

## President's Corner: Famous last Words

*Dr. Yaffa Weisman,  
AJL President (2014-2016)*

So the time has come for my last President's Corner, and all bets are off...

What can I tell you about the collective "YOU" as I've experienced it in the past two years that will not sound like a tired cliché? What can I tell you about ME that you haven't already glimpsed from the previous corners?

Fact: the AJL is what it is because a small group of dedicated members (too small!) is working tirelessly, efficiently, and lovingly to ensure continuity, relevance and sustainability. I can't name you all, but you know who you are.

Fact: While WE have no doubt about our mission as gatekeepers of Judaica librarianship, we somehow fail to project this certainty and our roles as collectors, decipherers, transmitters and ambassadors of the Jewish experience and culture to our constituents and funders – sometimes to our own detriment.

Fact: If we are to survive as an association, we must re-envision our organizational structure and governance and make our work more fluent, efficient and transparent. This is one goal of our Strategic Plan that I haven't attended to as much as I would have liked to.

I also intended to address the issue of closures of synagogue libraries throughout the country...I intended to raise the number of our members by 10%...I intended to dispel the myth that librarians cannot be fundraisers ...

So why didn't I?

I could tell you that I chose to concentrate on our sustainability and visibility, which I mostly did, but this would be a partial answer; I could tell you that a life, two jobs, and interests other than AJL demanded their fair share, and this, too, would be part of the answer. But I did say at the beginning that all bets are off, so here is another fact that any leader has to contend with:

Fact: the true nature of the President's job is more that of a fire fighter than that of a sage visionary...this position is a testimony to the adage that the road to hell is paved with good intentions...

Every organization has its share of people whose actions and words are destructive, whether intentional or not, and AJL is no different. It may only take one or two, but putting out those fires takes efforts, energy, and the good work of caring members...and it is time consuming.

And this IS the "nechemta" at the end of my note, believe it or not – that we have enough good energy and good will to ensure that we fend off negativity and continue with our vision to sustain a world where reliable resources are made available in all formats and at all levels to anyone who seeks to study and understand the Jewish experience.

Finally, I would be remiss if I don't thank Amalia Warshenbrot, my VP and our next President, for all her work on behalf of AJL and her unconditional support of my work in these past two years. I am ending my term with the knowledge that Amalia will aim higher and achieve better than I ever did - not a bad "nechemta" for me either...

### AJL Online



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## WELCOME TO THE 51ST ANNUAL AJL CONVENTION!



We're looking forward to welcoming you to beautiful Charleston, South Carolina for our 51st Association of Jewish Libraries conference, to be held from June 19-22, 2016.

You'll find that Charleston is rich in Judaic and general history and culture. The [Charleston Marriott](#) is a comfortable and modern hotel that is located

in downtown Charleston. It has easy access to a variety of museums, shops, and other venues such as the College of Charleston. The Marriott will be the setting for many informative workshops, as well as interesting and vibrant conversation, networking and camaraderie.

The focus and theme of our conference this year is **Libraries of the Future: Innovate, Integrate, Motivate**. We hope that this conference will be highly productive and innovative in addressing current and future changes in libraries. Led by experts in their field, the Charleston conference's workshops will provide us with practical ideas to implement and much to think about as we move into the future.

We have scheduled exciting special programs such as a presentation by Bob Weil, commissioning editor at W.W. Norton, who started what seemed like a hopelessly ambitious project fifteen years ago. The recently published result of that effort – *The Complete Works of Primo Levi*, edited by Ann Goldstein with an introduction by Toni Morrison – has sparked a reappraisal of Primo Levi's life and work, not only as a witness to the twentieth century's greatest horror, but as one of its greatest writers.

We shall also learn about the digitized mapping undertaken by Diarna: The Geo-Museum of Jewish Life in the Middle East and North Africa, and planned by Dale Rosengarten and Harlan Greene from the College of Charleston.

We look forward to learning about and taking pride in all our colleagues' works and discoveries. We shall be entertained and uplifted by the music of Tim Sparks on the 'Oud and Rabbi Ovadia.' We shall sit around and sing and reconnect.

