BRANCHING OUT: EXPANDING YOUR REACH BEYOND THE LIBRARY WALLS

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Description: Cultivating and nourishing community partnerships promotes your library and broadens your influence. Hear how programming within your library and out in the greater community generates support and creates long-lasting relationships.

Jessica Fink began her career as an educator at the University of Florida, where she received her degree in elementary education. She continued her education at the University of Pennsylvania, earning a master’s in elementary education. She taught in Philadelphia until she moved to New York City to complete a master’s in library science at The Pratt Institute, while also teaching at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. After settling in Baltimore, Jessica taught at the Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community Day School and later became the librarian at the Louise D. and Morton Macks Center for Jewish Education. In 2022, the CJE Library became its own program under the Associated and Jessica became the first Executive Director of the “new” Jewish Library of Baltimore.

Sonia Kozlovsky, a life-long Baltimorean, has been working in the library field since being a student at the Baltimore Hebrew College. She earned degrees in history and Jewish history and began her library career at the Baltimore Hebrew College (University). She went on to become the librarian at Krieger Schechter Day School in Baltimore for 37 years. Sonia is now the Community Librarian at The Jewish Library of Baltimore, continuing to work with children and for the needs of the Baltimore Jewish community.

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