

# Happenings

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## Mazel tov!

To David & **Shulamis Hes** on the birth of a grandson, Amitai Haim, born to their children Shira & Aytan Cohen of Tsfat.

*A sach nachas* – lots of happiness!



## New Hires

*Baruch HaBah* – welcome! -- to our two new circulation associates:



**Andrew Hobden,**  
**Pollack Library**

The London, UK, native received his BA in English Literature from Wheaton College, IL, and a Masters in Fine Art and Photography from the University of Wales Trinity St. David, in Swansea, Wales. Andrew is currently working on a PhD from UWTSD in the field of photography and conceptualization. In addition to working at academic bookshops and libraries (including University of Chicago and NYU), Andrew is an actively exhibiting artist, who has installed a diverse range of public-engaging art objects and installations for Wake County Public Libraries, North Carolina, to enrich patron experience. He enjoys providing exemplary bookstore and library service, believing in the transformative power of reading, learning, and researching.

**Rebecca Martin,**  
**Hedi Steinberg Library**

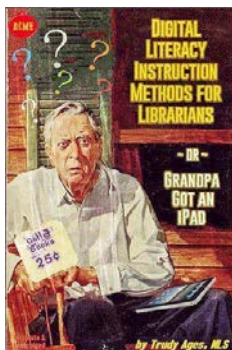
The California native holds a B.A. from UC Davis in English, with a double emphasis on creative writing and literary theory, and a minor in education. Rebecca is currently going for her Masters in Adolescent Education at Hunter College.



*We wish them both all the best!* 😊

**Library Activity**

The 2023 YU Student Library Research Award is underway, recognizing outstanding library research conducted by an undergraduate student at Yeshiva University. **Stephanie (Sara Leah) Gross, Wendy Kosakoff, Rina Krautwirth, Sandy Moore, Rebekah Shoemake, Justin Thomas, and Tina Weiss** will be heading the Evaluation Committee. Winner of the Award will be presented with a check for \$250 and a framed certificate.



TrackRef has proved a great help in tallying and analyzing our transactions. To date, according to **Justin Thomas**, we've recorded 1906 in total! The majority (382) involve circulation, followed by walk-in reference (231).

**Tina Weiss** worked with **Hao Zeng** and **Edith Lubetski** on the first step of faculty overdue items. Student employees and staff checked circulation shelves for books recorded as overdue; over 10 were located.

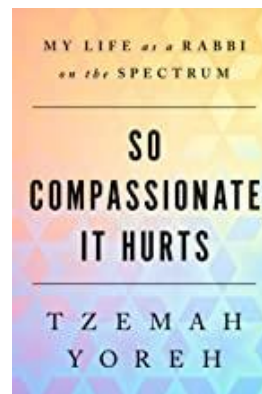
**Taking** ❤️

*"The heart of the university is the library, and the heart of the library is the librarian."*

*Charles William Elliot  
Harvard University President, 1869-1909*

Fitting theme of our 2023 Mini-Symposium, "The Whole Librarian," held Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at Pollack Library and organized by **Wendy Kosakoff** and **Emily Apterbach**. Yael Moskat, head of YU counseling services, headed off the four-hour event by discussing the need for empathy toward the unique needs of college students. She was followed by two concurrent speakers: Magda Teter—Professor History, the Shvidler Chair in Judaica Studies, Fordham University—on "Building a Judaica Library from Scratch: Collecting, Teaching, and Curating Materials about Jewish History and Culture"; and Sharell Walker—Student Outreach and Instruction Librarian, BMCC, on "Students and the Web: Engaging Digital Literacy." The Symposium ended with Rabbi Tzemah Yoreh, author of *So Compassionate it Hurts: My Life as a*

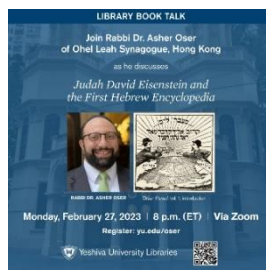
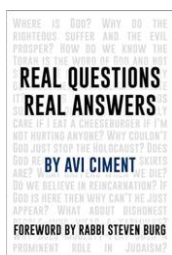
*Rabbi on the Spectrum* and spiritual leader of City Congregation in Manhattan. He described life with autism and how his neuro-atypical qualities were turned to an advantage in academic research and pastoral care.



Recordings are available in the *STAFF GUIDES* section, located at the bottom of the Library home page, and at the following link: <https://library.yu.edu/staff> (password *yeshiva*). The downloadable links to the first three speakers' PowerPoint presentations are also available below each YouTube video listing.

**Book Talks**

Our spring Book Talks—three in one month!—proved a rousing success. Thurs., Feb. 9, Seamus O'Malley—Assistant Professor of English, Stern College for Women—discussed his *Irish Culture & “The People”*: *Populism and its Discontents* (Oxford University Press, 2022), and the role of populism as a progressive force in Irish literary culture. YU Libraries even took part in a book-signing event Sun., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Soy Sefarim Sale, where moderator **Shulamis Hes** interviewed Avi Ciment—YU alumnus, motivational speaker, *Jewish Press* columnist, and author of *Real Questions, Real Answers* (Sofer Press, 2023). On Monday., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Asher Oser (Ohel Leah Synagogue, Hong Kong) discussed his involvement with “Judah David Eisenstein and the First Hebrew Encyclopedia.”



