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MISSION

Yeshiva University Libraries nurture excellence in pursuit of the liberal arts and sciences, support professional education, promote faculty scholarship, and advance the university as a center for Jewish studies. The libraries achieve this through commitment to service, accessible collections, comprehensive information resources, engaging programs, and an inviting, functional, and flexible physical environment.

VISION

Yeshiva University Libraries will assume a central role in the academic enterprise by nurturing discovery, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary information exchange to help students and faculty collaborate, grow intellectually, and acquire skills for life-long learning. The libraries will maintain a global dimension in advancing research and scholarship in Jewish Studies.

ADMINISTRATION

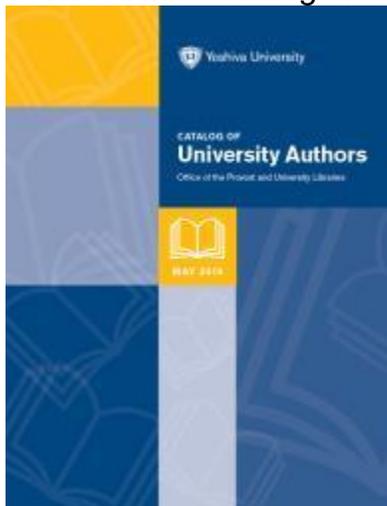
Personnel

Hao Zeng began as Head of Library Web and Digital Services.

John Moryl, Head Librarian of the Pollack Library, retired after 39 years of service.

Outreach

Celebration & *Catalog of University Authors* | May 3, 2018



Librarians compiled and edited the catalog. The celebration included an interdisciplinary faculty symposium on immigration and identity.

Scholarship

Librarians delivered talks at the 53rd annual conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries on June 19, 2018 at Temple Israel in Boston. The conference assembles an international group of information professionals in academic institutions, museums, day schools, and synagogues to report on innovation, collaborations, and best practice.



Shulamith Berger, Curator of Special Collections and Hebraica-Judaica, spoke on the Gottesman Library exhibition "Service to God, Country, and Their Jewish Brethren: American Jews and the First World War" in conjunction with a Center for Israel Studies conference, "World War I, Nationalism, and Jewish Culture." Her topic, *The Great War: World War I in the Collections of the Yeshiva University Libraries*, traced the activity of the Jewish community and individual Jews during World War I-- on both sides of the conflict.

Rosh HaShanah postcard with American and Jewish Symbols, 1918

Marlene Schiffman, Catalog Librarian, spoke on the Name Authority Cooperative Program of the Library of Congress. In *NACO after 25 Years: The Yeshiva University Experience*, she addressed numerous revisions to descriptive metadata in general and the establishment of rabbinic and other name authorities in non-Roman characters.

Paul Glassman, Director of University Libraries, spoke on "Library Renovation Dos and Don'ts" at the WALDO (Westchester Academic Library Directors Organization) Design 101 workshop at Fordham University on June 12, 2018.

Data

Information literacy sessions	53
Information literacy sessions, total attendance	1,002
Year-end number of titles in collections	857,250
Year-end number of electronic journal titles (in cooperation with Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Cardozo School of Law)	64,344
Interlibrary loan, outgoing items	1,953 returnable 4,387 non-returnable
Interlibrary loan, received	786 returnable 3,234 non-returnable

POLLACK LIBRARY

Research and Instruction Librarians actively engaged with the students and faculty of the new Speech and Language Pathology Program of the Katz School offering class orientations, instruction sessions and individual research help.

Pollack Librarians created and updated research guides. The Research JumpStart Guide is the most viewed, with 2,543 views since January. Other new and updated guides include "Footnotes, Bibliographies & Citation Tools," "Social Work Resources," and "Speech-Language Pathology."

MENDEL GOTTESMAN LIBRARY

Renovation of levels 5, 5A and 6, made possible through the generosity of David S. and Ruth Gottesman, was completed on schedule for the fall 2017 semester. Portraits of Mendel Gottesman and Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spector were hung in dedicated alcoves.

