

## AJL Anti-Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Policy

The Association of Jewish Libraries is dedicated to providing a safe and harassment-free environment for all of its conference attendees and has a zero-tolerance policy regarding harassment, intimidation, discrimination and retaliation. This includes inappropriate physical contact, unwelcome sexual attention, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination made on the basis of race, color, age, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, religion, class, body size, veteran status, marital/domestic partnership status, citizenship, religious observance, or any other marginalized identity.

The AJL Anti-Harassment Policy is applicable to all AJL events and all AJL venues, including conferences, Chapter meetings, and online interactions.

### Code of Conduct

All participants in AJL events and activities, including members, guests, exhibitors, presenters and volunteers, are required to comply with the following anti-harassment code of conduct. The AJL Anti-Harassment Policy prohibits harassment, including but not limited to the following behaviors:

1. Inappropriate physical contact.
2. Unwelcome sexual attention.
3. *Quid pro quo* – sexual harassment that occurs when one in an authority position requests sex or a sexual relationship in exchange for professional consideration or favors.
4. Deliberate intimidation, stalking, or following.
5. Unwelcome photography or recording.
6. Abusive verbal or written comments, such as: teasing, slurs, epithets, threats, threats, jokes, derogatory comments or drawings, or graphic comments about a person's body.
7. Sustained disruption of talks or other events.

Harassment does not include respectful disagreement or reasonable and respectful critique made in good faith. AJL continues to welcome and appreciate presentation of controversial ideas, free speech, and creative artistic expression. AJL encourages members to hold one another accountable to the Code of Conduct and to take the perspectives of others seriously when a disagreement arises.

### AJL Online



Visit the AJL Web site at <http://www.jewishlibraries.org>.

To subscribe to Hasafran, please see instructions at <https://lists.service.ohio-state.edu/mailman/listinfo/hasafran>

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## Reporting Procedures

Any person who believes there has been a violation of the AJL Anti-Harassment Policy can report the offense in one or all of the following ways:

- All AJL conferences will designate one or more Safety Team Members who will be available during the conference to provide a safe space for members to report an incident. The Safety Team Member(s) will be identified in the Program Book on the Anti-Harassment Policy page and introduced at the opening session of the conference. The Safety Team Member(s) will report directly to the President and/or Conference Chair in charge.
- AJL has a dedicated email address for reporting any incident of harassment. Anyone who chooses to report an incident can find the Anti-Harassment Report Form on the website (About > Anti-Harassment Policy) or use the following email: [harassment@jewishlibraries.org](mailto:harassment@jewishlibraries.org). Reports can be filled out anonymously or with identifying information. Reports should include the substance of the complaint, date, and whenever possible, a list of witnesses or a reference to the relevant URLs, if the offense occurred online. This email address will be monitored at all times, including during AJL events. AJL will fully investigate all complaints and take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to prevent a recurrence. AJL will make every attempt to respond to a named complainant in a timely fashion.

## Non-Retaliation

The AJL Anti-Harassment Policy prohibits retaliation against a member of the AJL community for reporting harassment, intimidation or discrimination, or for participating in an investigation relating to any complaint made.

## Investigations and Sanctions

AJL takes all allegations of harassment seriously. Every report will be investigated by a panel consisting of independent consultants specializing in issues of harassment. AJL will make every reasonable effort to conduct all investigations into allegations of harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of all parties. Notwithstanding the above, confidentiality is not absolute, and those with a legitimate business reason to know and be informed of the allegations will be so informed. Parties to the complaint are expected to treat the matter under investigation with discretion and respect the reputation of all parties involved.

The results of the investigation and the recommendations of the panel will be reported to the members of the Board, who will determine the appropriate sanction, in conjunction with the panel and/or, if deemed necessary and appropriate, in consultation with an independent arbiter (i.e. legal counsel, HR expert, etc.) Sanctions for AJL members, guests, exhibitors, presenters and volunteers may include any of the following:

- Warning the party involved that the particular behavior is inappropriate and must be ceased
- Immediate removal from the event
- Denial of access to AJL spaces and venues on a temporary or permanent basis
- Withholding of a contracted honorarium
- Prohibition from future speaking engagements
- Removal from AJL Board or AJL-Council, when appropriate
- Termination of AJL membership, without refund
- Prohibition from future AJL membership.

