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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am delighted to welcome all of you to a new year of NYMA activities. We started off with our Fall Conference, which was an absolute "blockbuster": the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the New York Public Library.

Dr. Leonard Singer Gold, Dorot Chief Librarian of the Jewish Division, opened the afternoon with a fascinating lecture about the exhibit, officially entitled, "The Dead Sea Scrolls: Ancient Civilization, Modern Scholarship". Dr. Gold spoke on the organization of the exhibit materials; Dr. Gold supervised the entire exhibit, the contents of which were borrowed mainly from the Israel Antiquities Authority. The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit was built in the course of only one year and was divided into three sections: The World of the Scrolls, The Scrolls as Texts, and 2,000 Years Later. Dr. Gold also discussed the various scholarly opinions regarding the scrolls, access to and conservation of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and how they have become a part of popular culture.

Hats off to Esther Nussbaum on a fantastic job of organizing the day!

We have several workshops planned for this year. Our first workshop is our annual AJL-NYMA Cataloging Workshop. It will be held on Monday, January 10, 1994 at Columbia University, 505 Butler library. We will have a combined workshop in circulation, reference and inter-library loan, topics never covered before. We also have several special interest groups: day schools, synagogues, and for the first time, a high school interest group. If you are interested in participating in any special interest group, please contact me at (212) 678-8092.

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PUBLICATIONS

Judaica Reference Sources: A Selective, Annotated Bibliographic Guide, by Charles Cutter and Micha F. Oppenheim. 2nd edition. Juneau, Alaska: Denali Press, 1993. 224 p. \$35.00. ISBN 0938737317

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CONVENTION WRAP-UP

Memories of our convention, the 28th annual of the Association of Jewish Libraries, which our chapter hosted in June at the New York Hilton will linger on - for some of us perhaps longer than for others, but, for all with a lasting glow of satisfaction. The convention, was, as everyone who attended knows, a huge success and therefore, we can all stand proud of that. Undoubtedly, it was the exemplary planning and attention to detail which made the convention run so smoothly and on such a superior professional level.

Our convention program book is a case in point. From the initial conception to the printed book which contains the program, abstracts, a directory, advertisements, introductory materials, appendices, etc. The talented efforts of many of our members contributed to its contents, and Steve Siegel did a monumental job in preparing the manuscript for publication.

The evaluation forms had only one major complaint: people couldn't choose among the several sessions held simultaneously. They wanted to be able to go to all of them! The oft-repeated suggestion heard at the convention and on the forms was that AJL should schedule convention in New York City every few years.

The AJL marketplace, which took so much of our time and efforts in the final months, was incredible in the turn-out and it was mostly people we didn't know - people who had heard about it through our publicity in the press, on the radio and through our mailings! The storytelling programs were another attraction. Most of the vendors were thrilled with AJL (for the first time, I may say); the Jewish world learned of our existence and was noticeably impressed. Here too, I must commend the extraordinary and dynamic Carolyn Hessel, whose enthusiasm for our organization made us "think big" and who was responsible for this major undertaking.

The convention reinforced the fact that New York has one of the most exciting environments for Jewish life, and its research and program possibilities plus its resources gave this 4-day event a significance that should continue to impact upon our professional lives.

Edith Lubetski
Esther Nussbaum

**AJL-NYMA
CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION**

December 8, 1993

Although the new year has not yet begun, our thoughts already turn to June and AJL convention. NYMA chapter is offering a \$200 scholarship to help members defray the cost of attending. A committee of the Board will select the scholarship winners. Please fill out the short questionnaire below and mail, by March 1, 1994, to:

Tzivia Atik, AJL-NYMA Chapter President
c/o Library of JTSA
3080 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10027

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____

Institutional
affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

1. What other sources of funding for Convention do you have available? _____

2. How many years have you been a member of AJL-NYMA?

3. Tell about your activities on behalf of AJL National and the NYMA chapter. _____

4. What would you like to do on behalf of AJL-NYMA or National?

Please complete on back.