

Update from NLI *Ahava Cohen*

Description: Rock out with the National Library of Israel (NLI) and our new music streaming application, Shiri. Or browse our catalog from anywhere in the world and click on our links for instant free access to tens of thousands of Judaic resources, both old and new. NLI has been celebrating 450 years of the Hebrew book and has teamed up with a variety of organizations within Israel and abroad to increase public access to our collections and to catalog exciting new collections. Also on our schedule this year has been work with the Wikimedia Foundation to create Wikipedia articles and add metadata to Wikidata, planning our migration from the ALEPH ILS to Alma, service to librarians through professional development courses, continuing work on the English text of RDA, and leadership in the international cataloging community.

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