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# AJL Elections 2018

The election of officers for 2018-2020 will take place May 1-30 this year. All current members of AJL are eligible to vote. If your membership is not current, now is the time to renew! The election will be conducted via online ballot, using Survey Monkey. An email message with a link to the ballot will be sent to all current AJL members. This link is tied to your email address and can only be used once.

If you need to update your email address, please see "Update your profile." After you have updated your email address, please notify Joy Kingsolver at [joy.kingsolver@gmail.com](mailto:joy.kingsolver@gmail.com), so we can make sure your ballot is sent to the correct email address.

**Your vote is important to AJL! A link to your ballot was sent via email on May 1.**

## SLATE OF OFFICERS, 2018-2020

### Vice President/President-Elect - Kathy Bloomfield



Kathy Bloomfield is currently the AJL President-SSC. While she has held jobs at Pacific Telephone, Pacific Bell, the Los Angeles Zoo, BabagaNewz magazine, InterfaithFamily.com, Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh, the Union for Reform Judaism and the Wellesley Public School System, her passion is children's literature, especially secular literature with Jewish values content. She is the founder of forwordsbooks, a national Jewish book fair business. Currently, she is telecommuting from Seal Beach, CA to Bethesda, MD where she is the Clergy Assistant at Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation. Her volunteer roles have included Temple President, Mikveh Guide, URJ Outreach Fellow, and member of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee.

### VP for Membership - Sharon Benamou



Sharon Benamou is the Hebraica/Judaica and Music Catalog Librarian at UCLA. She has an MA in Musicology from UCLA and an MLIS from CSU San Jose. She is active in both AJL and the Music Library Association (MLA). In MLA she is the Jewish Music Interest Group coordinator and a member of the Education Committee. In AJL she has served as RAS President and Conference co-chair.

### VP for Development - Rebecca Jefferson



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 AJL RAS President (2016-2018). 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 raise funds 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.

## Secretary - Nancy Sack



I have been a member of AJL for the past 28 years. I've served the association as Newsletter editor, exhibits chair, conference co-chair, and copy editor for JL, web slave, and secretary. I was a cataloger at Northwestern University for nine years before moving to Hawaii 17 years ago to work at the university.

## Treasurer - Holly Zimmerman



I joined AJL in 2014 and served as treasurer for the Capital Area Chapter of AJL for three years, then became National Treasurer at last year's Conference. I work as a senior research editor at AARP Media, fact checking content for AARP The Magazine, the Bulletin, the web, and special projects. I have a strong interest in Jewish libraries, though my work is outside this field. I'm married, live in Silver Spring, Maryland, and have three grown children, who are in Baltimore, Los Angeles, and Givat Shmuel.

## SSC President - Emily Bergman



Emily Bergman has been a librarian for over 40 years and has volunteered to run her congregational library for the past 23 years as her gift to the temple. She served for 5 years as the AJL representative to the ALA Sophie Brody Award committee, which annually recognizes the best in adult, Jewish books for the general reader. Emily's paid work has included corporate, public, hospital, museum, and academic libraries. She has been very active in ALA for the past 35 years as well as local and other national library-related organizations. Her work at the temple allows her to take her varied experience to benefit all aspects of her temple library and add working with children, her best customers.

## SSC Vice President - Ellen Share



Ellen Share holds an MLS degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. She has worked for over 30 years as the librarian at Washington Hebrew Congregation-managing two libraries at the Temple in Washington, D.C. and one library at the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center in Potomac, MD. Ellen sees students of all ages in the library and strives to reinforce the religious school curriculum with their visits. For the adults in the congregation, she plans a yearly Jewish Book Month Shabbat celebration and runs an active adult book club which meets four times yearly. She has been active in the Association of Jewish Libraries and the local Capital Area Chapter. She was Co-Chair of 2015 Jubilee Conference. Ellen has given presentations at AJL Annual Conference, reviews books regularly for AJL Review, and served on the Scholarship Committee. She is passionate about fostering a love of reading books of Jewish interest among the young and old in the congregation.