Please come! We are waiting for you!! More information on the [AJL Website](#).

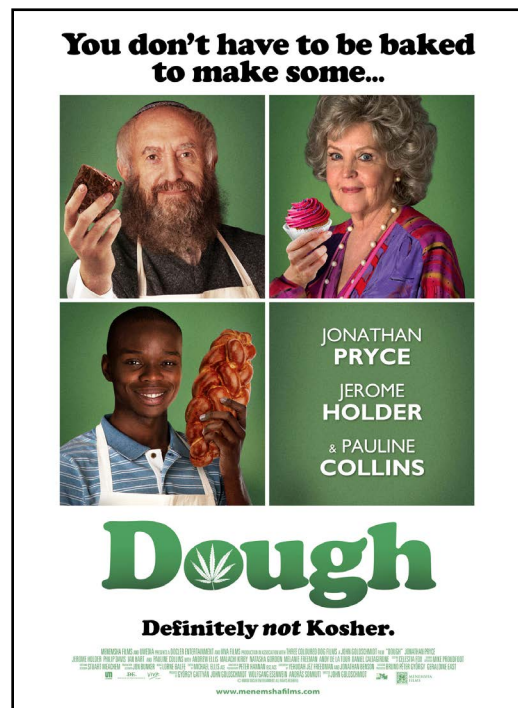
Take a look at the [Preliminary Program](#) online.

*Conference Co-Chairs: Shoshanah Seidman and Irene Munster*

## Now Playing in Theaters Nationwide and at the AJL Conference in Charleston

Attendees at the AJL Conference in Charleston will have the opportunity to attend an exclusive screening of the new film *Dough* on Monday evening, June 20 at 8:15pm.

Jonathan Pryce (*Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Game of Thrones*) and Pauline Collins (*Shirley Valentine*) star in this hilarious new comedy that shows you don't have to be baked to make some *Dough!* Curmudgeonly widower Nat Dayan (Jonathan Pryce) clings to his way of life as a Kosher bakery shop owner in London's East End. Understaffed, Nat reluctantly enlists the help of teenager Ayyash (Jerome Holder), who has a secret side gig selling marijuana to help his immigrant mother make ends meet. When Ayyash accidentally drops his stash into the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves and an unlikely friendship forms between the old Jewish baker and his young Muslim apprentice. *Dough* is a warmhearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places. UK, 2016; English; 94 minutes. Distributed by Menemsha Films, [www.menemshafilms.com](http://www.menemshafilms.com).



## AJL Elections end May 31, 2016

Posted by Heidi Estrin / "People of the Books" Blog

AJL elections had started on May 2, 2016 and will end on May 31, 2016. Once again, we are voting by electronic ballot. It's very important that we have up-to-date email addresses for all members. If your email address has changed, please contact our vice-president for membership, Sheryl Stahl at sstahl@huc.edu. Ballots were sent to all current AJL members by email on May 2nd. If you did not receive one, please contact Joy Kingsolver at 630-988-4726 or joy.kingsolver@gmail.com. If you need a paper ballot, please call Joy to request one.

### THE SLATE OF OFFICERS

[Note: The current VP/President-Elect, already in place, is Amalia Warshenbrot. She will become the President during the 2016 AJL conference in June.]

#### VP/President-Elect

Dina Herbert is the Coordinator for the Innovation Hub at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. She was previously the librarian for the Iraqi Jewish Archive project at the National Archives and has held positions at the JTS Library in New York and the SAIS Library in Washington, D.C. She's been active in AJL since 2012 and co-chaired the 2015 Silver Spring Conference. Dina has a B.A. in Ancient Studies from Columbia University and both a B.A. and an M.A. in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She received her M.L.S. from the University of Maryland. She lives with her husband and young daughter in Northern Virginia.

#### VP for Membership

Shulamis Hes manages print/digital resource integration and spending, including 400 databases and over 300,000 journals, for Yeshiva University's (YU) three libraries; and guides patrons in general and Judaic research. She develops tools and programs such as YUFind discovery service and The Last Minute, a marathon evening of research and writing assistance. Shulamis leads these patron-centered initiatives collaboratively with library staff, YU administration and faculty, and affiliated medical/law librarians.