Recordings of all 3 Book Talks can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/@yulibraries>.

**Coming Tuesday, May 5:** Rabbi Neil Lauer, author of *The Tripod: A New Perspective on the Shalosh Regalim* (Mosaica Press, 2022), will discuss the Exodus and its influence on the *Shema* (“Hear O Israel”) prayer, as well as the legacy of the Ten Commandments.

**E-Reserves 2.0**



In the past, **Stephanie (Sara Leah) Gross** faced challenges in accommodating academic standards for citations. However, **Paul Glassman** recommended using the *APA Style Manual*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, which improved the look and accessibility of E-Reserves:

- All pages now display a uniform format:
- PDFs were OCR'd for easy searching and text-to-voice reading.
- Hebrew texts were converted to searchable text using ABBYY Fine Reader software.
- Missing title pages and copyright pages were added.
- Folders were created based on syllabus requirements.
- Links to e-books and titles in Internet Archive were added.

E-Reserves currently has 837 courses and 16,207 entries.

In addition to E-Reserves, Stephanie shared the website <https://www.facinghistory.org/>. Its primary focus is tracing and facing racial injustice in the United States. The website provides videos, documentaries, articles, and lesson plans which can be accessed by creating a free online account.

**From Print to YAIR**

“Exciting and brand-new things are always happening at Technical Services!” **Rebecca Malamud** reported. “All print theses and dissertations have been cataloged. We are now cataloging new electronic theses and dissertations, mainly Ferkauf dissertations. We already picked more Belfer dissertations—22 in all, and all female authors—to be uploaded into YAIR. The project was done in cooperation with Hao—and the help of Chaya Sarah.”

**From YU to Beyond**

Two articles from the Rubin collection in YU archives, complete with photo of creator **Shuli Berger**—appeared in *The Jewish Link of NJ* and *Jewish Standard*:

<https://jewishlink.news/community-news/56344-yu-receives-rare-collection-of-newspapers-from-18th-and-19th-century-america>

<https://jewishstandard.timesofisrael.com/yu-receives-rare-collection-of-newspapers-from-18th-and-19th-century-america/>

In addition, the Orthodox Union publication, *Jewish Action*, featured several items from the YU archives in the recent issue on the history of kashruth: “Celebrating 100 Years of OU Kosher.”

**From a Faraway Place**

Continuing her involvement in Kulanu, the organization providing books and other services to remote or underserved Jewish communities, **Hindishe Lee** received a grateful email from the rabbi in the Philippines (photo, right, from the Kulanu website) designated to acquire discards from Hedi Steinberg. Hindishe processed and handled the books for donation (with help from **Alex Kahgan** and **Chaya Sarah Cantor**). Jo Ann Friedman, from Kulanu, informed Hindishe: “His [the rabbi’s] family has been practicing Judaism for over 100 years. They were one of the original families at the Hebrew Israelite congregation in Harlem.”



Rabbi Avraham Coalesce Browne holds the Torah donated by Kulanu in 2019.

**From Crown Heights, USA**

**Hallie (Chaya Sarah) Cantor** has joined the editorial staff of Rohr-JLI (Jewish Learning Institute), a branch of Chabad-Lubavitch promoting Jewish outreach and educational materials.

**News? Events? Achievements? Let us know!**  
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**More Odd Couplings from the secret files of Marlene Schiffman**

- Parenting adolescents* / K. Huggins  
*The legal foundation and borders of Israel under international law:*  
    *a treatise on Jewish sovereignty over the land of Israel* / Howard Grief  
*Professors behaving badly: Faculty misconduct in graduate education* / Eve Proper  
*Sad contemplation on the bleeding condition of Ireland* / John Clotworthy  
*Alladin's lamp: how Greek science came to Europe through the Islamic world* /  
    John Freely  
*Flying hammer: an insider's collection of salesroom bowlers* / Iian Gale  
*Nothing* / Frank Close  
*The Maze runner* / James Dashner  
*Small business management* / J. William Petty  
*Mark Twain and human nature* / Tom Quirk  
*Rock inscriptions and graffiti project* / ed. Michael Stone  
*Shaky ground: the 60s and its aftershocks* / Alice Echols  
*Rational choice in an uncertain world* / Reid Hastie  
*Underwater archaeology* / Georg Fletcher Bass  
*Documents oubliés sur l'alchimie, la Kabbale et Guillaume Postel*  
    *(Forgotten documents on alchemy, Kabbalah, and Guillaume Postel)*  
    / offerts à François Secret  
*Female endurance athletes* / Barbara L. Drinkwater  
*The psychological problem of war* / George Glenn Killinger  
*Writer's reference* / Diana Hacker  
*Race, rape, and lynching* / Sara Gunning  
*Encyclopedia of the Cold War* / Thomas S. Arms  
*Desire and its discontents* / Eugene Goodheart  
*O.R.: the true story of 24 hours in a hospital operating room* / B.D. Colen



**Kosher & Happy Passover!**

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