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Association of Jewish Libraries

49th Annual Conference

June 22 -25, 2014

Las Vegas, Nevada

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) will hold its 49th Annual Conference at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 22-25th, 2014. Librarians, educators, archivists, scholars, authors and others will meet to share their interest in Judaica librarianship and related topics.



AJL is inviting proposals for papers and presentations on any aspect of Judaic librarianship or scholarship as it pertains to libraries, archives, museums, schools, synagogues and related institutions. Of special interest this coming year are topics relating to best practices and challenges in the field; development and fundraising; management of synagogue and day school libraries; collection development; volunteer management; readers advisory (especially adult fiction); library programming; technology, apps and ebooks; 21st century library design; cataloging and classification; core curriculum; Sephardic subject matter and RDA.

Submissions should include:

- Presenter's name, address, affiliation, telephone numbers and email contact.
- Brief biography.
- Title of proposed presentation.
- Summary of proposal.
- Specific technology or equipment requirements, if any.

All submissions must be received by December 1, 2013. Submissions can be sent electronically to susandubin48@gmail.com.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Program Planning Committee, which is composed of national and local AJL members. Notification will be made in January 2014.

AJL Online



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AJL Election Reminder

AJL will hold its biennial election in Spring 2014. In order to vote online, you must have a valid email address on file. To update your email in AJL's records, please log onto the AJL website at www.jewishlibraries.org to update your information (once logged on, click on Edit Profile, upper right corner). Your Hasafran subscription does NOT ensure that your email address is in our Membership records.

If you have difficulty logging on to the AJL website, please email Membership Chair Sheryl Stahl at membership@jewishlibraries.org.

Member News

Anne Dublin, co-editor of *AJL Reviews* and award-winning author, has signed a contract with Second Story Press (Toronto) for an historical novel for young people. *44 Hours or Strike!* tells the story of four teens caught up in the events of the dressmakers' strike in Toronto 1931. Their lives intersect in unexpected and sometimes violent ways. In addition, Anne's newest book, *Stealing Time* (Dundurn Press), will be released in May 2014. This time travel/historical novel for ages 12 and up is available for pre-order from Amazon, Chapters, or your favorite bookstore.

April Halprin Wayland's poem, "When Mom Plays Just for Me," from Myra Cohn Livingston's book, *Poems for Mothers*, appears on [Children's Poet Laureate Kenn Nesbitt's homepage!](#) April is a recent AJL member and the author of the Sydney Taylor Gold Book Award for her picture book, *New Year at the Pier – A Rosh Hashanah Story* illustrated by Stéphane Joris.

Danielle Lewis reports from the Joseph Alexander Library at Yeshiva University High School for Boys in New York City. This past spring, YUHSB was awarded a Legacy Heritage Library Upgrade/Media Center Challenge Grant. This grant enables the Joseph Alexander Library to upgrade and enfold technology into curriculum and instruction on all grade levels and all subject areas, from Talmud to Scientific Engineering. Projected renovations include modernization of main floor and a new conference room, quiet reading room, and a state of the art, multipurpose language lab and publications/video editing lab. Leading edge technology will give students and staff access to authentic, relevant information in formats that address the diverse needs of each unique teen learner. The school administration and Danielle are delighted to see the beloved Library emerge as a 21st century library media center that will sustain students as B'nai Torah, as critical thinkers, and as global citizens.

In August, Danielle had the opportunity to be a Fellow at the New York Public Library's Education Innovation Institute, designed to help teachers and librarians create Common Core-aligned learning experiences using the vast primary sources and resource databases of NYPL and other libraries. She nicknamed her research project "Grace Aguilar's American Journey" and, with the help of NYPL experts and colleagues, formulated a unit: "Teaching Social Studies and Information Literacy: NYC History in the Progressive Era through the lens of the Aguilar Library in East Harlem." The learning experience combines US History, Global Studies, Jewish Studies, Women's History, ELA, and ESL via Barbara Stripling's Inquiry model. It's Common Core and IFC aligned (<http://www.nypl.org/blog/2013/09/18/classroom-connections-grace-aguilar>).

Due to her participation in this Education Innovation Institute, Danielle was invited to Education Nation 2013's Teacher Town Hall and was interviewed by Jenna Bush Hager. Danielle was also quoted in Rocco Staino's *School Library Journal* article, "Libraries more visible at NBC Education Nation 2013 Summit" (<http://lnkd.in/bYxj87E>). It's been an exciting six months!