#### VP for Development

Fred Isaac has been a member of AJL since 1991. He has served as SSC President and on the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee, and co-chaired the 2005 Conference in Oakland. He is the past librarian at Temple Sinai in Oakland and now is their historian and Archivist. He currently serves on the Board of the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay. When not involved in synagogue activities, he plays tennis, walks, and reads (preferably Judaica and crime fiction).

#### Treasurer

Pat Fenton is the Manager of Judaica and Public Services at the Ostrow Library of the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, and she teaches classes in rabbinic literature in the rabbinical school, the school of education, and the undergraduate college. A graduate of UC Berkeley and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Pat is a Conservative rabbi.

#### Secretary

Nancy Sack has been a member of AJL for the past 25 years. She has served the association as Newsletter editor, exhibits chair, conference co-chair, and web slave. She was a cataloger at Northwestern University for nine years before moving to Hawaii 14 years ago to work at the University of Hawaii.

#### SSC President

Kathy Bloomfield is the founder of forwordsbooks, a national Jewish book fair business. Currently, she is the Clergy Assistant at Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Bethesda, MD where she is also assisting with the revitalization of the Adat Shalom library. Her volunteer roles have included Temple President, Mikveh Guide, URJ Outreach Fellow, and member of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee. Kathy's website is <http://forwordsbooks.com>, where she writes about children's literature with Jewish values content.

#### SSC VP

Susan Kusel is the librarian at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, Virginia. She is also the children's book buyer and selector for Words bookstore in Maplewood, New Jersey and the owner of Dream On

Books, a book consulting company. She has been a librarian at Arlington Public Library, and a bookseller for Politics and Prose and Child's Play. She was a member of the 2015 Caldecott Medal selection committee and is currently a member of the Sydney Taylor Book Award committee.

### **RAS President**

Rebecca Jefferson has been a member of AJL since 2010, and since 2012 has served as a co-editor for the Adult Reviews section of the AJL newsletter. She has served also as the AJL RAS Vice President for two years between 2014-2016. As a librarian, Jefferson is responsible for the collection development and overall management of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida. Since 2015, she has been the Principle Investigator on a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant to refocus the Judaica Library as a regional center of excellence for Jewish resources from Florida, Latin American and the Caribbean. Jefferson holds a Ph.D. in Medieval Hebrew from the University of Cambridge. She previously worked as a research associate in Cambridge University Library where she was the bibliographer for the Cairo Genizah collections.

### **RAS VP**

Rachel Simon is a cataloger at Princeton University, and researches Jews in the modern Middle East and North Africa. She contributes regularly to AJL Reviews, has twice been a member of the RAS Cataloging Committee (chairs it once), as well as the RAS Bibliography and Reference Awards Committee, the Education Committee, and the By-Laws Committee. Rachel introduced the "Judaica/Hebraica T-shirt" activity at the AJL conference lunch. Among her recent scholarly contributions, she has been a section editor of the online edition of the Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World (Brill), writing several entries including those on Jewish printing and publishing and on Jewish journals. She also compiled an annotated bibliography on the Jews of North Africa for Oxford Bibliographies Online.

## **Updates from the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award Competition**

- The Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award Committee has exciting news. One of the Award's recent winners is days away from signing a contract for her winning manuscript. (All of the past winners have been women). Holiday House, a prominent publishing house known for its quality children's books, will be publishing *Viva, Rose!* by Susan Krawitz in spring 2017. The Competition's judges felt that the manuscript's unique setting and unusual characters were worthy of the Manuscript Award. The publisher must have seen those qualities, too.
- Come to the conference in Charleston for further information of the latest Sydney Taylor Manuscript success story and apply to become part of a committee that might discover the next great Jewish children's book.
- There is still an opening on the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award Committee. Applicants should have some background in book reviewing or similar experience and a familiarity with the goals and constructs of children's literature. The committee's duties consist of reading unpublished manuscripts, completing an evaluative rubric and writing evaluations of those manuscripts. The committee then deliberates via email to choose a successful candidate and winner of the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award. Committee members must be able to meet deadlines and must commit to thoughtful, detailed written evaluations. Manuscripts for consideration are accepted until September 30; a decision is reached by mid-January. The committee is especially interested in candidates from the Midwest, New England or outside of the US. However, anyone interested on serving on this committee is welcome to apply. Committee members must be members in good standing of AJL.

