playing with her adorable little granddaughters who blessedly live with their parents only a mile away.

RAS OFFICERS

RAS President: Daniel Scheide

Daniel Scheide is a cataloger for Florida Atlantic University, previously employed as a metadata specialist for OCLC. He has served as RAS secretary and RAS Vice-President making this foray into the RAS presidency tediously predictable. He also serves as co-editor for adult book reviews for the AJL News & Reviews (which he still refers to as ‘the Newsletter’). His wit and charm have made him one of AJL’s most beloved members.

RAS Vice President: Yoram Bitton or Sharon Benamou

Yoram Bitton

Yoram Bitton is the Director of the New York Klau Library at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He previously served as the Hebrew Manuscript Cataloger at Columbia University, where he cataloged over 1500 Hebrew manuscripts. He has also taught at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanuel in New York City and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Yoram has a M.L.S. from Queens College and a degree from Hebrew University in Talmud and Jewish History.

Statement of purpose:
My main goal is to increase the presence of young academic librarians in AJL. I would like to publicize the option of becoming a librarian as a career path for young scholars in Judaic Studies. The current president and vice president of RAS have done a great job keeping members informed of new books and resources and building a community of librarians. I would like to build on these efforts to grow and strengthen RAS within AJL.

Sharon Benamou

Sharon Benamou is the Hebraica/Judaica and Music Catalog Librarian at UCLA. She received a BA in Music from the State University of New York at Binghamton, an MA in Musicology at UCLA and an MLIS from San Jose State University. She is active in both the Association of Jewish Libraries, serving on as the current Local Convention Committee Co-Chair and Cataloging Committee Vice-Chair, and in the Music Library Association, serving on the Authorities Subcommittee of the Bibliographic Control Committee and the Integrated Library Systems Committee. She served on the Program for Cooperative Cataloging’s Task Force on Non-Latin Script Cataloging to create standards for input of vernacular scripts in catalog records.

Statement of purpose:
Many librarians in academic, specialized libraries and archives have Jewish or Israel Studies as only part of their work responsibility. If elected as RAS Vice President, I would like to increase professional continuing education opportunities in Jewish and Israel Studies through webinars on the AJL website so that we will reach out to our members who attend convention as well as those who do not. It would also provide the opportunity to reach out to librarians with responsibility in Jewish or Israel Studies who are not members to provide mentoring and training that in turn might increase our membership.
RAS Secretary: Michelle Chesner

Michelle Chesner is the Norman E. Alexander Librarian for Jewish Studies at Columbia University, as well as the Chair of the Judaica Librarianship and Education Committee at AJL. She has worked at the Jewish Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as the rare Judaica auction house, Kestenbaum and Company.

SSC OFFICERS

SSC President: Lisa Silverman

Lisa Silverman is the director of the Sinai Temple Blumenthal Library at Sinai Temple, the largest conservative synagogue in Los Angeles. She leads classes and book groups, along with organizing community programs on literature. She also serves as a consultant for other Jewish libraries throughout the United States that are looking to modernize or computerize their libraries. She was the children’s editor of Jewish Book World magazine for 5 years and is now the children’s literature reviewer for the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles. She has often been a featured speaker at library conventions or literary conferences.

She has been a board member of the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California for many years. She served for a number of years as a judge for the children’s division of the National Jewish Book Award and also for the “Once Upon a World” Book Award given annually by the Simon Weisenthal Center.

SSC Vice President: Talli Dippold

Talli Dippold is the Executive Director of the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library & Resource Center in Charlotte N.C. The Levine-Sklut Judaic Library is unique in that it is part of a collaborate campus called Shalom Park that houses all of Charlotte’s Jewish agencies. The Library serves as an integral part of the campus and serves a Jewish Day School, two Jewish preschools, various agencies and numerous Temples. Talli received a B.S. in Hospitality Management from the University of New Hampshire. After many years in the hospitality industry she decided to change her focus and pursue her lifelong passion for reading and books. Talli was the co-president of Hillel during her years in college and has taught Hebrew for many years. Last year she received an exceptional volunteer award from the Levine Jewish Community Center in Charlotte. Talli is a native of Jerusalem, Israel and is fluent in Hebrew. When she is not working, Talli enjoys spending time with her three active children.

