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FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 20, 1988

The Fall Conference will be held at the New York Public Library on October 20th, 1988 at 1:30 pm.

The Conference will focus on the exhibit "A Sign and A Witness: 2000 Years of Hebrew Books and Illuminated Manuscripts." A special tour of the exhibit will be available for conference attenders. Leonard Gold, of the Hebraica Department, New York Public Library, will give an introductory talk about the exhibit.

The exhibit "A Visual Testimony: Judaica from the Vatican" will also be on view at this time. Phil Miller, Librarian, HUC-JIR, will speak about this exhibit.

Registration for the conference is \$10 for AJL-NYMA members and \$12.50 for others. Attendance is limited to 60 participants. We therefore urge you to register for the conference as soon as possible by contacting Marion Stein at 914-948-3111.

NEW POSITIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The following new staff changes have come to our attention:

Linda Aschkenazy has become Acquisitions Librarian and Hebrew Cataloger at Cardozo Law School Library.

Beth Braunstein has become Librarian at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School.

Avi Kempinski was appointed Cataloger at the Jewish Theological Seminary Library.

Zivya Seligman joined the JTS staff as Hebrew Cataloger.

Good Luck to all the new employees!

NATIONAL AJL MEETINGS

The forthcoming annual conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries will take place in Washington, DC from June 18th to 21st. This will be in conjunction with the Smithsonian Centennial Celebrations.

The 1990 national AJL convention will celebrate the 25th anniversary of our organization. This celebration will take place in Jerusalem, Israel from July 3-5, 1990. Please try to plan to join us there.

We will keep you posted with further information on these conferences.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Fall Cataloging Workshop

The Fall cataloging Workshop of AJL/NYMA will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 1988 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm at Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street. Please send in suggestions for the agenda, as well as comments, questions and problems, in advance to the workshop coordinators. Only problems and questions submitted in advance will be considered.

Submit all items to: Tzivia Atik, Jewish Theological Seminary Library, 3080 Broadway, New York, Ny 10027, tel:212-678-8092 or Shulamith Berger or Rebecca Dassa, Pollak Library, Yeshiva University, 500 West 185th Street, New York, NY 10033, tel: 212-960-5378.

YIVO Celebration

"Fifty Years of the YIVO Library in America" will be celebrated at a reception and special session in conjunction with YIVO's annual conference, which is devoted to "Kinship, Mobility and Community Among Contemporary American Jews." The program will take place at YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 1048 Fifth Avenue (86th Street) , New York City., on Sunday, October 16, 1988, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Speakers will include the past and present head librarians of YIVO, Dina Abramowicz and Zachary Baker; Prof. Henry Feingold (Baruch College, CUNY) who will present the scholar's point of view; and YIVO's Consulting Librarian, Dr. Bella Hass Weinberg, who will chair the session.

The Judaica library community is invited to attend. For further information, contact Pamela Brumberg, Conference Coordinator, at 212-535-6700.

Synagogue Librarians Programs

On Sunday, November 6th the Synagogue Librarians Group will meet at Temple Ahavat Shalom in Brooklyn to discuss current acquisitions.

The Synagogue Librarians Workshop will take place on January 8th, 1989 at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. "Up the Library" is the title of the program.

For further information please contact Salome Cory, Synagogue Libraries Coordinator at 744-1400.

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met on September 15th at the Jewish Theological Seminary Library. Planning of future events and setting the 1988-89 calendar were discussed. Among the ideas for future conferences were suggestions to discuss library fund raising efforts.

AJL- KANSAS CITY -- JUNE 19 - 22, 1988

The 23rd annual convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries was held in Kansas City, Missouri this past June. The large group of Judaica librarians with profound interest in their profession and in the world of Jewish books, the exchange of information and the warmth shown to each other was quite impressive. Both the organization of the conference and the pleasant surroundings enhanced the atmosphere.

Most of the lectures and discussions were divided into the two divisions--SSC (Schools, Synagogues and Community Centers) and RS (Research Libraries) both divisions had full schedules. The highlight of the conference was the visit to the Harry S. Truman Library. A special display of documents and memorabilia was prepared for us dealing with President Truman's relations with the State of Israel.

Among the RS sessions which were most useful was the report given by John Eilts of RLIN regarding their new Hebrew capability; the talk by Rosalie Katchen, of Brandeis, on the implementation of Hebrew Cataloging at Brandeis University; and discussion at the CARJS meeting which dealt with recruiting new Judaica Librarians among library school graduates. New committees were chosen and plans for next years conference in Washington, DC and the 25th conference in Jerusalem were discussed. An awards dinner and a very moving ceremony installing new ALJ officers was a fitting finale to the conference.

Submitted by Bracha Weisbarth

SPRING 1988 CATALOGING WORKSHOP

The NYMA Spring 1988 Cataloging Workshop was held at YIVO on May 17, 1988. Forty people attended the session which featured presentations by Bella Weinberg of YIVO on "New Thesaurus Codes Library of Congress Subject Headings" and "Pattern Headings"; Rosalie Katchen of Brandeis in "Cataloging Hebraica on RLIN"; and a discussion of "Hebraica Cataloging: A Guide to Romanization and Descriptive Cataloging," moderated by Leah Adler of Yeshiva University. The Fall Cataloging Workshop is planned for November 1988.

Submitted by Tzivia Atik.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUSAN WINTER YOUNG ON THE BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER! WE ALL WISH HER OUR BEST.

CALENDAR

October 20, 1988	Fall Conference
November 6, 1988	Synagogue Librarians Meeting
November 15, 1988	Fall Catalogers Workshop
January, 1989	Reference Workshop
January 8, 1988	Synagogue Librarians Workshop
March, 1989	Day School Workshop
May 16, 1989	Spring Conference
June 18-21, 1989	National AJL Conference Washington, DC

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