Further information about the award is available on the [AJL website](#).

To apply for membership on the STMAC please send a resume and 3 writing samples, preferably reviews, to [STMACAjl@aol.com](mailto:STMACAjl@aol.com).

## CHAPTER CHATTER

### AJL SOUTH CALIFORNIA (AJLSC)

*Submitted by Ellen Cole*

AJLSC is proud to salute members of its chapter for incredible contribution to AJL and Judaic Librarianship. We thank National President Yaffa Weisman for pointing these facts out in her February/March 2016 AJL News AJL President's Corner. Yaffa noted three items which put a smile on AJL finances for the first time in a long time. AJLSC members can take credit for two of these three. First is our dear, departed Chapter President, Judy Cohn z"l whose generosity enabled AJL to establish the new Judy Cohn Conference Stipend Fund to aid many to go to annual conferences. Second is the amazing zeal of AJLSC member Jackie Ben-Efraim whose Herculean work on the conference program ad revenue produced a tripling of income. In addition, we note the dedication of members Ellen Cole and Lisa Silverman for hours of reading as judges in the 2015 National Jewish Book Awards. As you read this we are honoring Jackie at our 2016 Dorothy Schroeder Award Program to celebrate her wonderful contributions to our chapter, national and our profession: details of the celebration next time. To supplement national stipends, AJLSC will award chapter sponsored grants to our members going to AJL convention in Charleston. Applications were posted on our AJLSC website. Winners will be announced at the Dorothy Schroeder celebration. Don't forget, our chapter is on Facebook. Look for "AJLSC" and "like" us. Visit our fabulous [AJLSC website](#) run by member Barbara Leff. We are current and interesting!



### AJL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER (AJL/CAC)

*Submitted by Yermiyahu Ahron Taub*

After hosting the 2015 AJL conference entitled "Yovel/Jubilee: Celebrating 50 Years of AJL!" in Silver Spring and Washington, D.C., the AJL/Capital Area Chapter (AJL/CAC) was pleased to conduct internal chapter business matters and organize two local programs for the membership. The chapter sustained a sad loss when co-president Marina Korenberg passed away after a grave illness. Co-president Galina Teverovsky filled out her term in very difficult circumstances. Aaron Taub was recently elected Chapter President, and Kathy Bloomfield was elected Chapter Vice-President. Holly Zimmerman continues to serve as Chapter Treasurer. The President thanked outgoing Co-Presidents Marina Korenberg, z"l and Galina Teverovsky for their service and Holly Zimmerman for her continued service to the chapter.

The first program was a January 10, 2016 talk by Professor Lisa Leff of American University regarding her recent prize-winning book, *The Archive Thief: the Man Who Salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust* (Oxford University Press, 2015). Leff's presentation focused on the enigmatic, controversial figure of Zosa Sjakowski, who brought countless documents relating to Jewish history out of Europe to various repositories chiefly in North America and Israel. Given the devastation following the Holocaust, the circumstances of this transfer were often quite murky, and Leff offered a nuanced, balanced analysis of Szajkowski's contributions to the field as both a historian, largely self-taught and working outside of academia, and zamler (gatherer of documents). This program was co-sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation and AJL/CAC and held at Adas Israel Congregation.