SSC Secretary: Norma Newman

Norma Newman is librarian at Hebrew Academy in Montreal. She helped organize the 2011 Convention in Montreal.

Keep Up to Date with Hasafran

Hasafran is the electronic discussion list of the Association of Jewish Libraries. It was created in 1991 to provide a forum for the discussion of Judaica librarianship. The list is moderated by Joseph (Yossi) Galron, Jewish studies librarian at The Ohio State University. The views expressed in the list are the opinions of the participants and not necessarily the views of the moderator or of AJL.

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First Los Angeles Convention in Twenty Years!

The Southern California chapter of AJL is pleased to welcome you to the vast metropolis that is the greater Los Angeles area. The 47th annual convention will be held in the historic Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, home of the Rose Bowl. Built in 1907 with the notion of assuring that each room would have at least one hour of sunlight everyday, this destination hotel is located in the tony residential neighborhood of San Marino. It is just a stone’s throw from the famed Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens. And yes, the hotel was originally named after the same businessman and railroad baron Henry E. Huntington, whose collection of books formed the basis for one of the finest research libraries world-over.

Located at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, the Langham has been completely updated without losing its old world charm. Located on 23 acres of gardens with a pool, tennis courts, a spa, two restaurants, a tearoom and bar, we are sure that you will luxuriate in this elegant destination. This hotel is well known throughout Southern California as one of the most beautiful hotels in the Southland.

Plans for June are heating up; the schedule has been altered a little this year in an effort to try something new. Instead of a keynote speech on Sunday night, Dr. Reuven Firestone of Hebrew Union College will give an opening plenary Monday morning. We will be opening the exhibits on Sunday afternoon to give you and our vendors plenty of time with each other, and the exhibits will remain open through Tuesday. We are especially pleased that on Wednesday morning we will have a closing plenary with ALA President Molly Raphael as our featured speaker. Poster sessions will be located in the exhibits room, so stay tuned for a Call for poster sessions. There will be a pre-conference workshop on book repair Sunday afternoon given by Jackie Ben-Efraim from the American Jewish University Library. Other programs of interest include a luncheon with local authors, a session with a docent from the Skirball Museum on the Jews of the Civil War in commemoration of the 150th anniversary, Adaire Klein from the Museum of Tolerance will team with John Sullivan from the Huntington Library to share how an exhibit is created, and finally, for all those requests, there be a workshops for both SSC and RAS on e-books. As of this writing we are in conversation with Roberta Grossman (Blessed is the Match) to screen her nearly completed new film Hava Nagila, What Is it? with a Q and A to follow the showing. We have so many exciting and stimulating sessions there is no space to tell more; please refer to the program schedule for more information.

On Monday evening, which has traditionally been a free night, we have made arrangements for a kosher taco truck to visit the hotel to provide dinner. Guests may sit outside in the garden to enjoy their meal or take it wherever they feel most comfortable. Finally, just recently we learned that Abby Liebman, the President and CEO of Mazon will join us at the banquet to say a few words about Mazon, thank us for our past generous support and finally lead us in ‘Motzi’.

We hope you plan to join us for this Southern California adventure. If you have any questions please contact convention chairs Enid Sperber at enidkentsperber@gmail.com or Sharon Benamou at benamou@library.ucla.edu
Why I Love AJL Conventions

By Toby Harris

I admit that my role as chair of the conventions committee gives me a certain bias. But the fact is, I would not be so involved if I didn’t already love attending AJL conventions. Our attendees are a very diverse group of passionate people. Time and again in convention evaluations, coming together to learn and meeting colleagues are mentioned as the best part of attending convention. I want to stress that not just learning, but coming together to learn, is what is valued. Each convention site offers a rich encounter with others, and fresh insights and updates; the local treasures of place and people, along with the personality of the chapter and local convention committee, is a special bonus. The upcoming Pasadena convention in June will continue this tradition and as I begin reading details about the program and surroundings, I am enticed yet again!

Budget constraints prevent many from attending our conventions and we hope to learn other reasons that preclude you from coming. A task force has formed to look at our convention structure and explore ways to be innovative and relevant while hopefully reducing costs. Please respond to our survey when you receive it and help us move forward on improving.