AJL to Work with ATLA and CLA on Preservation Grant

This press release was published on ATLA's website to announce collaboration with AJL and CLA:

ATLA RECEIVES IMLS GRANT TO EXPLORE PRESERVATION NEEDS IN SMALL THEOLOGICAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES LIBRARIES

Chicago, IL, September 27, 2013 - The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) has received a 2013 National Leadership Grants for Libraries Planning Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) in the amount of \$46,500. The grant will support the project, "In Good Faith: Collection Care, Preservation, and Access in Small Theological and Religious Studies Libraries," in partnership with the Catholic Library Association (CLA) and the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL).

During the grant period, the American Theological Library Association, the Catholic Library Association, and the Association of Jewish Libraries will assess the collection care, preservation, and access practices of small theological and religious studies libraries and begin to identify valuable and vulnerable collections held in these institutions. The centerpiece of the project will be a survey designed for and deployed to institutions that may not have previously been included in such studies. Existing standards and practices that help libraries respond to their unique circumstances will be promoted to the targeted libraries and at the same time the partners will communicate the challenges and opportunities faced by these libraries to the larger library and research communities. Finally, the project will explore collaborative initiatives to respond to identified long-term collection care, preservation, and access needs.

"In Good Faith" is an exciting project that will benefit the members of all three associations. Based on earlier research, we know that many small theological and religious studies libraries hold valuable unique special collections but lack the resources locally to preserve them and make them easily accessible to researchers. This project will begin to identify and inventory these collections and to seek solutions - before these materials are lost to scholars forever," said Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director.

National Leadership Grants for Libraries support projects that address challenges faced by the museum, library, and/or archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. IMLS offers grants to help make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive.

About ATLA

Established in 1946, the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is a professional association of nearly one thousand individual, institutional, and affiliate members providing programs, products and services for theological and religious studies libraries and librarians. ATLA offers a prestigious product line of electronic resources to support the scholarly study of religion and theology, including the ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®), ATLASerials® (ATLAS®) and ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index® (ATLA CPLI®). For more information visit <http://www.atla.com>.

About AJL

The Association of Jewish Libraries promotes Jewish literacy through enhancement of libraries and library resources and through leadership for the profession and practitioners of Judaica librarianship. The Association fosters access to information, learning, teaching and research relating to Jews, Judaism, the Jewish experience and Israel. To learn more, please visit <http://www.jewishlibraries.org>.

About CLA

Established in 1921, the Catholic Library Association is an international membership organization, providing its members professional development through educational and networking experiences, publications, scholarships, and other services. The Catholic Library Association coordinates the exchange of ideas, provides a source of inspirational support and guidance in ethical issues related to librarianship, and offers fellowship for those who seek, serve, preserve, and share the word in all its forms. To learn more, please visit <http://www.cathla.org/>.

About IMLS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow IMLS on Facebook and Twitter.

Chapter Chatter

Prepared by Toby Rossner, Chapter Relations Committee, November 2013

CRASH COURSE IN CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

Excerpts of a Presentation by Jean Job Lettofsky at the AJL Cleveland 2008 Convention

- **Inspiring a Shared Vision**
A good leader develops a passion for his/her vision for the chapter and the skill to have others relate to it by developing and articulating it clearly. He/she shows personal enthusiasm in expressing plans and ideas that is infectious to others.
- **Being a change agent with open ears and heart**
A leader should be able to be a change agent who knows how to stimulate motivation and commitment in other members, while listening to opinions and doubts of others in order to implement change with others, not against them. Change agents recognize when change is necessary. Searching for opportunities and seeking out fresh ideas can help a leader become a change agent.
- **Developing ownership among members, enabling them to act**
Every member needs to know that his/her contribution to a program or project is important and is valued. Thus, people will develop a sense of ownership. I recall, almost twenty-five years ago, when a retired librarian who was a member of my college library committee continually used her favorite phrase: "When I worked at X, we did it this way." I resolved at that time to never, ever use that phrase as a teaching tool — and I haven't.
- **Recognizing achievements and celebrating them**
Reward leaders who excel with honors and awards. Celebrating and recognizing positive contributions will have a positive impact. For those who do not like public acknowledgement, something private may suffice; just ask which they prefer.
It is also important to show appreciation for both individual excellence and group success. A confident leader will allow and encourage seasoned members to act as mentors to new recruits.
- **Exhibiting team-building abilities**
A leader who owns and exhibits these just-mentioned qualities is a team-builder. He or she intuitively embodies networking, communication, and interpersonal skills.
- **Managing Meetings**
Needless to say, if a leader cannot run meetings with a firm yet patient approach, these qualities will be somewhat dissipated. It is still possible for the leader to function face-to-face, both literally and electronically.