With the Zoltan Erenyi Charitable Fund, the library acquired a number of significant items, including

- A run of a rare Rabbinic periodical published in Germany in the 19th century
- A collection of Hungarian government ordinances from 1944 containing many regulations against Jews
- A detailed plan of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, published by the British Survey of Palestine in 1944.

Visiting scholars

- Professor Paul Fenton, of the Université Paris-Sorbonne, author of works on Jewish mysticism.
- A delegation of Chinese scholars escorted by Professor Mordechai Z. Cohen, Associate Dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies.

HEDI STEINBERG LIBRARY

- An outreach table was set up in the main lobby of Stanton Hall during term paper season, with strong response and a new level of engagement.
- Design of a promotional poster for library services, which was captured on both Wilf and Beren Campus digital signs.



- Reference librarians redesigned materials for first-year student orientation.
- Research and Instruction Librarian Rina Krautwirth organized the Association of Jewish Libraries New York Metropolitan Area chapter's conference on "Looking Backward and Looking Forward: Keeping Libraries Current." Frederick Wiseman previewed and discussed his documentary film about the New York Public Library, *Ex Libris*.

ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- An exhibit on material from World War I in the library's collection was installed in the rare book room on the fourth floor and in new display vitrines. Participants in the Center for Israel Studies' World War I conference enjoyed a tour of the exhibit.
- Staff members prepared provenance and ownership markings in the library's forty Hebrew incunabula recorded for inclusion in the Footprints project, which traces the history and movement of Jewish books since the inception of print.
- Archives staff members supplied numerous scans of photos and other documents to various university departments: Office of the President, Alumni, Communications & Public Affairs, Institutional Advancement, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological School, Yeshiva University High School for Boys, and to various professors for research and publication. In addition, special collections staff has provided information and images to *Jewish Action* (a publication of the Orthodox Union) and outside researchers. For example, Philip Roth's speech at the university in 1962 was shared with his biographer, Steven Zipperstein.

WEB & DIGITAL SERVICES

EZproxy upgrade & YUAD single sign-on (SSO) implementation

The EZproxy server has been upgraded to the most current version to solve remote access issues. YUAD authentication is now available as an option for remote access.

Research Guides review and LTI integration to Canvas

With public service librarians, research guides were updated and new guides were created in several science disciplines and in social work. The new LTI integration to the Canvas course management system offers tailored, subject-specific resources and library e-reserves directly from the course page.

Re-Designed Libraries Home Page

The newly designed homepage for the libraries is ADA-compliant, features current hours, a toolbar on every page, and a tab for searching the archival collections.

YAIR: Yeshiva Academic Institutional Repository (<https://repository.yu.edu>)

- The repository was launched at the Celebration of University Authors on May 3, 2018.
- Release forms will be presented to the Office of the General Counsel for review.
- A comprehensive list of potential communities who might contribute content was developed.
- A thesaurus of content genres and formats was compiled.

METADATA SERVICES

- A departmental tip sheet was created to make cataloging rules and policies available to all members of the department.
- A student worker is currently cataloging Yeshiva University dissertations using specially designed templates to insure high productivity and a seamless workflow.
- An erroneous transfer of 800,000 bibliographic records by the cataloging cooperative OCLC was resolved.
- Department staff members created temporary evacuation signs.
- Books and journals acquired with the support of the Zoltan Erenyi Charitable Fund were cataloged.
- Departmental leadership revised, updated, and rewrote the *Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Plan*.

STRATEGIC PLAN WORK GROUPS

DIGITIZATION

- Holdings assessed and priorities established for digitization across range of subject areas and formats.
- Completed survey of existing digital assets to identify preservation issues.
- Small collection digitized by Archives staff as test case for augmenting digital collections by scanning small collections in-house.
- Staff began working toward curating a digital collection of Yeshiva University historic material.
- Approximately 350 photos and ephemera items were selected and described to be ready when a new digital asset management system is available.
- Exchanges with the Office of Sponsored Programs launched identification of potential projects and funders.
- Initial evaluation of project to digitize *The Commentator* and *The Observer* undergraduate student newspapers.

INSTRUCTIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICES

Meetings with individual Deans in the fall, followed by full faculty meetings, to promote information literacy instruction.

Personal Librarians for Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein and S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program students working on senior projects and Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies students during summer 2017 construction.

Research Guides created and updated: sciences, social work, education, research jumpstart, citations.

Curriculum Map for Information Fluency Instruction

To identify core competencies in information literacy by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) framework, adopted in 2016.

YU Student Library Research Award

In its inaugural year, the program received 27 entries, which a group of librarians assessed based on a rubric. Samuel Gelman, third-year political science student at Yeshiva College, was the winner.

Instruction Request forms for Faculty were implemented to facilitate customized information literacy class sessions.

Social Media

The following library social media platforms were launched and are regularly updated:

- Twitter: @yulibraries
- Facebook: Yeshiva University Libraries
- Instagram: YULibraries
- YouTube: Yeshiva University Libraries

TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES

- **Xerox Copier/Printers:** New Xerox 5945 copiers installed for student use in Gottesman, Pollack and Hedi Steinberg Libraries; New Xerox VersaLink 7035 installed in library administration office for library staff use.
- **Flat-Panel Display for 5th Floor Conference/Seminar Room:** A 60-inch flat-panel display has been installed in the 5th floor conference/seminar room (room 507) along with cables for connecting it to a variety of laptops.
- **New Academic Computing & YULIS PCs in Renovated Gottesman Library:** Academic Computing installed eighteen new Dell All-in-One 21-inch personal computers for student use along the western wall of Gottesman library. New Dell OptiPlex 3020 PCs have been installed along the south wall to serve as research terminals.
- **YU Libraries YouTube Channel** with 3 hosted videos and 2 outside links.
Upgrade of video projector in instruction laboratory 310 with Epson PowerLite 107 overhead projector.
- **PC Upgrade for Archives Production in Glueck Center Basement** with Dell OptiPlex PC, with an i7 processor, 16GB of memory and SSD (motor-less) hard drive.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- **Quarterly Staff Newsletter**
- **Lunchtime Learning**

July 19, 2017: “YU Librarians Highlight the Presentations You Missed”: Lightning Sessions based on the Association of Jewish Libraries annual conference.

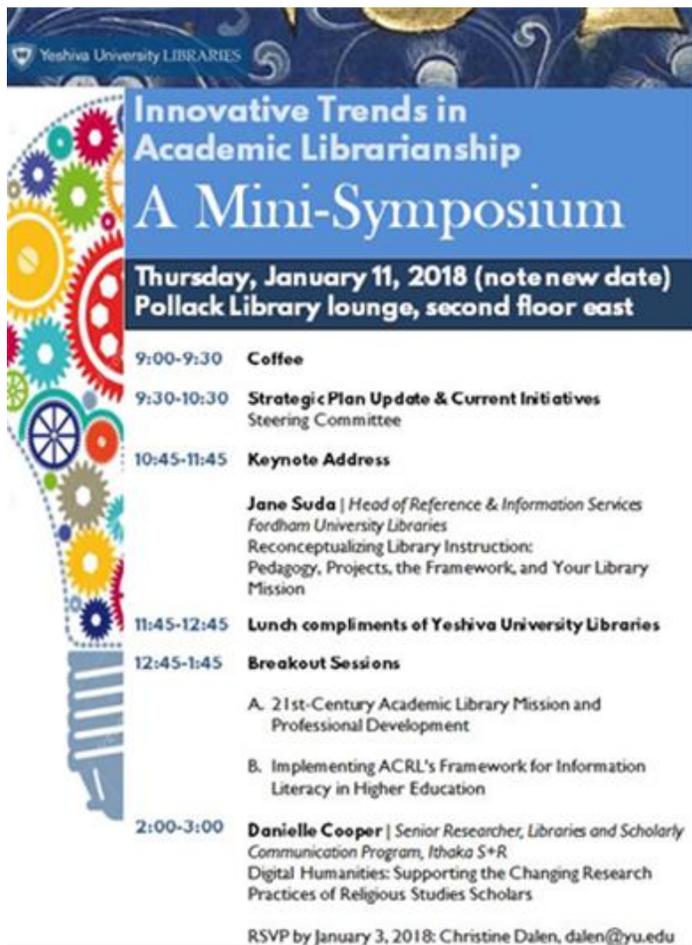
- Marlene Schiffman: “The Baruch Strauss Collection at YU”
- Avrom Shuchatowitz: “The Ladino Collection in the Sephardic Reference Room”
- Shulamith Z. Berger: “Wrestling with Translating Joseph Opatoshu’s novel *Hibru: Fartaysht und Ferbessert*”
- Deena Schwimmer: “Hungarian Materials at YU”
- Paul Glassman: “Synagogues of New York’s Upper East Side: An Armchair Tour”