## RAS President - Michelle Chesner



Michelle Chesner is the Norman E. Alexander Librarian for Jewish Studies at Columbia University. She is currently the Council Member-at-Large at AJL, and is the co-Director of Footprints: Jewish Books Through Time and Place, a digital project that tracks the movement of Jewish books in the hand-press period. She adapted “Codex Conquest: The Game of Book History” to create a Jewish book version, which teaches about the history of important Jewish imprints through the 19th century. Ms. Chesner is passionate about the past and future of Judaica libraries, and is working on various projects in this area. She compiled the first systematic list of digital humanities projects in Jewish Studies, and is the editor of a column reviewing digital humanities projects for Judaica Librarianship. She is a co-convenor of the Northeast Judaica Librarians Group, and was the Programming Chair of the New York City Conference in 2017. Chesner’s degrees are from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Long Island University, and New York University.

## RAS Vice President (2 candidates)

### Rachel Ariel



Born and raised in Israel, Rachel Ariel studied History, Political Science and Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Jewish Studies at the Hebrew College in Boston. Upon coming to North Carolina in 1994, Rachel became one of the two founding teachers of the new Jewish Community Day School of Durham-Chapel Hill (The Lerner School). Rachel taught Jewish studies and Hebrew and served as Director of Jewish Studies and as the interim Head of School.

Since 2006 Rachel has been the Subject Librarian for Jewish and Israel Studies at Perkins Library, Duke University. Rachel has curated two exhibits at Duke Libraries; “Illustrating the Hebrew Bible” (2010) and “Capturing the Moment: Centuries of the Passover Haggadah” (2016).

### Amalia Levi



Amalia S. Levi is an archivist and cultural heritage professional currently residing in Barbados. She is the founding director of *The HeritEdge Connection*, a non-profit organization dedicated to forging collaborations, connecting people, resources, and institutions through cultural heritage projects. Most recently, Amalia has teamed with the Barbados Archives and was awarded an Endangered Archives Programme grant through the British Library to digitize the historic newspaper *The Barbados Mercury*. Previously, she completed the archival processing and digitization of the records of the Synagogue Restoration Project in Bridgetown, Barbados. Amalia holds an MLS with a concentration in Archives, and an M.A. in History with a concentration in Jewish Studies, both from the University of Maryland; an M.A. in Museum Studies from Yildiz University in Istanbul, Turkey; and a B.A. in Archaeology and History of Art from the University of Athens, Greece. She has worked in museums, developing exhibits, and conducting archival research, and was the founding curator of the Jewish Museum of Turkey in Istanbul. She is co-editor of the book *Identity Palimpsests: Archiving Ethnicity in the U.S. and Canada*, and author of the book *Evanescent Happiness: Ottoman Jews Encounter Modernity - The Case of Lea Mitrani and Joseph Niego (1863-1923)*. Amalia is interested in augmenting historical scholarship on diasporas and underrepresented populations through linking and enriching dispersed collections through Linked Data principles and collections-as-data approaches.

## 2018 Reference and Bibliography Awards

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL SIMON

The Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards Committee decided as following regarding the Judaica Reference and Bibliography 2018 awards:

### Bibliography

David Hollander. *Legal Scholarship in Jewish Law : an Annotated Bibliography of Journal Articles*. Getzville, New York: William S. Hein & Co., 2017.

Honorable Mention:

Steven J. Weiss. *Pirke Avot: a Thesaurus: an Annotated Bibliography of Printed Hebrew Commentaries, 1485-2015*. Los Angeles & Jerusalem: The Dr. Steven J. Weiss Collection, 2016.

