

Library Advocacy – The Role of the School Librarian
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Description: This talk showcases a PowerPoint presentation entitled “The School Library: a Vital Component of Jewish Education” prepared by school librarians Joyce Levine, Rachail Kurtz, Michal Malen and Karen Ulrich. Designed to demonstrate the value of the library in Jewish day schools, the PowerPoint highlights the various roles that the school librarian plays in supporting educational goals. It provides examples of the librarian as an information specialist, a collection developer and organizer, a program innovator, a facility designer, and a bridge between the Judaic and secular curriculums. The PowerPoint includes talking points for outreach to school administrators and educational funders.

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