November 15, 2017: “Mobile Connectivity in the Library: A Hands-On Workshop for iPhone and Android Devices,” conducted by J.B. Holderness

January 11, 2018: Mini-Symposium for entire library staff.

January 30, 2018: Professor Ronnie Perelis on synagogues of western Sephardic diasporas.

March 13, 2018: “RefWorks: Citation Management Software Workshop,” presented by Nancy R. Glassman, Assistant Director, D. Samuel Gottesman Library, Albert Einstein College of Medicine.



Yeshiva University LIBRARIES

Innovative Trends in Academic Librarianship

A Mini-Symposium

Thursday, January 11, 2018 (note new date)
Pollack Library lounge, second floor east

9:00-9:30	Coffee
9:30-10:30	Strategic Plan Update & Current Initiatives Steering Committee
10:45-11:45	Keynote Address Jane Suda Head of Reference & Information Services Fordham University Libraries Reconceptualizing Library Instruction: Pedagogy, Projects, the Framework, and Your Library Mission
11:45-12:45	Lunch compliments of Yeshiva University Libraries
12:45-1:45	Breakout Sessions A. 21st-Century Academic Library Mission and Professional Development B. Implementing ACRL's Framework for Information Literacy in Higher Education
2:00-3:00	Danielle Cooper Senior Researcher, Libraries and Scholarly Communication Program, Ithaka S+R Digital Humanities: Supporting the Changing Research Practices of Religious Studies Scholars

RSVP by January 3, 2018: Christine Dalen, dalen@yu.edu

Library Book Talks 2017-2018

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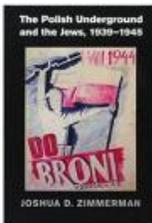
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**DECEMBER
2017**

Wednesday, 6 PM
Gottesman Library
Room 507
2520 Amsterdam Ave
Wilf Campus

Joshua D. Zimmerman
Professor of History
Eli & Diana Zborowski Professorial
Chair in Interdisciplinary Holocaust
Studies

*The Polish Underground and the Jews,
1939-1945*



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**FEBRUARY
2018**

Sunday, 4 PM
Belfer Hall room 203
2495 Amsterdam Ave
Wilf Campus

Mordechai Z. Cohen
Professor of Bible and Associate Dean
Bernard Revel Graduate School of
Jewish Studies

*Interpreting Scriptures in Judaism,
Christianity, and Islam*

Co-sponsored by Bernard Revel Graduate
School of Jewish Studies



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**APRIL
2018**

Tuesday, 6 PM
Stanton Hall
Room 102
245 Lexington Avenue
Beren Campus

Marnin Young
Associate Professor of Art History

*Realism in the Age of Impressionism:
Painting and the Politics of Time*

Mary Creede
Instructor in Art
Recent Work



COLLECTIONS

- Basement backlog and storage: calculations on shelf space and shelf size completed.
- Summer shifting project to include restructuring of some shelving and shelving all boxed newspapers.
- Summer goal of transferring all materials to shelves.