Sending a librarian to convention is an investment and a mitzvah! Remind your board members, committee members, and/or administration that any contribution they make for your professional needs and well-being is beneficial for the institution. Libraries enhance all educational and community aspects of their institutions. Librarians are customer service oriented people and we only make institutions better. Your donors can expect you to come back with fresh enthusiasm, ideas brewing, more tuned in to Jewish authors, ready to be more efficient, and with at least one additional technology skill or resource - and on top of all that, a newfound support group.

If you are someone with knowledge or ideas, please share your expertise at conventions. Be a presenter, join our poster session or be a mentor. We’re a welcoming group and obviously, we all love learning or we wouldn’t work in libraries or hang out with books!

A Message from SSC President Joyce Levine

The convention committee has been busily planning a wonderful program for us. Among the sessions of interest targeted to SSC librarians will be a panel on e-books, various presentations on adult and children’s literature, historical fiction, web tools and cataloging tips for school and synagogue librarians, and of course the famous Sydney Taylor tell-all reviews. There will be two separate roundtable discussions, one for school librarians and the other for synagogue and center librarians. These discussions provide valuable information and networking opportunities, especially for those of us who work in the relative isolation of small libraries. Sessions of general interest will include a panel on book reviewing, Jews and comics, musical theater, Chassidism in Israel, the history and culture of Jews in Poland, Lithuania, and the Far East, Jewish genealogy, Jews in the Civil War, and many other topics. There will also be exciting tours of the LA area. I hope to see you in Pasadena this June!

Something New at Convention 2012

By Suzan Dubin

For the first time at an annual convention, AJL will be offering optional manuscript consultations. The Western Regional AJL Conventions have been successfully providing manuscript consults as part of their one day conferences on Jewish literature for children. Since the Annual Convention will be in Southern California June 17-20, 2012, the Western Regional convention is on hiatus, thus giving our international organization the opportunity to try promoting Jewish literacy by encouraging new authors. The manuscript consultations will be with an editor or agent who will meet with the authors during the conference for 20 minutes to critique their work. The optional fee for this service will be $75. For more information, contact Susan Dubin at susandubin48@gmail.com.
### 2012 Convention - Preliminary Program

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Optional Excursions

Sunday, June 17
Historic Los Angeles

Join us for a tour of historic Los Angeles. This afternoon is sure to be interesting as we visit the Breed Street Shul, in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of East Los Angeles. This shul was once the largest Orthodox synagogue in the western United States and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Our guide will share with us the synagogue’s early history as we tour this historic landmark. We will then take a short ride to Union Station and Olvera Street which is the birthplace of the City of Los Angeles. The colorful village features 27 historic buildings with a traditional Mexican style plaza area. Wander around the marketplace before returning to the bus for a ride through Chinatown on our way back to the hotel.

Wednesday, June 20
Bus trip to Museum of Tolerance

The Museum of Tolerance, sponsored by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, is designed to examine racism and prejudice in the United States and the world, with a strong focus on the history of the Holocaust. Our docent will lead us on an informative 2 hour tour of this world renowned museum.

Wednesday, June 20
Huntington Botanical Gardens & Library

The Huntington houses one of the finest research libraries in the world, an established art collection, and over 12 separate areas of botanical gardens with plants from around the world. We will begin with a private, behind-the-scenes tour of the library, which is home to some of the finest rare books and manuscripts in the world. Following that, you will have time to leisurely stroll in the magnificent gardens or have tea in the Huntington's Tea Room. (Reservations are suggested at least 2 weeks in advance for tea (626-683-8131). Anyone who needs to leave earlier than 5 PM can easily take a taxi back to the hotel, which is less than 3 miles away.
The Association of Jewish Libraries promotes Jewish literacy through enhancement of libraries and library resources and through leadership for the profession and practitioners of Judaica librarianship. The Association fosters access to information, learning, teaching and research relating to Jews, Judaism, the Jewish experience and Israel.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print Clearly: Choose for information to come to home or work.
Name ___________________________ Date __________
Institution ___________________________ 
Address (Street,City,St.Zip) ___________________________
E-mail ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
May we include the above information on the secure, members-only portion of the website? ___

Badge information: Please print clearly exactly what you want on your badge
Name ___________________________ 
Institution ___________________________ 
City ___________________________ State/Province/Country ___________________________
AJL Position ___________________________ Chapter ___________________________

