

AJL Conference Evanston, IL: Monday, June 29 - Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Sunday

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10:00 - 11:00	<i>Combating Antisemitism and Islamophobia with Multicultural Children's Literature</i>	AJL @ ALA Joint Presentation sponsored by The Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) & the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) Chicago Location TBD	With the rise in antisemitism and Islamophobia, the need to break down stereotypes is more urgent than ever. This panel will offer an overview of "mirror and window" children's books that give readers a better understanding of Jewish and Muslim cultures. Experts in Judaic and Muslim kidlit, including AJL's own Susan Kusel and Heidi Rabinowitz along with Sadaf Siddique and Gauri Manglik from Kitaab World, will share the history and current state of each genre, introduce specific titles, and discuss issues common to publishing while a minority.
4:00 - 5:00	<i>A Little Schmooze. A Little Nosh: A Little Chat. A Little Food.</i>	AJL @ ALA Join the Association of Jewish Libraries at our third Schmooze & Nosh event! Meet members of AJL's Board and Council, network with Jewish librarians from around the country and listen to publishers and authors discuss their upcoming work, all while noshing on delicious kosher refreshments! Chicago Location TBD	
7:30 - 9:30	AJL Board Meeting (Hilton Orrington, Evanston)		

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8:30 - 10:15		AJL Council Meeting	App Help Desk/Support 8:30-12:00	
10:30 - 12:00	Bibliographer's Meeting	NEWCOMER'S WELCOME (Heidi Rabinowitz) 10:30-11:15; ADVOCACY CONVERSATION (Sean Boyle) 11:15-12:00	RAS Cataloging Committee Meeting	Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee Meeting
8:30 - 5:15	Registration			
11:00 - 5:15	Exhibits Open			
12:00 - 1:45	Lunch Keynote Address: Dr. Daniel Greene , President and Librarian at the Newberry Library and Adjunct Professor of History at Northwestern University			
	1-A	1-B	1-C	1-D
2:00 - 3:30	CREATING LGBTQ-INCLUSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITIES (Essie Shachar-Hill and Amanda Seigel)	DOCUMENTING GLOBAL JEWISH COMMUNITIES 1. Beyond the Holocaust: Studying global Jewish history through the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive (Deborah Margolis) 2. Reconsidering Library Standards to Capture the World of Ladino Publishing (Makena Mezistrano) 3. Displaced Archives in the study of the Western Sephardic diaspora (Amalia S. Levi)	CATALOGING AND COLLECTIONS 1. RDA 'Oy Vey' Copy and Complex Cataloging in the Languages of Judaism (Elizabeth Fedden) 2. A Survey of the Library of Congress Hebraica-Judaica Map Collection (Haim Gottschalk) 3. Behind the scenes of a patron-artist relationship: Correspondence between Stanley Marcus and James Leong (Anna Levia)	EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY 1. Best Jewish Books for 2's, 3's and 4's (Maxine Handelman) 2. Books for Life: Selecting Stories that Match the Social, Emotional, and Cognitive Needs of Young Children (Irene Sufrin) 3. Nurturing the Brain through Early Literacy Programs (Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen)

