

## **Alliance Israelite Universelle, Paris** ***Jean-Claude Kuperminc***

**Description:** Since the first decade of the Alliance israélite universelle in 1860, the library has been part of its project for protecting the Jews worldwide through culture and education. The specialized library has an important heritage of books, manuscripts and newspapers, mainly regarding French and Oriental Jewries. Severely impacted by the Nazis and the Soviets during and after WWII, the AIU is developing a rich digital library. Its archives are invaluable resources for the history of the Jews in the Maghrib, Balkans, and Middle East in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The library has been active in many international cooperative projects.

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