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The Association of Jewish Libraries Announces
Digital Conference 2023: A World of Possibilities, June 19–22, 2023


While AJL provides professional development opportunities and resources throughout the year, the annual conference offers members and bibliophiles of all stripes a special opportunity to network, share knowledge informally, and hear from experts and authors in the broader fields of Jewish children's, young adult, and adult literatures; Judaic and Hebraic studies; library, archival, and museum sciences; digital collections and humanities; Jewish education at all levels; Jewish languages and literature; Israel studies; and other relevant areas of academic and professional pursuit.

Conference presenters also include AJL's own membership, comprising leading professionals in synagogue, school, center, and public libraries and research, archives, and special collections in the Americas, Europe, Israel, and beyond. AJL's membership, conference attendees, and supporters also include booksellers, library systems vendors, and authors. Additionally, distinguished scholars, writers, and professionals in a variety of related fields will be joining the conference to share their expertise.

The theme of the 2023 Digital Conference is “A World of Possibilities,” and the conference will feature an array of presentations highlighting new ideas, programs, and systems that emerged from the challenges and adaptation of services in recent years, including:

- Digital humanities projects
- Metadata collections and standards
- New discoveries in the history of books and libraries
- New Judaica programming or collection areas in Jewish studies
- International collaborations possible in the virtual era
The conference will feature a keynote address by Dr. Christopher Silver, founder of Gharamophone.com, a website dedicated to preserving North Africa’s Jewish musical past, and the Feinstein Lecture by Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich, author of Discovering Second Temple Literature: The Scriptures and Stories That Shaped Early Judaism (2018), which received the 2019 AJL Judaica Reference Honor Award.

The cost of attending the conference is $180 for AJL members, $90 for retirees, and $40 for students (includes AJL membership through 9/30/2024). The cost for non-AJL members is $290. Members, including students, are also invited to apply for conference support funding (https://jewishlibraries.org/conference-support) to help offset the cost of registration. In addition, please see https://jewishlibraries.org/membership for information about the subsidized MLIS student membership rate, and see https://jewishlibraries.org/student-scholarship-award for information about student scholarships.

About the Association of Jewish Libraries

The Association of Jewish Libraries, the leading authority on Judaic librarianship, is an international, professional organization that fosters access to information and research in all forms of media relating to all things Jewish. The Association promotes Jewish literacy and scholarship and provides a community for peer support and professional development. For more information, visit www.jewishlibraries.org.

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