Houston AJL Conference June 16-19, 2013: Hot and Inspiring!

Houston, Texas extends a warm welcome to AJL this year at the well air-conditioned Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel.

Whether you are a new Judaica librarian, or a veteran of the profession, this year’s AJL Conference has a full range of inspiring and educational programming to appeal to you. The Sydney Taylor award winners will be present at the popular sessions featuring the current crop of stellar offerings for the year. Best practices, innovative programming in your library, emergency preparedness, genealogy reference instruction, technology and eBooks updates will be discussed, and the question of “what to do with the books” will be addressed. The Jews of Texas will be explored in sessions on the history, personal tales and tours of Houston. Updates from the National Library of Israel and Library of Congress will be offered, plus a myriad of sessions to appeal to the RAS members. Vendors will be offering insights into their products, and of course a range of exhibitors will offer opportunities for the attendees. And of course, any event in Texas must have a Western Barbeque dinner, with music and line-dance instruction for our guests. Check out the program on the website. www.jewishlibraries.org.

This year’s conference promises to be the best yet, plus the city of Houston offers what the New York Times described “Making Houston a Dining Destination” because of the superior culinary attractions. And come get a first look at “Deli Man”, the documentary, attended by the filmmaker Erik Anjou and the star of the film, Houston’s own Deli Man, Ziggy Gruber. Anjou produced two other Jewish-themed films, “A Cantor’s Tale” (2005) and “The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground” (2010).

For further information, don’t hesitate to contact Judy Weidman, Houston Chair, at judybw@gmail.com.
Don’t forget to make hotel reservations for the 48th Annual AJL Conference!

Special room rate is $149 per room, single or double, plus tax. Make reservations now at the Hilton Houston Post Oak.

The Hilton Houston Post Oak is located just one block from The Galleria Mall in the center of the Uptown business district. The award-winning hotel offers impressive views of the Houston skyline.

AJL guests can enjoy amenities such as:
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Koren Raffle Tickets Made Easy

A Koren Talmud set will be raffled off during the Houston Conference, but you don’t have to attend to participate!

If you would like to purchase a ticket before the conference, please fill out the raffle form at http://tinyurl.com/cspe8ae and then mail your check to Jackie Ben-Efraim at the address below.

Raffle tickets are 1/$10 or 2/$18. Please make out your checks to AJL and mail them to Jackie before May 31st if you are not attending the conference in Houston. This is a fund raiser for the AJL made possible through the generosity of Koren Publishing. All volumes, those currently in print and those yet to come, will be shipped directly to winner’s library. Remember, you have to BUY a raffle ticket to WIN a complete set of the Talmud Bavli by May 31, 2013.

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Be Counted in the Egal Minyan at Convention!

Submitted by Marga Hirsch

The egalitarian minyan provides an intimate, supportive and engaging experience of morning prayers while allowing for mourners to say kaddish in an egalitarian setting. Newcomers to daily davening are welcome along with the regulars. If you want to lead a part of the service, try wearing tallit or tefillin, or you’re just curious about daily minyan, come! If you want to volunteer to lead or to leyn, or you have any questions, contact Marga Hirsch at mhirsch@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x127.

“What Happens in Vegas.........
is the 2014 AJL Annual Conference, June 22-25 at the Westin Hotel.”
Congratulations to the 2013 AJL Award Winners!

The Association of Jewish Libraries is proud to announce the winners of both the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award and the Judaica Reference & Bibliography Awards. The Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award is given to the year’s best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers ages 8-11 and written by an unpublished children’s author. The book must be a work of fiction in English with Jewish content for readers aged 8 to 11 years, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The AJL Judaica Reference Award, funded by Dr. Greta Silver of New York City, was established to encourage the publication of outstanding Judaica reference books. The AJL Judaica Bibliography Award, funded by Eric Chaim Kline of Los Angeles, was established to encourage the publication of outstanding Judaica bibliographies. The winners of all AJL’s literary awards, including the Sydney Taylor Book Awards announced earlier this year, will be honored at a banquet during the 48th annual conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries, June 16-19 in Houston, Texas.

**Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award**

Karen Propp, the author of Freestyle, will receive the 2013 Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award at the AJL Conference in June. Competition for the Award was strong. However, the judges felt that Freestyle, historical fiction set in Vienna before World War II, best captured the spirit and requirements of the Manuscript Award.

Ms Propp is an author, editor and writing coach based in Cambridge, MA. She earned her PhD in British and American Literature at the University of Utah. She currently coaches international MBA students at Harvard in case-based essay writing methods and also writes proposals for The Institute of Healthcare Improvement, based in Cambridge. She has written or ghost written several books on emotional and physical healthcare topics as well as a wide variety of articles for publications including The Jewish Forward and Lilith Magazine.

Freestyle is based on true story of champion swimmer Judith Deutsch and the Viennese Hakoah swim team of the 1930s, familiar to some from the documentary Watermarks. Despite being selected by Austria to swim in the 1936 Berlin, Deutsch and her teammates boycotted the Olympics to protest the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany. The novel covers two years in the life of Elly Hirsch, Propp’s fictional incarnation of Deutsch. The Award committee felt that Freestyle with its strong sense of history, sympathetic characters, and little known story, would appeal to a wide audience and epitomize the ideals of Sydney Taylor’s All of a Kind Family series. Freestyle looks at the years of the Holocaust in a unique light.

In addition to a cash award, Ms Propp will have her manuscript read by a professional literary agent. Under the new Award schedule, submissions for the 2014 will be accepted until September 30, 2013.

**AJL Reference and Bibliography Awards**

The AJL Awards Committee has reviewed 2012 reference and bibliography publications and is happy to announce Yaakov Sussman’s Thesaurus of Talmudic manuscripts (Otsar kitve-ha-yad ha-Talmudiyim) as the winner for the AJL Judaica Bibliography Award. The book includes almost 9,000 fragments/manuscripts from all over the world of the Mishna, Tosefta, Babylonian Talmud, Palestinian Talmud and Rabbi Isaac Alfasi (RIF). It is an essential work for any scholar of rabbinc literature. The committee did not select a winner for the AJL Judaica Reference Award. Dr. Ardashir Babaknia’s Hulukast was given an Honorable Mention in the Reference category. This four volume set makes information about the Holocaust accessible for the first time to Persian language readers. The committee found the work to be significant and important and looks forward to broad distribution.
From The President: Please Use Goodsearch!

Heidi Estrin, President, AJL

I’ve got some exciting news to share! AJL’s PR chair, Danielle Winter, has set us up with a GoodSearch account. This is a service that allows us to raise money very painlessly, through donations made to us every time a user does an Internet search. There are also options to generate donations through online shopping, playing online games, and more. While the amounts raise are small, they can be steady and ongoing.

I am asking each of you, as someone who cares about AJL, to install the GoodSearch toolbar on your own computer and start using it for your Internet searches. Please also explore GoodSearch’s other options to see if they may be useful to you (shopping, dining, etc.).

Next, I am asking each of you to spread the word to your colleagues inside and outside of AJL. Perhaps you can get others within your organization to use GoodSearch and help AJL; maybe family members and friends might be interested in helping. The more people use it, the more money we raise.

Here’s how it works: Download the toolbar for Internet Explorer or Firefox at http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/association-of-jewish-libraries. If you’re a Chrome user, the “omnibox” searches will automatically start using GoodSearch. Each time you do an Internet search, about a penny is donated to AJL. You can also shop online at more than 2,500 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle) and a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to AJL - at no cost to you (and you may even save money as the app provides coupons and deals as well!). In addition, there are options to generate donations through dining in participating restaurants, playing online games, and more.

Don’t forget, get the toolbar at: http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/association-of-jewish-libraries. Thanks to all of you for using GoodSearch to help AJL!

Member in the News: AJL Member David Hirsch Was Awarded Twice!

David Hirsch, librarian at UCLA and member of AJLSC, is doubly honored this year. On May 20, the AJLSC chapter will present him with the Dorothy Schroeder Award, which is given “for tireless and outstanding dedication to Judaica Librarianship and the education of Judaica Librarians.” Information regarding donations in his honor can be found here at http://ajlsc.org/dschroeder.html.