The second program was a March 8, 2016 tour of the exhibition "Hebrew Printing in the Orient" by Brad Sabin Hill, curator of the exhibition and the I. Edward Kiev Judaica Collection from which the exhibit items, many of which are quite rare, were selected. The exhibition presents books and typography from a vast non-western region, including the Far East, Central Asia, India, and the Middle East and includes works in languages such as Judeo-Arabic, Judeo-



Brad Sabin Hill, curator of the exhibition "Hebrew Printing in the Orient." Photo credit: Yermiyahu Ahron Taub

Persian, Ladino, Marathi, and Yiddish. Included are various biblical and Talmudic texts, one of the first books ever printed in Egypt, and Zera' Yitshak (Tunis, 1768), a Talmudic commentary, the first book in any language printed in Tunisia. This program was held at the Gelman Library of the George Washington University.

Many AJL/CAC members will be attending and participating in the upcoming AJL Conference Charleston, South Carolina in June. We are all looking forward to this event.

## JUDAICA LIBRARY NETWORK OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

*Submitted by Stephanie Gelb and Joy Kingsolver*

Rachel Kamin and Marcie Eskin of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El hosted the Jewish Library Network of Metropolitan Chicago on Sunday, February 21. It was an afternoon of Jewish children's books and we were lucky to have a special guest: gifted artist, Suzanne Raphael Berkson. Suzanne illustrated Isaac Bashevis Singer's story *The Parakeet Named Dreidel*, published as a picture book for the first time (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2015).

During her engaging presentation, she shared the amazing original watercolor illustrations along with the multiple drafts she painted for each page. She also revealed the incredible efforts she made to ensure the pictures were authentic; these included convincing both her husband and a young neighbor to model, and purchasing her own parakeet.

## NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA CHAPTER (NYMA)

*Submitted by Hallie Cantor and Rita Lifton.*

As NYMA celebrates its 30th year, the 2016 Winter Conference -- organized by Ina Cohen and hosted by Rina Krautwirth (NYMA co-presidents, along with Chaya Wiesman) -- delivered a hard-hitting message: These days, when visibility counts, not only must the library shout, "Hey there!" through social media and interactivity, but so too must the librarian.

The conference, held February 24th at The Jewish Theological Seminary, opened with greetings from Naomi Steinberger, Director of Library Services at JTS. JTS has closed its former Library building and moved into temporary quarters on the seventh floor of the Kripke Tower located on the JTS campus. Naomi went on to describe the new JTS Library currently in the planning stage with completion anticipated in four years. This new Library will contain state-of-the-art facilities that will expand access to its unparalleled collection of Judaica and Hebraica.

The first presenter, Nathan Rosen, Manager of Research & Knowledge Services, Herrick Feinstein and creator and manager of three LinkedIn groups -- spoke about "Hillel - Not Shammai: Learning LinkedIn on One Foot in only a Half Hour," in which he discussed how to best utilize this renowned platform of over 500 million users.

Mr. Rosen listed the "five commandments of LinkedIn profile development" i.e. ways to skillfully navigate the platform: create a complete, compelling profile; craft settings; connect to people you know; contribute -- give to get; and congratulate other people's success. Mr. Rosen's handouts included a bibliography of LinkedIn guides and resources, as well as various social media i.e. Twitter, YouTube, etc.

In "Sefaria: A Living Library of Jewish Texts Online," the second presenter, Daniel Septimus -- Executive Director of Sefaria -- showed alternate forms of sharing. Mr. Septimus described the digital initiative he launched in 2013 to create an infrastructure for the future of Jewish study and conversation. "Sefaria," he said, "is building the future of Jewish learning in an open and participatory way."

How does Sefaria differ from competitors like Bar Ilan? On Sefaria, commentary can be gleaned and arranged on the user's terms, not Bar Ilan's. Sefaria offers the following: access to text; access to translation; and liberation of text. Sefaria is open source and free for use. The official website can be found at <http://www.sefaria.org/>.

The final segment of the conference celebrated NYMA's history and a sea change, when 30 years ago an ad hoc committee evolved into the vibrant AJL chapter of today. In addition, the NYMA board paid tribute to Pearl Berger who, after 30 years at Yeshiva University, officially retired last summer. During those years Pearl served as Dean of YU libraries and aided in their incredible growth.