### Reference

Paul R Bartrop & Michael Dickerman. *The Holocaust: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

Honorable Mention:

Baker, Zachary M. "Resources in Yiddish Studies" In *Geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies*, [ingeveb.org/tags/Resources%20in%20Yiddish%20Studies](http://ingeveb.org/tags/Resources%20in%20Yiddish%20Studies).

Rachel Simon would like to thank the Committee members Amalia S. Levi, David B. Levy, Michelle Chesner and Shulamith Z Berger for their enthusiastic and thoughtful input.

## Call for Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award Competition Committee Members

SUBMITTED BY AILEEN GROSSBERG, CHAIR, SYDNEY TAYLOR MANUSCRIPT AWARD COMPETITION

There are two openings on the Manuscript Award Committee beginning in Spring 2018. Members may serve on the committee for five years.

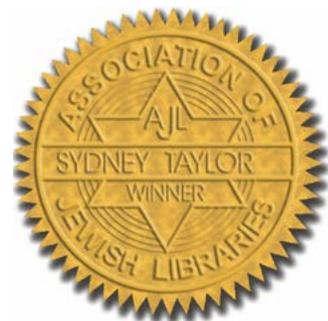
Interested AJL members should send a curriculum vitae highlighting experience with children's literature and two writing samples, preferably book reviews.

In addition to being AJL members, committee members must have expertise in Jewish children's literature and be able to meet firm deadlines. Committee members need not be actively working in a library setting.

The committee's charge is to select a work of fiction in English with universal appeal of Jewish content for readers aged 8 to 13 years, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The winning manuscript should reveal positive aspects of Jewish life.

The work of the committee runs from October 1 through mid-January.

Application for membership can be mailed to [stmacajl@aol.com](mailto:stmacajl@aol.com).



# Chapter Chatter

## AJL-ONTARIO

SUBMITTED BY ANNE DUBLIN

The aim of the Ontario chapter of AJL is to promote Canadian-Jewish literature, history and scholarship, and to provide a forum for Ontario librarians working in Judaica librarianship. In keeping with our mandate, we have developed a new website: <http://www.ajlontario.org>. Please check it out as a platform to exchange ideas and knowledge, discuss common concerns, and find peer support. Here you will find information about membership, programs, publications, and useful links. We look forward to your input. If you have suggestions or information you would like to share, please email [natalia.skripkin@gmail.com](mailto:natalia.skripkin@gmail.com).

## The 2018 Annual Conference in Boston

SUBMITTED BY JIM ROSENBLOOM, CONFERENCE CHAIR



The next AJL conference will be held June 18-20 at Temple Israel in Boston. We have reserved sleeping rooms at the Holiday Inn in Brookline, a half-mile from Temple Israel. Details about transportation and travel can be found on the AJL web site at <http://jewishlibraries.org/meetinginfo.php?id=19&ts=1518036032>. You can register for the conference and hotel on our site. You will also find the preliminary program schedule.

This is a special year for the Sydney Taylor awards. We are celebrating fifty years since the start of these awards. There will be a special body of work award presented at the Awards Dinner to

Harold Grinspoon and PJ Library. On the Sunday before the conference, the SSC Division is sponsoring a special community program at the Boston Public Library (a short train ride away from the hotel). Any AJL member who is already in Boston at that time is welcome to join the event.

Our keynote speaker is Dan Cohen, who was the founding executive director of the Digital Public Library of America. This online site contains a wealth of information of value to L-12 and academic librarians, as well as to lifelong learners.

We are cooperating with the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research for a session entitled *The Role of Individuals in Rescuing Vilna Collections*. In addition, Jonathan Brent, executive director of YIVO, will make a special presentation at our Wednesday lunch to Dainius Ulpis, whose father Antanas Ulpis hid and preserved after the war books that survived the Nazi plundering of the YIVO Institute in Vilna. We are honored to collaborate with YIVO in this special public recognition of the courage and dedication of Antanas Ulpis. You can see from our preliminary program the many interesting topics in our sessions. We will have an authors luncheon this year, to which we will invite children's and academic authors to join us at our tables. Since this is an AJL election year, at our annual business meeting we will install our new officers and Council.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Jim Rosenbloom, Conference Chair

