JUDAICA LIBRARIANSHIP AT FORTY: AN AJL CELEBRATION

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Description: In the closing program of the 2023 Digital Conference, we will celebrate forty years of *Judaica Librarianship*, the peer-reviewed journal of the Association of Jewish Libraries. Founding editor Bella Hass Weinberg, past editor Zachary Baker and current editor Rachel Leket-Mor will discuss their distinct contributions to the journal, reflect on the changes that the journal went through since it was established in 1983 and comment on editorial processes and publishing trends. Stick around for a Kahoot! Judaica Librarianship trivia game.

Bella Hass Weinberg is the founding Editor of *Judaica Librarianship*, to which she contributed many articles and reviews. She served for many years as Associate Librarian at YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, where she also taught courses on Hebraica and Judaica Cataloging. Dr. Weinberg chaired the development of the Hebraic character set for the Research Libraries Information Network, which is now used in OCLC and Unicode. Professor Emerita of the Division of Library and Information Science at St. John’s University, her current research focuses on the history of Hebrew indexes and concordances. She also does translation of Hebrew and Yiddish texts.


Rachel Leket-Mor started her editorship tenure of *Judaica Librarianship* in 2012. She transferred the journal from print to electronic publishing, which facilitated the standardization of the peer review process and the move to a delayed open access publishing model. In 2020, she moved *Judaica Librarianship* to the Open Journal Systems platform and transformed it into a full open access journal. This year, she has led an AJL volunteer team in a project to upload the remainder of the journal’s back issues, following prior success with making volumes 9 - 16/17 available online. Rachel is the Jewish Studies librarian and open stack collections curator at Arizona State University Library.