3:30 - 3:45	Break			
	2-A	2-B	2-C	2-D
3:45 - 5:15	<p>DIVERSE BOOKS, OWN VOICES & OTHER VOICES: 1. Who Can Tell our Story? Own Voices in Jewish Children's Books (Joni Sussman) 2. Making Room for Other Voices (Lois Ruby) 3. The Possibilities & Dangers of Human Rights Fiction (Danny M. Cohen)</p>	<p>GENRE LITERATURE: CHILDREN, ART, AND TRAVEL: 1. Travels with Unique Perspectives: An Overview Exploration of Jewish Travelogue Literature (Tina Weiss) 2. Ke-ma'ayan ha-mitgaber: The History of Hebrew Youth Encyclopedias in Israel (1930s-1970s) (Rachel Leket-Mor) 3. Art in Zion? Bezalel School art movement materials in the University of Michigan Library Jewish Heritage Collection (Gabriel Mordoch)</p>	<p>DIGITAL PROJECTS AND CONSERVATION: 1. The Put-My-Library-in-the-Map Hackathon (Neil Frau-Cortes) 2. Optimizing the Preservation Environment at the Center for Jewish History (Jennifer Sainato) 3. The Conservation of a Zodiac Papercut from the Rhode Island Jewish Museum (Luana Maekawa)</p>	<p>WHY SOCIAL MEDIA MATTERS TO READERS & WRITERS AND WHAT LIBRARIANS NEED TO KNOW (Lauren Margolin and Liza Wiemer)</p>
5:15 - 7:00	Dinner Break (on your own)			
	3-A	3-B	3-C	
7:00 - 8:30	<p>CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SHOWCASE at the Evanston Public Library</p>	<p>ADULT AUTHOR SHOWCASE at the Evanston Public Library</p>	<p>DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING IN RAS COLLECTIONS at the Evanston Public Library (Arthur Kiron, Amalia Levi, Eitan Kensky; Moderator: Michelle Chesner)</p>	

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7:30 - 8:45	Breakfast			
8:30 - 6:00	Registraton	Exhibits		
	4-A	4-B	4-C	4-D
9:00 - 10:30	COMMUNITY ARCHIVES: 1. "This is irrelevant, this is so long ago, it can go..." Saving the individual history of Emigration and Exile (Astrid Zajdband) 2. Durham: The Story of a Jewish Community in the South (Rachel Ariel) 3. Rescuing History After Harvey: Creating the Houston Jewish History Archive (Joshua Furman and Traci Patterson)	FRESH LIT: Recent and Forthcoming Adult Jewish Fiction 1. Winners of the AJL Jewish Fiction Award 2. AJL Jewish Fiction Award Committee (Rosalind Reisner, Rachel Kamin, Laura Schutzman, Merrily Hart, Sheryl Stahl)	HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & BEYOND: 1. Librarians and Teachers: Integrating Modern Jewish Literature into Jewish Education (Sarah Feldman) 2. College Survival 101 (Denise Blumenfeld) 3. Escape the Library! Interactive Library Orientation (Chana Wolfson)	THE STORIES BEHIND THE STORIES: The Craft of Revision (Erica Perl, Donna Gephart, Abby Cooper, Tziporah Cohen, Sarah Aronson)
10:30 - 10:45	Break			
10:45 - 11:30		RAS Meeting	SSCPL Meeting: Accreditation and Groner-Wikler Awards presented	HOW TO BECOME A PJ LIBRARY AUTHOR (Emily Brown & Meredith Lewis plus PJ Library authors)
11:30-12:15	General Membership Meeting and Installation of the New Board			
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch and Fanny Goldstein Award			
1:30 - 2:00	Break			

	5-A	5-B	5-C	5-D
2:00 - 3:15	YIDDISH TEXTS AND/WITHIN THE DIGITAL COMMONS (Amber Kanner Clooney, Heidi Lerner, David Schlitt, Lyudmila Sholokhova, Eitan Kensky)	DIGGING DEEP - COLLECTIONS AROUND THE WORLD 1. Taube Department of Jewish Studies Library at the University of Wroclaw and the Challenges of Jewish Librarianship in Poland (Monika Jaremkow) 2. Cataloging Yiddish collection in Hebrew Union College - Jerusalem (Asia Libman) 3. In remembrance there is redemption (David B. Levy)	SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARD: Meet the Winners and the Committee (Rebecca Levitan, Rena Citrin, Shoshana Flax, Marjorie Ingall, Sylvie Shaffer, Rivka Yerushalmi)	LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION: Promoting Jewish Culture Through Film (Heidi Oshin, Cindy Stern, and Ilene Uhlmann)
	5-E	5-F		
3:15 - 4:00	OCLC UPDATE (Nathan Putnam)	A NEW LOOK AT OLD WRITERS 1. A Unique Perspective on Chaim and Inna Grade Through their Personal Library (Moriah Kennedy) 2. The House of Levy: The Book, Its Prominent Figures and the Author (Lital Beer)		
4:00 - 4:15			Book sales & Signings/Break	Break
4:15 - 4:30	Break			