<b>AJL Conference Boston</b>				
<b>Sunday Pre-conference 6/17/2018</b>				
Sunday afternoon time TBA	<b>Board Meeting</b>			
2:00 - 4:00	<b>Sydney Taylor Book Awards at 50 .</b> A family event open to the public at the Boston Public Library			
Sunday evening time TBA	<b>Council Meeting</b>			
<b>Monday 6/18/2017</b>				
9:00-5:00	<b>Registration</b>			
9:00-10:30	Judaica Librarianship Board	Accreditation Committee	OCCL Update	
10:30-12:00	RAS Cataloging Committee	Newcomer's Welcome	Bibliographers Meeting	
11:00-6:45	<b>Exhibits</b>			
12:15--1:45	<b>Lunch Keynote Speaker Dan Cohen</b>			
	<b>1-A</b>	<b>1-B</b>	<b>1-C</b>	<b>1-D</b>
2:00-3:30	<b>Jewish Children's Literature:</b> Joanna Sussman From Golda Meir to Gal Gadot: Jewish Wonder Women in Children's Literature; Megan Dowd Lambert The Whole Book Approach	<b>Supporting the Creative Mind: How a Librarian's Research Strengthens an Author's Imagination</b> Anita Diamant, Rich Michelson	<b>Social Justice and Jewish Children's Books</b> Elissa Gershowitz moderator, Shoshana Flax , Liz Phipps Soeiro, Hillary Saxton, Jenny Silverman	<b>International Archives:</b> Linda Levi New Resources of the JDC Archives of Interest to Librarians; Dina Herbert Having a Nosh with SNAC (Social Networks and Archival Context) ; Surella Seelig Transnational Archival Collaboration: Connecting the Past, Present, and Future of Global Feminism
3:30-3:45	<b>Break</b>			
	<b>2-A</b>	<b>2-B</b>	<b>2-C</b>	<b>2-D</b>
3:45-5:15	<b>Israel and Judaica Section of the Library of Congress Update</b> Haim Gottschalk, Yisrael Meyerowitz, Gail Shirazi, Aaron Taub, and Galina Teverovsky	<b>Where are the Jewish middle grade books?</b> Catriella Freedman, Director, PJ Our Way Madelyn Travis, PJ Our Way Book Selection, editor, journalist, and children's literature consultant Miriam Newman, Editor, Candlewick Press Laura Toffler Corrie, Young Adult and Middle Grade Author	<b>A Conversation with Roger Sutton and Leslea Newman with previous and current Sydney Taylor winners</b>	<b>Jews in Central and South America:</b> Amalia S. Levi Tracing the Jews of Barbados: Archival Dispersion and Digital 'Repatriation' ; Rita Saccal Sephardim in Argentina, their history and the history of the main Sephardic Institution, the CIDICSEF (Cidicsef-Centro de Investigacion y Difusion Cultura Sefardi - Research and dissemination of Sephardic Culture
	<b>3-A</b>	<b>3-B</b>	<b>3-C</b>	<b>3-D</b>
5:30-7:00	<b>CoLAB at AJL: A "Speed-Dating" Workshop to Discover Hidden Assets and Potential Partnerships</b> Bess de Farber and Rebecca Jefferson	<b>SSC Roundtable</b> Kathy Bloomfield moderator		
<b>Dinner on your own</b>				