Check the correct response.
• Are you an AJL Member? ___Yes ___No
• Is this your first AJL Convention? ___Yes ___No
• Division: _____RAS (Research, Archives & Special) _____SSC (Synagogue, School & Center)
• Are you a member of a Chapter? ___Yes ___No
• Are you a registered student in a School of Library/Information Science? ___Yes
• Are you a presenter? ___Yes ___No
• Are you an exhibitor? ___Yes ___No
• Need Hospitality (for Shabbat only)? ___Yes
• Do you require vegetarian meals? ___Yes

Please inform us of any serious dietary restrictions or allergies ___________________________

Please fill out the following sections that apply:

I. FULL REGISTRATION
Fees include all sessions and glatt kosher meals from Sunday dinner through Wednesday breakfast with the exception of Monday night dinner.

Forms postmarked: Before April 16 After April 16 Amount Due
AJL Member/Spouse/Partner $485.00 $525.00 $
AJL Nonmember $550.00 $575.00 $
II. PER DIEM REGISTRATION
Fees include sessions and lunch on the day for which you are registered. Circle: Monday or Tuesday at $180.00 for each day. Per Diem Total $___________

III. MEALS ONLY: For those who are not Full Registrants or per Diem registrants but wish to join us for certain meals. Please indicate the meals you will be attending.

Sunday Dinner ........................................ meal(s) @ $115 __________
Monday Breakfast ...................................... meal(s) @ $35 __________
Monday Lunch ........................................... meal(s) @ $75 __________
Tuesday Breakfast ...................................... meal(s) @ $35 __________
Tuesday Lunch ......................................... meal(s) @ $65 __________
Tuesday Banquet ....................................... meal(s) @ $115 __________
Wednesday Breakfast ................................ meal(s) @ $35 __________
* Sunday Kosher Box Lunch 
  (must be ordered by June 1) ......................... meal(s) @ $20 __________
* Wednesday's Kosher Box Lunch 
  (must be ordered by June 1) ......................... meal(s) @ $20 __________

Total for a la carte meals $___________

IV. OPTIONAL TOURS
Circle your tour selections

Sunday, June 17
A: Historic Los Angeles
1:00-4:30 PM
Price: $30.00 (Lunch Not Included).
For a Kosher Box lunch, please order it under the Meals Only section.

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Wednesday, June 20
B: Bus trip to Museum of Tolerance
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Price: $30.00 (includes admission).
For a Kosher Box lunch, please order it under the Meals Only section.

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V. MANUSCRIPT CONSULTATION

For the first time at an annual convention, AJL will offer an optional manuscript consultation with an editor or agent for those interested in publishing their work. Consultations will be held during the Convention on either Monday or Tuesday. Those registered for a consult will be assigned a time. Work to be evaluated needs to be sent to the editor before the convention. Details will be emailed to all those who sign up. For more information contact Susan Dubin at 818-606-0793 (susandubin48@gmail.com) The consultation fee is $75.

VI. REGISTRATION SUMMARY

Please summarize and total your convention choices from sections I through VI.)

I. Full Convention Registration $__________________
II. Per Diem Registration $__________________
III. Meals Only $__________________
IV. Optional Tours $__________________
V. Manuscript consultation $__________________
VI. Donation to AJL $__________________

TOTAL DUE $__________________

Make all checks payable to Association of Jewish Libraries Convention 2012.

Please mail your check along with your liability form and the completed registration form to: Ronda Rose 11257 Dona Lisa Drive Studio City, CA 91604.

Keep a copy of this registration for your records. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

Refund requests must be submitted in a signed letter prior to May 25, 2012, and are subject to a $100 cancellation fee. Refunds will be processed and mailed after July 16, 2012. Please send refund requests to Ronda Rose at the above address.
Liability Release for All Related Events and Excursions
Everyone must Complete this form

I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, next of kin, personal representatives, and assigns, do hereby release and discharge the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL), 2012 Convention Committee, the officers of AJL, and AJL volunteers for any and all liability claims of damages, actions and cases of actions whatsoever, in any manner arising out of or relative to any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by the undersigned or any property of the undersigned while participating in the event. I hereby represent that I will observe all applicable rules and generally conduct myself in a safe and prudent manner.

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Signature _______________________________ Date ______________

Print Name _______________________________

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see the rates on our website http://www.jewishlibraries.org .
Please send $70 (US) membership dues ($35 for retirees and students) payable to AJL.