	6-A	6-B	6-C	6-D
4:30 - 6:00	LC CATALOGING UPDATE: Israel and Judaica Section (Library of Congress) Update (Haim Gottschalk, Yisrael Meyerowitz, Gail Shirazi, Jeremiah Aaron Taub, and Galina Teverovsky)	PICTURE BOOKS: BEHIND THE SCENES 1. Jewish Picture Books: A Behind the Scenes Look (Andrea Hall) 2. Reviewing and Evaluating Picture Books (Brian Wilson & Betsy Bird) 3. The Meandering Path to Publishing (Meredith Lewis)	REIMAGINING LIBRARY SPACES: 1. What Did I Get Myself Into? Rejuvenating with a Small Budget (Angelica Ruiz) 2. Integrate Your Library! (Shelley Riskin) 3. Small with BIG Impact (Scott Fairbanks)	COMPENDIA, HANDBOOKS AND DOCUMENTARY COLLECTIONS: TRENDS IN JEWISH STUDIES PUBLICATIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR LIBRARIES, TEACHING, AND SCHOLARSHIP (Dean Bell, Jessica Kirzane, and Anne Knafli)
6:30 - 8:30	Awards Banquet: Sydney Taylor Book Awards, Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards, AJL Fiction Award			
9:00	Committee meetings			

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7:30 - 8:45	Breakfast			
8:00 - 8:45	AJL Fiction Award Book Discussion: <i>On Division</i> by Goldie Goldbloom			
8:30 - 1:00	Registraton			
	7-A	7-B	7-C	7-D
9:00 - 10:30	ARCHIVES, OLD AND NEW: 1. Partnership on the Prairie (Kate Dietrick) 2. Discoveries in the fragments collection in the 2019 Moldovan gift to the UPenn Libraries (Chaim Meiselman) 3. Resources in Hebrew Bio-Bibliography in Israel (Yossi Galron-Goldschlager)	FUNNY, THEY DON'T LOOK JEWISH! A Live Comic Book Podcast (Brandon Bernstein and Henry Bernstein)	JEWISH LIBRARIANS IN SECULAR LIBRARIES (Susan Kusel, Rebecca Levitan, Sylvie Shaffer, Robbin Friedman and Esme Codell)	COLLECTING KENTUCKY JEWISH HISTORY: COVENANT AND COLLABORATION (Sarah Dorpinghaus, Abby Glogower, Heather Fox)
10:30 - 10:45	Break			

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10:45 - 12:15	ACCESS TO DATA AND COLLECTIONS: 1. Cataloging and Collecting of Unconventional Materials (Daniel Stuhlman) 2. Having another Nosh with SNAC (Dina Herbert) 3. Anshe Hayil: Mi Yimtsaem?: Jewish military sources at the Pritzker Military Museum & Library (Leah Cohen Gaynes)	TECH IN THE LIBRARY 1. Robotics, Coding & You (Veronica de Fazio and Tracey Vittorio) 2. Infusing Jewish Values into a Digital Citizenship Curriculum (Julie Koven Levine) 3. Using 3D Printing to Understand Israel's Geography (Devorah Bader)	LET'S COLLABORATE: 1. Public Libraries and Jewish Communities Working Together (Shelley Riskin, Sarah Rustman, Maggie Thomann, Kary Henry, Ted Gray, Susie Wexler) 2. Library or Cultural Center (Zilvinas Beliauskas)	PRINTING AND BOOK HISTORY: 1. Writ Large: The Amsterdam Mikraot Gedolot 1724-1727 (Shulamith Berger) 2. Establishing the Canon: The role of the Hebrew Book Publisher (Yoram Bitton) 3. It Takes a Shtetl (Jackie Ben-Efraim and Lital Beer)
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch Feinstein Lecture: Dr. Malka Simkovich , Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies and the Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at Catholic Theological Union			
2:15	Tours Depart for the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, the Newberry Library, the University of Chicago, and Northwestern University (details coming soon)			