# Preliminary Conference Schedule - Tuesday (updated march 2018)

<b>AJL Conference Boston</b>				
<b>Tuesday 6/19/2018</b>				
7:30-8:45	<b>Breakfast</b>			
9:00-5:00	<b>Registraton</b>			
9:00 - 12:30 2:30-5:00	<b>Exhibits</b>			
	<b>4-A</b>	<b>4-B</b>	<b>4-C</b>	<b>4-D</b>
9:00-10:30	<b>Updates from the National Library of Israel</b>	<b>History as inspiration for storytelling</b> Norman Finkelstein Knowing What Young Readers Don't: Filling Jewish Holes in Their Knowledge of American History ; Sydelle Pearl How a Milk Can Changed My Life: An Author's Journey: Lisa Schulman - Why Truth in Fiction Matters	<b>The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winners Through an Academic Lens</b> Elissa Gershowitz, Cathryn Mercier	<b>Library Collections:</b> Nanette Stahl; The history and contents of the Alexander Kohut Collection of Judaica Yale University Warren Klein, Rabbi Deborah Prinz; Book 'Optioned' for Museum Exhibition: Crossing Boundaries of Venue, Lenders, Content and Theme; Ilana Tahan Digital advances - Phase 2 of the British Library's Hebrew Manuscripts Digitisation Project (HMDP2)
10:30-10:45	<b>Break</b>			
10:45-11:30	RAS Meeting		SSC Meeting	
11:30-12:15	General Membership Meeting & Inauguration of new officers			
12:30-2:30	<b>Lunch: Authors lunch</b>			
	<b>5-A</b>	<b>5-B</b>	<b>5-C</b>	<b>5-D</b>
2:45-4:15	<b>Collections at Univ. of Michigan</b> Elliot H. Gertel Portal of Hope: The Elazar Troppe/Hoffman Family Library of Petah-Tikvahabilia at Michigan; Gabriel Mordoch, Dave Harris, Elliot H. Gertel The correspondence of Bracha Fuld (Berlin, 1926 - Tel Aviv, 1946) in the Netzorg Family Papers collection at the University of Michigan Bentley Historical Library	<b>Libraries Collecting Artifacts:</b> Ravit David Imaging the story of European Synagogues in Postcards, 1910 – 1940; Amira Eran The main features of the kibbutz Passover Haggadah collections; Haim Gottschalk The Home Library – Provenance and reading habit	<b>Meet The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winners</b> moderated by Susan Kusel	<b>Tools for Identifying and Cataloging Collections:</b> Jackie Ben-Efraim Identifying and Preserving Media Collections; Michelle Chesner Footprints Redux: Utilizing Collaboration to Build Strong Projects; Marlene Schiffman NACO after 25 Years: The Yeshiva University Experience
4:15-4:30	<b>Break</b>			
	<b>6-A</b>	<b>6-B</b>	<b>6-C</b>	<b>6-D</b>
4:30-6:00	<b>Archives and War:</b> Harriet Feinberg Theft and recovery: The fate of Rosa Manus'feminist archive in the context of Nazi looting of archives and libraries in the Netherlands; Monika Biesaga Bibliocaust survivors – the fate of the Jewish book collections in Poland after 1945; Shulamith Berger The Great War: World War I in the collections of the Yeshiva University Libraries	<b>Librarians and Media:</b> Amanda (Miryem-Khaye) Seigel "My Life": Bertha Kalich, Found in Translation; Ellen Share Their Love of children; David Levy Reel Jews	<b>A Presentation by Members of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee</b> Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee members, moderated by Susan Kusel	<b>Digitizing Archival Collections</b> Michael Kent Digital Public Lab, Library and Archives Canada; Arthur Kiron Judaica Digital Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries; Digital Projects at the National Library Israel
6:15 - 8:00	<b>Dinner Awards</b>			