David was also chosen by the Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles, as the 2013 Librarian of the Year. This award recognizes excellence in librarianship over the last twelve to eighteen months, particularly as it furthers the teaching and research mission of UCLA, and meets the intellectual, informational, and cultural needs of the university community.

The award, conferred during the Association’s spring meeting on April 24, 2013, recognizes David’s continual efforts to enhance the Library’s Middle East collections, helping to make the UCLA Library the premier West Coast destination for Middle East scholars and researchers. David also worked on three exhibits, on Afghan history, Armenian printing history, and Islamic superhero comic books (which included a Library-sponsored event and film screening). During the last year, David provided invaluable assistance in finding a permanent home for the Tahrir Documents Archive in UCLA Library Special Collections. In his unrelenting efforts to enhance collections, share research, and partner with libraries in the Middle East, David’s bravery was exemplified by a recent two week workshop at the University in Basra and through his contributions to the development of Iraq’s libraries, despite the obvious danger posed to an American traveling in that country.

The Librarians Association of the University of California is the system’s primary organization for professional librarian and governance affairs.

Congratulations to David Hirsch for both awards!
Call for Papers: Judaica Librarianship
Rachel Leket-Mor, Judaica Librarianship Editor-in-Chief

The Editorial Board of Judaica Librarianship is pleased to announce that AJL’s peer-reviewed journal will be published online starting with the next issue. The journal will be available to subscribers for 12 months following the publication of each issue, while back issues will be freely accessible to all on the Internet. Additional information about the new online configuration will be released soon.

The Editorial Board invites submissions for the journal’s next issue, scheduled to appear in late 2013. We welcome research articles on all theoretical or practical aspects of Jewish Studies librarianship and cultural stewardship in the digital age, as well as historical studies or current surveys of noteworthy libraries or collections. All articles will go through a double-blind peer review process. We also welcome extensive reviews of reference works and electronic resources, including electronic databases and informational websites, as well as thoroughly revised and updated versions of papers presented at AJL Annual Conferences or chapter meetings.

We extend our invitation to the global community of scholars and information specialists in anticipation of a vigorous discussion on the multifaceted intersection of Library and Information Science and Jewish Studies. These are some of the relevant topics for article submissions:

- Theoretical or empirical studies integrating Library and Information Science with aspects of Jewish Studies and related fields that could stimulate the scholarly discussion about Jewish libraries. Possible areas of connection would include: the History of the Book, Bibliometrics, Literary Studies, Media Studies, Jewish languages and Linguistics, Information Technology, Literacy Studies, or Social History, to name a few.
- Best practices and policies for Jewish libraries of all kinds: school libraries (all levels); community center libraries; public libraries; Judaica collections in religious institutions; archival collections; museum and historical society libraries; research libraries; and special libraries.
- Innovative approaches to data curation, discovery tools, or preservation of library materials in the digital age.
- Descriptive essays and surveys of special collections.
- Digital Humanities projects relevant to Jewish Studies and other digitization projects.
- Historical or bibliographical studies pertaining to Hebraica and/or Judaica materials, libraries, or librarians.
- Library services for users, including but not limited to reference tools and instruction guidelines for teaching Jewish literacy, cultural programming, or any other outreach programs.
- Collaborative collection development initiatives across library networks.

AJL’s Student Essay Contest

Current students enrolled in any accredited Library and Information Science program are encouraged to submit essays relevant to the field of Jewish Studies librarianship to AJL’s Student Essay Contest. All student essays will be refereed; the winning essay will be considered for publication in the Student Essay section of Judaica Librarianship, and the winner will be awarded $300. Please refer to the Journal’s Call for Papers for suggested topics.
Focus and Scope

*Judaica Librarianship* is a peer-reviewed annual published by the Association of Jewish Libraries. Situated in the field of Library and Information Science and international in scope, the journal provides a forum for scholarship on the theory and practice of Jewish Studies librarianship and Information Studies.

*Judaica Librarianship* seeks to publish research articles and essays related to the development and management of Judaica collections in all types of libraries and archives, the initiation and coordination of digital curation projects, the creation and dissemination of information resources in all formats, and the promotion of Jewish information literacy for diverse audiences through various outreach activities. The editorial board welcomes submissions on all theoretical or practical aspects of Jewish Studies librarianship and cultural stewardship in the digital age, as well as historical studies or current surveys of noteworthy libraries or collections.