The audience, many of them staff from YU's Mendel Gottesman and Hedi Steinberg Libraries,

watched a PowerPoint presentation filled with YU and AJL archival items, among them photos of Pearl at her early days at YU and the first NYMA newsletter (Fall 1985), featuring an advertisement for Pearl's cataloging workshop – and an “exciting, new” *Hebrew word processor*.

The speaker, Edith Lubetski – Head Librarian, Hedi Steinberg Library, and herself first president of NYMA and past president of AJL -- reminisced about her relationship with Pearl that extended far beyond the library stacks. “Pearl was my boss,” she said, “but she has always treated me as a colleague, a friend. It is not only within the university that Pearl has achieved such standing,” Edith concluded. “As past president of both the Association of Jewish Libraries and METRO, she has earned the admiration of those who have worked with her.”

After being presented with a gift (bowl from the Jewish Museum) and a donation to Yad Sarah in her honor, Pearl herself spoke, ending with a final comment on NYMA: “I am proud to see its direction.”

NYMA's 2016 Day School Workshop, held on March 29th at The Ramaz Lower School, was organized by Haviva Donin Peters and Noreen Wachs (NYMA School Workshop Coordinators). After a welcome from Rabbi Eric Grossman, Ramaz Head of School, Esther Nussbaum, retired Head Librarian, Ramaz Upper School, spoke movingly in memory of Yael Penkower, former NYMA member, who had only just passed away (see last paragraph).

Presentations included: Haviva Peters, Librarian, Lower School, and Noreen Wachs, Librarian, Middle School, speaking about “Librarianship in the Digital Age.” Haviva compared traditional print books to e-books, and Noreen focused on the role of the modern librarian. Next, Steven Stotsky, Senior Research Analyst, CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), presented on “The Status of Curricula and Student Resources in Teaching about Israel and the Middle East: Empowering Librarians to Make Change.” This final presentation was followed by a tour of the new Ramaz Lower School Library.

Digital recordings of all presentations will be available in several months on NYMA's website, [www.ajlnyoma.org](http://www.ajlnyoma.org).

Finally, AJL-NYMA notes with sorrow the loss of one of its founding members. Yael Penkower, z"l, passed away on March 26th in Jerusalem. Yael was NYMA's first treasurer and went on to serve the chapter in various capacities. While Reference Librarian at The Jewish Theological Seminary, she gave memorable presentations at NYMA's annual reference workshop on such topics as rabbinic reference sources. Then, when Yael became the Librarian of Yeshiva of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School, she hosted and participated in NYMA's annual day school workshops. In the words of Noreen Wachs, “Yael was a friend to many of us and a great librarian.” We extend condolences to her husband, Professor Monty Penkower, their children and to the entire family. *Yehi zikhronah barukh/May her memory be blessed.*



Yael Penkower z"l in 1982, photographed by her brother-in-law Jordan Penkower (taken with permission from *Judaica Librarianship*, Vol. 19 (2016))

Editor's note: Yael Penkower contributed to the AJL Newsletter and *Judica Librarianship*. See also [Yael Penkower, 1945–2016](#) for Esther Nussbaum's eulogy on Mrs. Penkower in *Judaica Librarianship*, Vol. 19 (2016).

## AJL ONTARIO CHAPTER

*Submitted by Steven M. Bergson*

On May 15th, the [Ontario Chapter](#) of AJL with Community Partners [Miles Nadal JCC](#) and [TCAF \(Toronto Comic Arts Festival\)](#) presented an evening panel titled *Adapting Jewish Stories into Comics* at the downtown Toronto Jewish Community Centre. The panel brought together three of the artists whose comic artwork appears in *Jewish Comix Anthology*, as well as its editor (AJL member Steven M. Bergson). The artists are: [Liat Shalom](#) of Toronto (freelance animator / illustrator / graphic designer), [Ellis Rosen](#) of New York (illustrator of *Woundabout*) and [David G. Klein](#) of Brooklyn (writer & artist of *The Golem's Voice*). The panel was moderated by Keith Friedlander (Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Humber College).

