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**The Association of Jewish Libraries Announces  
the 2022 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Award Winners**

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) encourages the publication of outstanding works of Judaica reference and bibliography through its annual awards.

We are pleased to announce the following awards:

- Bibliography award: Heller, Marvin J. *Essays on the Making of the Early Hebrew Book*. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2021.
- Reference award: Avrutin, Eugene M. and Elissa Bemporad, eds. *Pogroms: A Documentary History*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.
- Honorable mention, Bibliography: Cohen, Dov. *Thesaurus of the Ladino Book 1490-1960: An Annotated Bibliography* (אוצר הספרים בלאדינו 1490-1960: ביבליוגרפיה מחקרית מוער). Jerusalem: Ben Tsevi Institute, 2021.

This year's awardees exemplify AJL's mission to foster and promote access to information, learning, teaching, and research. The awardees will be honored at a virtual event on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 9:00 am Pacific/noon Eastern.

In *Essays on the Making of the Early Hebrew Book*, Bibliography awardee Marvin Heller discusses topics ranging from title page motifs to Hebrew presses for a comprehensive overview of early Hebrew printing. The essays and supporting archival evidence that constitute *Pogroms: A Documentary History* cast new light on the history of anti-Jewish violence in the Eastern European borderlands. And *Otsar ha-sefarim be-ladino: 1490-1960 (Thesaurus of the Ladino Book)* is a monumental work that should be included in any library supporting Sephardic studies.

For their commitment and continuing support of these awards, AJL would like to recognize and thank Dr. Greta Silver of New York (Reference Award) and Mr. Eric Kline of Santa Monica (Bibliography Award). AJL would also like to thank Reference & Bibliography Awards committee member Haim Gottschalk for his generous contribution to the awards this year.

### **About the Association of Jewish Libraries**

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