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Text, image, audio, or video files are accepted in most file types, provided that they can be attached via email. Illustrations (tables, figures, diagrams, charts, graphs, photos, screen captures) should not be saved within text files, but submitted separately if created in other than word-processing software. Please contact the editor for inquiries regarding large or unconventional file types.

For additional details, please check the Association of Jewish Libraries website, at http://www.jewishlibraries.org/main/Publications/JudaicaLibrarianship.aspx. Submissions and/or inquiries should be sent to rachel.leket-mor@asu.edu.

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**OVER 40 PAGES OF REVIEWS!**
Chapter Chatter for AJL Newsletter
Prepared by Toby Rossner, Chapter Relations Committee, April 2013

Atlanta Chapter
Submitted by Stacy Brown

The April meeting of the Atlanta Chapter was held at the The Epstein School. Attending members were librarians from The Davis Academy, The Epstein School, The Weber School, and the Etz Chaim Synagogue Library. We discussed professional development opportunities, including the AJL Conference in Houston, technological trends, and book fairs. It was an informative discussion that we all appreciated.

Houston Chapter
Submitted by Judy Weidman

The Houston Chapter, which has segued into the Houston Conference Committee, has been actively planning to host the 2013 AJL Conference. We have been working on donations, materials for the hospitality bags, rounding up Texas Jewish tours, historians, and planning a fun Conference. The registration and program are online, so members can view the great speakers and presentations. We are looking forward to greeting our AJL guests on June 16.

Judaica Library Network of Metropolitan Chicago
Submitted by Rachel Kamin

On February 3 the Judaica Library Network of Metropolitan Chicago hosted Susan Lynn Meyer, author of Black Radishes, a 2013 Rebecca Caudill Book Award Selection and a 2011 Sydney Taylor Honor Award Winner. She gave participants a sneak peek into the sequel she is currently writing. Ms. Meyer also visited five area schools: North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, Daniel Wright Junior High School in Lincolnshire, Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Chicago, Sunset Ridge School in Northfield, and Braeside School in Highland Park. Susan Meyer is a Professor of English at Wellesley College in Massachusetts and is also the author of Matthew and Tall Rabbit Go Camping and has a new picture book, New Shoes, to be published in 2014.

In March, Rena Citrin and Rachel Kamin also worked together to host Leslea Newman, author of A Sweet Passover, Matzo Ball Moon, A Kiss on the Keppie, and over 30 books for children. Ms. Newman visited both Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Chicago and North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park.

Long Island Chapter, AJL (LI-AJL)
Submitted by Wendy A. Marx, Chapter President

The Long Island Chapter members presented its annual public librarians meeting on April 23. Our topic was Lessons from History:Feminism and Judaism. Keynote speaker was Maggie Anton, author of Rav Hisda’s Daughter Book 1: Apprentice and the Rashi’s Daughter’s Trilogy. Members of the Long Island Chapter reviewed recently published Jewish historical fiction that would be of interest to patrons of general libraries. This program gives LI AJL good connections with all librarians on Long Island.

As usual, the chapter will host a table at the Long Island Library Conference in May. We are also looking forward to our annual members’ dinner in May.

Three members, Elana Gensler, Joyce Levine, and Arlene Ratzabi are national board members. They will attend the AJL Conference in June.

Wendy A. Marx is the librarian of her shul. A member came up with the “brilliant” idea of a “pop-up museum” to highlight stories and books for Yom Ha Shoah (“pop-up suggests a temporary location, creating some excitement at that location and then rapidly disappearing). Through her efforts, the “pop-up” Holocaust museum was a one day exhibit of Holocaust photos, artifacts, narratives, speakers and film that were arranged for interactive experiences and display. Poster board displays were put
together by members whose families were affected by the Shoah. The theme was survival, with the hope that those who attended would be moved by the presentations and remember the lives of those who walked through challenging times with courage, valor and the very strong sense of what it meant to be a Jew. The synagogue was a beehive of activity that morning, with all students of our Hebrew school and their parents in attendance. The sanctuary was standing-room-only when our invited child holocaust survivor spoke. A short memorial service was held and holocaust-related books and booklists were displayed. For further questions or details, please contact Wendy at xmarxts@aol.com.

