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AJL National Convention

IN NEW YORK CITY

JUNE 20 - 23, 1993

As you all know, the NYMA Chapter is hosting the Annual AJL Convention at the Vista Hotel. Several Committees still need volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly:

HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Suite needs volunteers for periods of 1-2 hours to answer questions about the convention and to help participants from out of town. Please write to: Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 W 68th St., New York, NY, 10023, Attn.: Annette Landau. She will contact you to arrange shifts.

REGISTRATION

Volunteers are also needed for shifts at the registration desk. To help out, please contact either Tzvia Atik (212) 678-8092 or Shuli Berger (212) 960-5451.

BANQUET

The Banquet Committee has decided on table decorations but needs more helpers at the banquet. They also would like suggestions for entertainment and ideas on how to structure the book signing prior to the banquet. Please contact Marion Stein at (212) 678-8836 or write to Marion Stein, Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY, 10027.

HOTEL AND CATERING

The Hotel and Catering Committee is looking for people to help work with the hotel staff on meeting room set-ups and with the caterer before meals. If you are interested please call Naomi Steinberger at work at (212) 678-8982 or at home at (212) 799-9069 and leave a message.

MARKETPLACE

Volunteers are needed to assist in pre-convention and on site arrangements for the "largest ever " AJL JUDAICA BOOK AND CRAFT MARKETPLACE. Pre-convention includes follow-up phone calls and assistance with assorted logistical details. On site includes "working the show" through assistance with set-up, booth coverage, vendor hospitality and visitor registration.

Call EDITH LUBETSKI at (212) 340-7720 for further information.

Do you know book dealers, Judaica crafts vendors, educational organizations interested in being part of the largest gathering of Judaica in NYC in 1993? Get out the word ... we have a limited number of tables available. Please share with us your ideas for advertising the Marketplace.

The MARKETPLACE will be open to the public

SUNDAY JUNE 20th 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
MONDAY JUNE 21st 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY JUNE 22nd 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Call Carolyn Starman Hessel (516) 692-8616 for additional information.

NEWSLETTER

NYMA will be issuing a daily newsletter at the convention. We are collecting relevant cartoons for the newsletter, as well as any announcements. If you have any cartoons of interest, please send them to: Shelly Feit, Moriah School Library, 53 South Woodland St., Englewood, N.J. 07631.

HOTEL SUBSIDIES FOR AJL/NYMA MEMBERS

In order to encourage AJL/NYMA members to stay at the Vista Hotel during the convention (rather than commute), a limited number of subsidies will be granted. One must be a current member and be registered for the three-day convention in full in order to qualify.

Letter of application for the \$100.00 hotel subsidy should include the following:

1. Past contributions to AJL.
2. Planned contributions to AJL.
3. Previous AJL conventions attended.
4. Other monetary support for attendance.

Please limit your applications to one page.

Applicants must be members of AJL

Deadline for application - February 15, 1993.

You will be notified by March 15th.

Please send application to:

Leah Adler
Yeshiva University
Mendel Gottesman Library
500 W. 185th St.
New York, NY 10033

Fall Conference October 29th, 1992

On Thursday, October 29th we held our Fall Conference which was held at the West Side Institutional synagogue and the Jewish Museum. We were fortunate to have two speakers who gave very informative presentations on the subject of Sephardic materials available for teaching and study. Carolyn Starman Hessel gave a talk on the excellent bibliography she developed for schools and synagogues. It is entitled Our Story: The Jews of Sepharad: A Resource Guide. She explained exactly how to use the guide and also had copies available for sale.

Janice E. Ovadiah, Executive Director of Sephardic House, gave an in-depth presentation of the types of materials available from Sephardic House. She brought along many examples which people were able to browse through after her talk.

After the presentations, the group walked over to the Jewish Museum, where we were treated to an excellent guided tour of the exhibition, "Convivencia". All in all the afternoon was very worthwhile, although we were extremely disappointed with the low membership turnout. I'd like your input on the number of conferences a year we should have, conference topics, and times and locations for future meetings. I would be happy to hear from you on any of these subjects.

Submitted by Marion Stein

Cataloging Workshop

The annual NYMA Cataloging Workshop will be held Wednesday, February 10, 1993, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at Yeshiva University Library, 500 W. 185th St., 4th floor. Cost is \$5.00; refreshments will be served.

This year's Workshop will discuss new Library of Congress Subject Headings and classification schedules published by the Library of Congress; application of Internet to Judaica; and standardization of romanization for languages in the Hebrew script.

Community Events

The 92nd Street Y is presenting a series of lectures in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Jewish National and University Library. This series, sponsored in cooperation with the JNUL and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will feature Dr. Malachi Beit-Arie, professor of palaeography and codicology at the Hebrew University.

On May 6, the first lecture will be "The History of the JNUL: Ingathering of the Books". It will include an historical overview of the JNUL and of its collections. The second lecture, scheduled for May 13, is entitled "The JNUL and the Unknown Russian Treasures". The JNUL is taking the lead in exploring the significance of a vast collection of medieval Hebrew manuscripts that promise to revolutionize the course of Jewish scholarship. This lecture will survey this project, from the diplomatic channels through which the JNUL gained access to the libraries, to a description of their most important treasures and their future in scholarly hands.

Subscriptions to the series are \$25, single tickets \$15. Tickets may be purchased by calling the 92nd St. Y at (212) 996-1100.