VP for Membership
P.O. Box 3816
Columbus, OH 43210-0816.

Do not send membership dues with this registration.

For registration information contact: Ronda Rose: rrose@sbcglobal.net

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Hotel reservations are not part of this registration form.
For hotel information and to make reservations, please go to:
http://pasadena.langhamhotels.com/ajl_061712.htm

Reservations must be received by The Langham before May 20, 2012. Convention rates are:

Single or double occupancy......................................................... $180.00 + tax

Reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

CATERING
All cooked and served food at the convention will be catered by Kosher by Pats. Special dietary needs must be requested on your registration form as we will not be able to make changes or substitutions at the convention.

We will be collecting tzedakah for Mazon at the Banquet.
REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ATTEND ANNUAL AJL CONVENTION

All applications must be received by email by the deadline of March 23, 2012. You must be a current member of AJL at the time of application and the convention. Full registration at the convention is required to be eligible for any support.

NAME: _______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________________

PHONE: ______________________ EMAIL: ______________________

INSTITUTION: _______________________________________________________________________

POSITION: ______________________ YRS HELD: ______________

IF APPLYING FOR SPECIFIC SUPPORT: _____LITTAUER _______ TRAVEL

AJL MEMBERSHIP: current: ___________ # of years: ___________

AJL ACTIVITIES: _______________________________________________________________________

CONVENTION PARTICIPATION (attendance, presentation, local committee):

CURRENT: ______________________ PAST: ______________________

IS THIS YOUR FIRST AJL CONVENTION? ______________________

ANTICIPATED CONVENTION EXPENSES (attach another sheet if needed)

REGISTRATION __________ HOTEL ___________ TRAVEL ___________

OTHER EXPENSES (please specify) ____________________ TOTAL __________

* Please note that room reimbursement is based on 2 or more members per room.
* You will need to bring proof of your travel costs for reimbursement.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES, CONFIRMED [OR ANTICIPATED]

This must be completed.

INSTITUTION

LOCAL SUPPORT

NAT’L OR INTERNAT’L ORGS

PERSONAL FUNDS (How Much Are You Able To Handle)

This application will be used to determine eligibility for general support grants as well as those with specific eligibility requirements. All applications will be acknowledged by email. Please feel free to include any additional information on a separate sheet.
Transportation to Pasadena From Local Airports

There are two airports that service the Los Angeles/Pasadena area. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is 26 miles from Pasadena and the Bob Hope Burbank airport is 15 miles from Pasadena. If at all possible, try to make your reservations to fly into the Burbank airport. It is more convenient to your final destination due to Los Angeles area traffic issues.

Please visit the following websites to find the information on the various companies that run shuttle services from these airports and all transportation options:

http://www.lawa.org/welcome_LAX.aspx?id=132
http://www.burbankairport.com/parking/shuttles-a-taxies.html

**LAX Quick Info:**
Super shuttle or Prime Time Shuttle - approximately $27. If multiple people make reservations together each additional passenger pays $25. You must pay with credit card. There is no schedule but they run roughly every 30 min. All reservations must be made 24 hrs in advance and prepaid. Click on the website above for all necessary information.

Taxi: charge is approximately $90 one way.

**BURBANK/BOB HOPE AIRPORT Quick Info:**
Various shuttles: approximately $21. If multiple people make reservations together each additional passenger pays $19. You must pay with a credit card. There is no schedule but they run roughly every 30 min. All reservations must be made 24 hrs in advance and prepaid.

Taxi: charge is approximately $30 one way.

**Regarding Public Transportation:**
There is no convenient public transportation from these airports to Pasadena. It is available but could take up to 2 ½ hours. There is a Flyaway Bus ($6.00) from LAX to Union Station (downtown LA—about 30 – 40 minutes) from which you must catch the Gold Line metro to travel to Pasadena. Please check the MTA schedules and plan accordingly. (www.metro.net) Bus and metro information for sightseeing following convention will be provided in the convention program.
The AJL Newsletter (Irene Levin-Wixman z”l, founding editor) was published in print from 1979 to 2010 by the Association of Jewish Libraries to inform members about association activities and issues related to Judaica libraries. As of January 2011 it is split into two separate electronic publications – the AJL News and the AJL Reviews. Receipt of these publications is one of the benefits of membership. Please see the AJL website at http://www.jewishlibraries.org for membership rates.

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