Montreal Chapter AJL
Submitted by Chaya Goldman

AJL-Montreal organized a program on March 14 at the Jewish Public Library for the Montreal launch of The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization. Dr. Joyce Rappaport, Senior Editor of the Project, spoke specifically about volume 10, published in 2012. Her powerpoint presentation included photos from the art and literature sections.

This volume introduces readers to the diversity of Jewish civilization since 1973. It also demonstrates the interacting of Jewish ideas and themes across continents and languages, revealing the trans-national character of Jewish life and cultural production.

We look forward to meeting again the fall when Zev Moses will introduce us to his Interactive Museum of Jewish Montreal.

New York Metropolitan Area (NYMA) Chapter
Submitted by Leslie Monchar

New Technologies Transform Our Schools and Libraries

How mobile is your library? This was the theme of the annual NYMA Day School Workshop held at The Moriah School, Englewood, NJ, on March 6, 2013. It proved to be a most enlightening morning for the librarians and educators who filled the room.

Rachel Kaminetzky, Middle School Technology Coordinator, The Moriah School, opened the program with Using iPads in the Classroom: Based on a Current Pilot Study at The Moriah School. Faculty and 6th graders were provided with iPads that are on loan (free) from the school. The iPads come with cases and are covered by an insurance policy for repairs. The student iPads are somewhat modified: for instance, they do not have a camera. Using a variety of software programs and apps, the iPads are used for note taking (ever note), filling out exercises (Doc As and/or Google Docs). Some textbooks are online and can be read on the iPad. Teachers had the iPads before the students and had informal training on their use; bi-weekly meetings and informal training sessions continue. The iPads seem to promote inquiry based learning, and makes it easier for teachers to differentiate among student needs.

The second speaker was Rabbi Benjamin Kramer, Teacher and Director of Educational Technology, Yeshivah of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School, Brooklyn, NY, where 9th and 10th graders and faculty are part of an iPad program. He also discussed the pros and cons of using iPads in the classroom. Some benefits include the fact that the technology is engaging and promotes creativity, collaboration, and research. It is fun to use. However, there is less control over the classroom environment using iPads as compared to using computers; an app called Jamf can implement some controls – for instance, it can control the hours of availability so that it won’t work on Shabbat. At Flatbush, iPads are used for note taking; a program named NearPod allows the teacher to see if a student is off task. Library Chair, Rachail Kurtz, has worked closely with the teachers involved and has incorporated iPad use into the library. There is a shortcut from the iPad to the OPALS catalog and the database page (through Jamf); usage of the online catalog has increased significantly. Other uses include ibooks, iphoto, and the teaching of research skills and digital citizenship (responsible use of technology). Rabbi Kramer discussed several apps and softwares that can be incorporated into classroom use of iPads.

Karen Ulric, School Library Media Specialist, Upper School, Golda Och Academy, West Orange, NJ, presented The Handheld Library: The Possibilities of iPads, Tablets, and Smartphones. Ms. Ulric began by reminding us that computers and all electronic devices are just tools, and as such can have both good
and not-so-good applications. While computers and iPads bring an overwhelming amount of information to our fingertips, it becomes more difficult for students (and adults) to identify credible sources. Students seek “instant gratification”, and tend to search fewer sources. Teachers rate their students’ research skills as “good” to “fair”. Ms. Ulric posed the question: how mobile is your library? The OPALS software does not yet work with iPad apps; e-books are expensive and limited, so she suggests using the public library for this format. Schools often find it difficult to control use and content with iPads and many are switching to Android devices which can be “jail broken” and are easier to control.

A huge advantage of mobile devices is that databases can be more easily and conveniently accessed. Both Gale and EBSCO have apps for mobile devices. There is also a TANAKAH app. Mobile devices can promote collaboration and communication. Students have google email accounts and can use Google apps for education, drop box, evernote and prezi. Students can text reference questions to the librarian via cell phone (if the librarian wishes to be “on call” 24/7!) Though all of this technology offers a wide range of wonderful possibilities for research and library skills, the key still remains publicizing the possibilities and encouraging our school communities to take full advantage of these new resources. Some things don’t change. It is still the librarian’s job to connect people with information - through library orientations, research lessons, and now by posting QR codes throughout schools. Ms. Ulric’s presentation may be found at: http://goo.gl/8T8z1

Thank you to Leah Moskovits and Rachel Glasser for once again coordinating a superlative Day School Workshop and to our gracious host, Shelley Feit, Librarian, and The Moriah School.

