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AJL National Convention --

IN NEW YORK CITY

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The NYMA Chapter will host the AJL National Convention in 1993. The Board has been working hand in hand with the Convention Committee to start planning the Convention, which is only 1 1/2 years away. Edith Lubetski and Esther Nussbaum, both past presidents of NYMA, have agreed to chair the convention. They are assisted by a committee of dedicated men and women who are researching and exploring many new ideas to make New York in 1993 a bigger and better Convention. Some very exciting plans are under way for an extensive exhibit and for a convenient location for the New York City Convention. We hope to attract an even wider range of participants both from the New York area and elsewhere.



A questionnaire recently was sent out to all AJL members regarding dates, times, price and other pertinent information regarding participation, or lack of participation, in AJL Conventions. Please complete the questionnaire so that we can analyze the results, perhaps alter what we have been doing and as a result better serve our members.

The Committee is looking for volunteers to work on many aspects of the Convention. Committees are currently in formation. Please contact either Edith Lubetski (212 340 7720) or Esther Nussbaum (212 517 5955) if you are interested in volunteering for the following committees:

Exhibits Committee	Finance Committee
Registration Committee	Convention Kit Committee
Transportation Committee	Publicity Committee
General Details Committee	Banquet Committee

Volunteer Committee
Other Convention Programs

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Fall Conference October 15, 1991

The Fall Conference of the AJL/NYMA Chapter took place at the Jewish Women's Resource Center. The program included talks on the role of the Resource Center, the library collection, and a history of the organization and the Library. A tour of the library gave the participants a chance to see their innovative approach towards collecting a very specific type of Judaica material. It was particularly interesting to learn about an additional resource for us to turn to for specific information. The center collects books and articles by Jewish women on topics of interest for Jewish women. There is also extensive unpublished materials, such as special women's prayers which are also housed at the Center.

FALL CATALOGING WORKSHOP - December 12, 1991

The AJL/NYMA Fall Cataloging Workshop will take place at Temple Emanu El, 1 East 65th Street on Thursday, December 12th, 1991 at 9:30 am. Registration for the workshop is \$5.00.

The workshop will focus on **Specialization in Judaica Cataloging**. Jay Rovner, Manuscript Bibliographer at the Jewish Theological Seminary Library will speak about the cataloging of the JTS manuscript collection and Rivka Burkos will speak about the cataloging of the JTS Broadside collection. There will also be a cataloging practica in various areas of Judaica cataloging such as Rabbinics, music, video cassettes and kits and classification for small libraries.

AJL in Miami Beach Florida, June 1991

Many NYMA members were fortunate enough to have been able to participate in the 26th AJL National Convention in Miami Beach this past June. The NYMA contingent joined with about 130 other librarians who met at the Fontainebleau Hotel. Sessions focused on Jews and Jewish life in the South. A slide show of Jewish life in Florida was particularly interesting. Participants visited the Miami Cultural Center and visited the magnificent Public Library. NYMA members were heard from at the Convention, as many participated in the meetings and presented papers.

The AJL Council voted that all members of the local chapters must become members of National AJL. Some of the benefits of AJL national membership include the publications: AJL Newsletter which appears four times per year and the organization's scholarly journal, **Judaica Librarianship**. Membership to AJL costs only \$25.00 per year. We therefore urge you to

contact Tzivvia Atik, Corresponding Secretary of National AJL, at 212 678 8092. for a membership form, and join now!

Events in the Community

The New York Public Library Judaica Division is presenting a lecture series. The are as follows: Saul Friedlander: *Nazism and the 'Final Solution'* on Tuesday, November 26th at 6 pm; Menahem Schmelzer: *Aron Freimann and Jewish Scholarship* on Wednesday, December 11th at 6 pm; and Irving Greenberg: *The Jewish Way: Through Life and History* on Wednesday, January 29th at 6 pm.

Tickets are \$5.00 per lecture.

The Friends of the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America presents a panel discussion *Scholars at Work on Torah: Approaches to Writing Commentary* on Wednesday, December 4th at 8 pm in conjunction with the opening of a new exhibit *The Bible: A Timeless Source Biblical Figures in Stone and Bronze* an exhibit by Pearl Amsel, as well as relevant items from the JTS collection.

The Hebrew Union College, in conjunction with the 92nd Street Y and the American Society for Jewish Music present a 25th Memorial Tribute to A.W. Binder, noted composer of American Jewish music. The concert will take place at the 92nd Street Y on Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm. Performances of Binder's works, including first performances of unpublished works recently cataloged at HUC and a lecture on Binder's contribution to Jewish music will be presented. The concert will celebrate the completion of the cataloging of the Binder collection and archive at HUC.

From The Editor

The NYMA Board wishes to extend condolences to board member Sylvia Avner on the loss of her husband and to board member Rita Lifton on the loss of her father.

The AJL NYMA Mailing List has been expanded. It contains close to 300 names and is available for purchase. Charges are: \$25 for one time use or a yearly subscription of \$50 per academic year. Please contact Naomi Steinberger (212 678 8982).

C A L E N D A R
 N Y M A C H A P T E R
 1991-1992

Synagogue Workshop	October 20th, 1991
Cataloging Workshop	December 12, 1991
Reference Workshop	February 13th, 1992
Day School Workshop	March 1992
Spring Conference	May 1992
AJL 27th National Conference, Los Angeles, CA	June 21 - 24, 1992
AJL 28th National Conference, New York City	June 20 - 23, 1993

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