# AJL General Membership Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2015  
Silver Spring, Maryland

Call to order: Vice-president Amalia Warshenbrot called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

## SSC

President Aimee Luree summarized the SSC division's activities over the past year and the challenges its members face (closures, layoffs).

## RAS

President Sharon Benamou reported on potential collaboration with AJS and continuing education.

## Exhibits and advertising

Jackie Ben-Efraim encouraged attendees to support our exhibitors.

## Membership

Sheryl Stahl announced that the website posters she had created are opposite the registration table, and she encouraged members to log in, update their profiles, add images, etc.

## Minutes of 2014 membership meeting

Marga Hirsh, outgoing secretary, read the minutes of last year's membership meeting.

Michelle Chesner moved to approve the minutes, Sharon Benamou seconded. The minutes were approved. An addendum will be made that the resolution to authorize virtual board meetings passed.

## New board members

Amalia announced new members of the board:

Jim Rosenbloom: national conference chair

Fred Isaac: vice-president for development

Debbie Feder: member relations and chapter outreach - Debbie described three kinds of initiatives: AJL local, AJL virtual, and one-to-one (mentoring)

Kathy Bloch: treasurer

Nancy Sack: secretary

## Treasurer's report

Debbie Stern, outgoing treasurer, reported the account balances at the 75% mark of the fiscal year, noting that income from the conference is reflected in the balance but conference expenses are not. She also reported that donations to the jubilee fund exceeded expectations.

## President's report

Yaffa Weisman, president, reported that AJL was looking into hiring consultants to help with grant writing and fund-raising. She thanked those who donated to the jubilee fund.

Marga reported for Shoshanah Seidman on arrangements for the Charleston conference in 2016. Yaffa offered our condolences to the families and friends of the victims killed in the attack at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

## Publications

Joyce Levine reported that Marlene Schiffman and Leslie Monchar will be co-editing a new edition of the title "Creating a Collection: A Resource Booklist for a Beginning Judaic Library."

Debbie Feder announced that she and Heidi Estrin will be collecting recordings of attendees explaining why AJL matters.

## Good & Welfare

Jasmin Shinohara (née Nof) is married.

## Adjournment

Michelle Chesner moved to adjourn. Sharon Benamou seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sack

AJL Secretary

## Volume 19 of *Judaica Librarianship* is now published!

The new issue of AJL's peer-reviewed journal is posted for AJL members on the JL site, at [www.ajlpublishing.org/jl](http://www.ajlpublishing.org/jl).



## Keep Up to Date with Hasafran

Hasafran is the electronic discussion list of the Association of Jewish Libraries. It was created in 1991 to provide a forum for the discussion of Judaica librarianship. The list is moderated by Joseph (Yossi) Galron, Jewish studies librarian at The Ohio State University. The views expressed in the list are the opinions of the participants and not necessarily the views of the moderator or of AJL.

To subscribe to Hasafran, please see instructions at

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A keyword-searchable [archive](#) of Hasafran messages posted since June 12, 2003 is now available.

## Scholarship Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY SARAH BARNARD, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

The AJL Scholarship Fund is languishing for lack of donations. That's a good thing if it means that no one has died or gotten sick in the last couple of months. It's a bad thing if it means that no one has been born, married, retired, had a birthday, published something, or had any other event worthy of congratulations.

Donations to the AJL Scholarship Fund help deserving students in Library and Information Science programs by providing up to two annual scholarships. Our profession really needs some new and younger Librarians who can take the place of those of us who are soon to retire. Can you think of a better way to encourage them than to help support their studies?

If you know of anyone who might want to apply for a scholarship, (\$1000 to a student enrolled or accepted in a graduate school of library and information science) have that person contact Tina Weiss, [TWeiss@huc.edu](mailto:TWeiss@huc.edu) or look at the [AJL website](#) to get the application and other information.

You can donate on the [website](#) or by check. If it is on the website, be sure to fill in the information about the occasion and the donor. It will get to me and I will send the tribute card. If you send a check, be sure to add your name and address or email and the name, address and reason for the donation for the tribute card. I look forward to hearing from you. Send check donations to:

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