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2010 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards Announced by Association of Jewish Libraries

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The Research Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections Division of the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) is very pleased to announce the winners of its 2010 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards.

Reference

In the reference category, the winner is *The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945*, published by Indiana University Press in association with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Led by Dr. Geoffrey Megargee from the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the complete 7-volume encyclopedia will give readers access, in English, to unpublished archival materials and to information published in many other languages around the world. Volume one, published in two parts (1,659 pages, 192 photographs and 23 maps), gives details on over 1,000 early camps, youth camps, and concentration camps and sub-camps set up by the Nazis, including Auschwitz-Birkenau, Buchenwald, Dachau, and Bergen-Belsen. The six additional volumes planned in this project will be published by 2018. More information on this outstanding resource for holocaust research may be found at www.ushmm.org/research/center/encyclopedia.

Bibliography

In the bibliography category, a Body-of-Work Award goes to Joseph (Yossi) Galron-Goldschlaeger, Head of the Hebraica and Jewish Studies Library at The Ohio State University Libraries, in recognition of his life-long contributions to the field of Hebrew bibliography. Mr. Galron-Goldschlaeger has been active in this field since the 1980's, with published print bibliographies for the writings of prominent figures in the history of Modern Hebrew literature, including Yisrael Yeshayahu (Am Oved, 1984), Dov Sadan (ha-Kibuts ha-Meuhad, 1986), Yeshayahu Avrekh (Am Oved, 1988), Nurit Govrin (The Katz Institute for Research in Hebrew Literature, Tel Aviv University, 2005), Dan Miron (Mosad Bialik, 2007), and Nathan Rotenstreich (Mosad Bialik, 2010). In 2004, he established *Modern Hebrew Literature - a Bio-Bibliographical Lexicon*, an online database of 2,000 entries available at <http://hebrewlit.notlong.com>. This Hebrew database succeeds Getzel Kressel's magnum opus, *Cyclopedia of Modern Hebrew Literature* (1965-1967), but unlike Kressel's vital but dated two volumes, it is constantly updated with new entries and citations of secondary sources, many of them linked to reviews in Israeli dailies. This invaluable one-person project, freely available on the Internet, is heavily used by librarians, researchers, students, and the general public.

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We would like to thank Dr. Greta Silver of New York City and Eric Chaim Kline of Los Angeles, who respectively sponsor the annual Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards. The 2010 awards will be presented at the AJL 45th Annual Convention banquet, which will take place on Tuesday evening, July 6, 2010 at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington.

For more information about AJL's Judaica Reference & Bibliography Awards, including past winners, please visit http://jewishlibraries.org/ajlweb/awards/ref_and_bib.htm.

Awards Committee

The Reference & Bibliography Awards Committee includes Rachel Leket-Mor (Arizona State University), James Rosenbloom (Brandeis University), Daniel Rettberg (Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati), Michlean Amir (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum), Rachel Simon (Princeton University), Rachel Ariel (Duke University), and Philip Miller (Hebrew Union College, New York).

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