ATLANTA CHAPTER

Submitted by Stacy Brown

The Atlanta Chapter held their first meeting of the school year, hosted by The Davis Academy. We introduced new AJL members, discussed new Jewish library resources, book fairs, and additional topics of relevance. Attendees were from The Davis Academy, Temple Sinai, The Epstein School, Torah Day School, and more.

DON'T FORGET TO READ THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013 ISSUE OF AJL REVIEWS!
OVER 50 PAGES OF REVIEWS!

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER, AJL (LI-AJL)

Submitted by Wendy A. Marx, Chapter President

Our LIAJL programs are off and running. Our annual opening meeting was at Shimon Spirn's Enjoy-A-Book Club Bookstore. We learned that digital media is putting a slow end to print books. What else is new? Our November meeting will take place on a Saturday morning in a synagogue where the rabbi was a librarian before becoming a rabbi. We look forward to a book and author program sometime in December.

From *Sifria*: Newsletter of The Long Island Association of Jewish Libraries

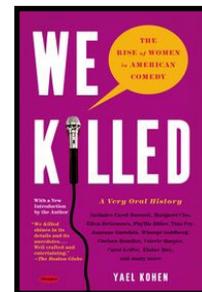
Joyce Levine, AJL Vice President for Publications and Librarian, North Shore Hebrew Academy High School, facilitated a workshop on October 24 at North Shore Hebrew Academy High School titled *Bring Your Library to Center Stage: Creative Ways to Capture the Attention of Your Patrons by Creating Library Website and Sharing Jewish Resources*.

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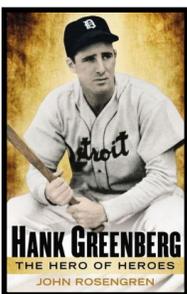
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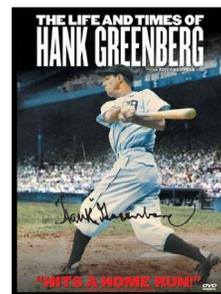
Over five hundred guests attended a talk by author and reporter Yael Kohen, author of *We Killed: The Rise of Women in American Comedy* on August 27 sponsored by The Henry & Delia Meyers Library and Media Center. This event is part of the library's Special Speakers Series and was included in the annual Stephen Gottlieb Family Festival of the Arts.



Ms. Kohen discussed the history of women stand-up comedians over the past fifty years. Her talk featured entertaining slides and video clips of Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner, Elayne Boosler, and Sarah Silverman.



The Library also co-sponsored An Intimate Evening with Hank Greenberg on September 22. Over 325 baseball fans attended. John Rosengren, author and biographer of *Hank Greenberg: The Hero of Heroes* and award-winning filmmaker Aviva Kempner, who showed never-before seen film clips of Kempner's anniversary edition of *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg*.



Contact Francine at fmenken@jccdet.org for additional information.

Library Accreditation

Attention Synagogue, School and Center Libraries:

The Association of Jewish Libraries Synagogue, School and Center Division (SSC) awards a certificate of accreditation, at Basic and Advanced levels, to libraries that qualify. Accreditation is encouraged to help libraries achieve a high professional level in accordance with the SSC guidelines and is an effective way to show your institution that your achievements deserve its support.

This year's deadline for applying is Friday, January 17, 2014 and the Accreditation Committee invites you to apply!

Application forms and information can be found on the AJL website, www.jewishlibraries.org under About AJL>Awards and Grants. You or your institution must be a member of AJL to apply. Any questions, please contact Leah Moskovits, Accreditation Chair (accreditation@jewishlibraries.org).

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.

Prospective candidates should have knowledge of and interest in Jewish Studies, and demonstrate the potential, ability and intention of pursuing a career in Judaica Librarianship.

"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>

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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