

CHAPTER CHATTER

AJL SOUTH CALIFORNIA (AJLSC)

Submitted by Ellen Cole

Kudos to our AJLSC member who continues our tradition of helping to guide national AJL: Member Pat Fenton is AJL Treasurer for 2016-2018. She is at the Ostrow Library of the American Jewish University. Three AJLSC members received our chapter's travel scholarships to the June Charleston Conference. We note that the national conference book included mention of member Judy Cohn's generous gift to national for scholarships and a biography including her work for AJL during her lifetime.

In April we presented member Jackie Ben Efraim with our chapter's coveted Dorothy Schroeder Award for tireless, outstanding dedication to Judaica Librarianship and education of Judaica librarians. Jackie literally wears many hats. Her countless contributions to our chapter and national are well known and rightfully praised. She excels in her position of Special Collections Librarian at the Ostrow Library of AJU. We are proud of her and salute her. Jackie accepted the 2016 award at a gala tea attended by AJLSC members, family and friends. In closing, don't forget, AJLSC is on Facebook! Look for "AJLSC" and 'like' us. Visit our fabulous [AJLSC website](#) run by member Barbara Leff. She is so good, national has requested her help improving their site. Barbara and our member Sheryl Stahl will work together on this task. Connect to AJLSC. We are current and interesting!



Jackie Ben Efraim (right) and Roberta Lloyd, Chair, AJLSC Dorothy Schroeder Fund (left).

JUDAICA LIBRARY NETWORK OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

Submitted by Joy Kingsolver

The Judaica Library Network of Metropolitan Chicago met Aug. 21, 2016 for the annual election of officers and to plan programs for the upcoming year. The officers for 2016-2017 will be: Stephanie Gelb, president; David Frankel, vice-president/president-elect; Rena Citrin, secretary; Kathy Bloch, treasurer. The chapter presents programs in the Fall, Winter and Spring of each year.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA CHAPTER (NYMA)

Submitted by Hallie Cantor and Rita Lifton.

AJL-NYMA's 2016 Reference Workshop, "Reading Between the Lions: Navigating the Dorot Jewish Division in the New York Public Library," was held on May 16th at The Abraham Joshua Heschel High School in Manhattan and hosted by Shimon Vogel, Heschel High School Librarian. The Workshop highlighted one of the world's great Judaica collections - that of New York Public Library's Dorot Jewish Division. In her presentation, speaker Amanda (Miriam-Khaye) Siegel, Librarian, Dorot Jewish Division, NYPL, focused on tips and tools for research; diverse and unexpected resources; and how to better utilize the collection, its catalog, electronic resources and digital collections. Kudos to workshop coordinators Leslie Monchar and Bruchie Weinstein for putting together an excellent event, the final NYMA program for this academic year.

Exciting news-AJL-NYMA is pleased to announce that the 2017 AJL Conference will be held in New York City, June 19-21 (Monday-Wednesday). Board and Council meetings will be held the day before on June 18. Sessions and meals will be at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion located at 1 West 4th Street. Rooms have been reserved at the Hotel Edison, 1 West 47th Street, near Times Square. The National Conference Chair, Jim Rosenbloom, and his committee as well as AJL-NYMA members are hard at work planning what is sure to be a superb conference.

Finally, we take this opportunity to thank NYMA's outgoing presidium so ably led by Ina Cohen, and including Rina Krautwirth and Chaya Wiesman, for all their hard work over these past two years. Congratulations on a job well done!