AJL Conference Boston				
Wednesday 6/20/2018				
7:30-8:45	Breakfast			
9:00-1:00	Registration			
9:00-12:00	Exhibits			
	<b>7-A</b>	<b>7-B</b>	<b>7-C</b>	<b>7-D</b>
9:00-10:30	<b>European Libraries and Institutions:</b> Zilvinas Beliauskas Vilnius Jewish Public Library's Role in Modern Lithuanian Identity Building -- from Exclusive to Inclusive ; Robin Nobel Rothschild Foundation support for European Libraries; Rebecca Landau Revitalization of Jewish Monuments in the Czech Republic: A Tour of Preserved and Restored Sites	<b>Harvard Joint Judaica Digital Projects Chair and Moderator:</b> Roberta Newman ; Charles Berlin Violet Radnofsky ; Laurel Wolfson (HUC) ; Rivka Topf-Mazeh (NLI)	<b>Poetry Reading and Discussion</b> Participants: Jennifer Barber, Deborah Leipziger, Eve Rifkah, and Yermiyahu Ahron Taub.	<b>Library Policies:</b> Kathleen Bloomfield Workshop: Advocating for Your Library: What Your Board Wants to Know; Amy Pattee Workshop: Statements of Value: Library Collection Development Policies
10:30-10:45	Break			
	<b>8-A</b>	<b>8-B</b>	<b>8-C</b>	<b>8-D</b>
10:45-12:15	<b>Engaging with Art:</b> Rachel Ariel Bringing Israeli art to America: The unique story of Kathryn Yochelson; Debra Band Words, Color and Gold: Illuminating Jewish Values through Engaging with Jewish Art; Elena Hoffenberg Crying over Spilled Ink: A Century of John Singer Sargent's "The Synagogue" in the Boston Public Library	<b>Stories to Savor: a Presentation by the AJL Jewish Fiction Award Committee:</b> Rachel Kamin, Roz Reisner, Yermiyahu Ahron Taub, and Rachel Kadish, the winner of the 2018 AJL Jewish Fiction Award	<b>The Role of Individuals in Rescuing the Vilna Collections</b> Chair and Moderator: Roberta Newman, Presenters: Prof. David Fishman, Lara Lempert, Sarah Ponichtera, Lyudmila Sholokhova	<b>Israeli Literature</b> Ruby Namdar discusses his award winning Hebrew novel Ruined House set in New York; Michlean Lowy Amir In the Hebrew Literary Tradition? Israel's Great Authors Write Also for Children and Young Adults
12:30-2:15	Lunch Fannie Goldstein Awards YIVO award ceremony			
2:30-3:30	Conference recap			
	Tours			

# AJL Membership Meeting

SUBMITTED BY NANCY SACK, AJL SECRETARY

NEW YORK, NY, JUNE 20, 2017

President Amalia Warshenbrot called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm.

Amalia thanked Jim Rosenbloom and Michelle Chesner for their contributions to the conference. Michelle recognized Yoram Biton and Hebrew Union College for hosting the event; Elana Gensler, for compiling the program book; Marcie Eskin for managing registration; Eliza Stabler for coordinating volunteers at the registration desk; and Kathy Bloomfield, Susan Kusel, and Heidi Rabinowitz for arranging the SSC programming.

Amalia noted that the experiment to separate the hotel and the meeting space was successful.

Vice President/President-Elect Dina Herbert read highlights of the minutes from 2016. Kathy Bloomfield moved to approve the minutes and Debbie Feder seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Amalia recognized the board and council, and the two division leaders, who summarized their meetings.

## **SSC Report (Kathy Bloomfield)**

The Groner-Wikler Award went to Annette Goldsmith. Accreditation was awarded to 15 libraries. No Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award was given this year. All winners of the Sydney Taylor Book Award (STBA) will be present at the awards dinner. Susan Kusel is the new chair of the STBA Committee.

## **RAS Report (Rebecca Jefferson)**

Littauer funding is ending. Award funding from Eric Chaim Kline and Greta Silver for the reference and bibliography awards will each be increased to \$1500. A new adult fiction award will be funded by Dan Wyman. It is too late to propose a presentation at the World Congress of Jewish Studies for this year; the next meeting is in four years. David Hirsch, the new international liaison has been in contact with organizations and individuals around the globe.

The VP for Development position is open. The board and council have approved hiring someone to help with the fundraising effort for conference support, JL, and webinars. The person hired will also help with marketing AJL on social media.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm.

## **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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You will receive a confirmation message.

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# Scholarship Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY SARAH BARNARD, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Scholarship Fund needs help. We gratefully accept donations which can be in memory or in honor of someone. We will send a tribute card (or several). Please include the following information with your donation: your name and address, the name(s) and addresses of the recipient(s) of the tribute card, the reason for the tribute and your email address in case there are questions. Send check donations to:

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