NYMA’s Reference Workshop was held on April 11th at The Ramaz Middle School. The program was devoted to the topic What Do Real Librarians Do in a Virtual World? Striking a Balance Between Print and Digital to Best Serve Your Patrons. Details will be in the next issue of AJL News (Sept./Oct. 2013).

**Southern California Chapter (AJLSC)**

*Submitted by Lisa Silverman*

In February, AJLSC enjoyed an evening at UCLA with David Hirsch, UCLA Librarian for Jewish and Middle Eastern Studies. David’s program, Reading Isaac Bashevis Singer in Abu Dhabi, which grew from David’s almost three years in Abu Dhabi as the chief librarian of, and advisor to, its National Library. David’s background prepared him for the post. He is fluent in Arabic, Hebrew and English, among many other languages. He studied or served as a fellow in Jerusalem, Cairo, Yemen and the United Arab Emirates.

David discussed the open culture of the Emirates. It was interesting to learn that there are no synagogues in any of the seven Emirates, but there are small but active communities of Jewish expats whose members feel comfortable and welcomed by the Arab populations there. The Jews living in Abu Dhabi are doctors, lawyers, engineers, educators, and business people from countries all over the world.

Even though there are no synagogues, there are several Jewish tombstones in the emirates and in Saudi Arabia’s Cemetery for Foreigners. As its name implies, it was established over 100 years ago for the burial of foreigners and Jews were among the early foreigners buried there. Today foreigners are not buried in the Cemetery for Foreigners.

In Abu Dhabi David found Judaic offerings in university and public libraries and book stores. One book store he visited was 68,000 square feet and its inventory included Jewish books in English and Arabic. The National Library in Abu Dhabi has an online catalog with 509 Jewish titles (the Jewish population is under 50 people!). When Ann Abrams, Librarian of Temple Israel, Boston donated Jewish books to the National Library, the Library sent an Arab courier service to pick them up for shipping. The National Library has even published one Jewish book in Arabic: The Adventures of Benjamin of Tudela.

Our chapter members were fascinated with David’s presentation and were proud that he is one of our long-time members.

[Editor’s note: David Hirsch was recently awarded the Dorothy Schroeder Award by the AJLSC, and the 2013 Librarian of the Year award by the Librarians Association of the University of California. See more on News].
AJL SCHOLARSHIP

The Association of Jewish Libraries is pleased to announce a scholarship of $1000 to a student enrolled or accepted in a graduate school of library and information science.

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"In order to encourage students to train for, and enter, the field of Judaica librarianship, the Association of Jewish Libraries awards a scholarship to a student attending or planning to attend a graduate school of library and information science. Prospective candidates should have an interest in, and demonstrate a potential for, pursuing a career in Judaica librarianship."

Information about the scholarships and the application form are available at: http://www.jewishlibraries.org/main/AboutAJL/AwardsGrants/StudentScholarship.aspx

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Scholarship Fund Needs Your Help

Previous winners of the AJL Scholarships for aspiring Judaica librarians have been and are still active in AJL and in the profession as a whole. We all know about the greying of our profession and the need for younger and able professionals to step up to the plate as we older ones retire or take on new challenges. The Scholarship Fund helps significantly in this regard. We offer up to two scholarships annually of $1000 each to students in Library and Information Science programs who demonstrate an interest in entering the profession as Judaica librarians. In order to insure that we will be able to continue to offer the scholarships, we need to raise some money for the Scholarship Fund. The main way we have of raising money is through our tribute cards and through straight donations. For a donation in the amount of your choice, we can send a tribute card to the person or people you designate. It is a thoughtful way of remembering or honoring someone you care about. Just remember to include all the relevant names and addresses with your donation and card request. You can also donate for no reason at all. Please send donations and card requests to:

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