THE JEWISH LIBRARY HANDBOOK: UPDATE ON THE NEW EDITION

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**Description:** *The Jewish Library Handbook*, which has been helping AJL members for over 40 years, is currently going through its latest revision. Get a sneak peek of what is included and hear from the contributors as they explain how they take advantage of the knowledge contained in the handbook in their own library’s use.

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