

Association of Jewish Libraries Nominees' Election Report with Bios on the officers.  
The election will begin online on May 19, 2008 and end June 9, 2008

The nominating committee of the Association of Jewish Libraries comprising of the following people, Etta Gold, Laurie Haas, David Hirsch, Ronda Rose, Yaffa Weisman and Libby White, is pleased to present the candidates for service on the National Board of the Association for the 2008 - 2010 term of office. Nominees for divisional officers were submitted by the RAS and SSC divisions.

The Association of Jewish Libraries slate of Officers for 2008 - 2010 is as follows:

President	Susan Dubin
Vice President/ President Elect	David Hirsch
Vice President Membership	Laurie Haas
Vice President Publications	Deborah Stern
Recording Secretary	Elana Gensler
Corresponding Secretary	Rachel Glasser
Treasurer	Sheryl Stahl
Past President	Laurel Wolfson
RAS President	James Rosenbloom
RAS Vice President	Rachel Leket-Mor
RAS Secretary	Daniel Scheide
SSC President	Marsha Lustigman
SSC Vice President	Maureen Reister
SSC Secretary	Nancy Austein

### **President: Susan Dubin**

An educator for over 30 years, Susan Dubin has taught all ages from preschool through adult. She has been the library administrator and instructor at Valley Beth Shalom Day School since 1982 and is currently heading *Off-the-Shelf Library Services*, a library consulting firm. Susan was awarded AJL's Fanny Goldstein Award in 2001 and the AJLSC Dorothy Schroeder Award in 1995. She was the first librarian to receive the Milken Family Foundation Distinguished Jewish Educator Award. She is currently publicity chair and on the Board of Directors for the Children's Literature Council. Susan served as the AJL national convention chair and parliamentarian and is a past president of the Synagogue, School, and Center Division as well as a past president of AJLSC. She is currently vice president/president-elect of the Association of Jewish Libraries.

### **Personal Statement**

As a member of the Association of Jewish Libraries for more than 20 years, I have served in many capacities both locally and nationally. Because I have been active in the library world on so many levels, I understand many of the issues that face librarians every day.

One of my goals is to involve more people in the workings of AJL. On Council, we still have several committee chairs who work alone rather than with a committee. I want to see the AJL membership become more involved by serving on committees and taking an

active role in pushing our organization forward. A key to implementing this goal is communication with our members. I would like to see more of the type of interaction we have on HaSafran, possibly through an AJL blog or wiki. By voting to podcast this year's convention, the AJL Council has taken a big step in making some of the fine offerings of this organization available to more of our members.

Another goal over the next two years will be to explore the possibility of setting up some consortia agreements with vendors to help our members contend with smaller budgets.

This past year, many librarians have been faced with budget cuts, fewer hours, and, in some cases, loss of a position due to downsizing or closing of their libraries. I feel that it is critical for AJL to support those in the library profession in our struggle to make the general public and our institutions aware of the critical services we provide. To this end, AJL has set up a task force to study the problem and come up with a workable action plan for our organization. One of my primary goals will be to see this plan developed and implemented.

### **Vice President / President Elect: David Hirsch**

David has been librarian for Jewish and Middle Eastern Studies at the Charles Young Research Library, UCLA since 1989. He is also an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. David holds MA degrees in Middle Eastern studies and library science from the University of Chicago, and a BA in oriental studies from the University of Pennsylvania. David is a past president of AJL RAS Division, as well as a past program chair for RAS. He has also served as president of the Middle East Librarians Association. He has made numerous presentations at annual convention as well as for the local AJLSC chapter.

### **Vice President: Membership: Laurie Haas**

Laurie Haas is in her 12th year as the librarian and network administrator at the Columbus Torah Academy, a modern Orthodox day school that has been in existence for over 30 years. Her undergraduate degree is in education with a major in library and educational media from Bowling Green State University, Ohio. She completed additional master's level work at the University of Arizona and Kent State University. Laurie has been a children's librarian at a public library, on the interlibrary loan staff of a major university, the transportation librarian in a research facility, and has experience in school libraries. Laurie is a past member of the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Committee. She is married to her husband of 22 years (a library archivist at the Ohio Historical Society) and is the mother of two daughters and grandmother of a beautiful baby girl.

### **Vice President: Publications: Deborah Stern**

Debbie serves as the director of the Mordecai Kaplan Library of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, a position she has held for the past six years. She is a graduate of George Washington University, holds an M.A. in contemporary Jewish Studies from Brandeis University and an M.S. in library science from Columbia University. She has

been active in AJL as VP for publications for the last two years and as chair of the Scholarship Committee for four years before that.

**Corresponding Secretary: Rachel Glasser**

Rachel has been the librarian at Yavneh Academy in Paramus, NJ for the past 11 years and has served as chair of the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Committee. As the founding cataloger of the Central Cataloging Service for Libraries of Judaica, she also worked on the revisions of the Elazar and Weine cataloging schemes. Rachel served as president of the Southern California Chapter of AJL, and is now a member of NYMA. She has been on the AJL board as corresponding secretary.

**Recording Secretary: Elana Gensler**

Elana holds an M.L.S. from Queens College and is currently a reference librarian at the West Hempstead Public Library in NY. Previously she was the library media specialist at the Hebrew Academy of Long Beach. Elana is the current AJL recording secretary. She serves on the editorial board of *Judaica Librarianship* and is the editor of *Sifria*, the newsletter of the Long Island Chapter of AJL. Other AJL offices Elana has held include: publications vice president, bibliography bank chair and co-chair of the 2004 AJL convention in NY.

**Treasurer: Sheryl Stahl**

Sheryl Stahl is the associate librarian and library webmaster at the Frances-Henry Library on the Los Angeles campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She has a BA (linguistics) and a BS (math/computer science) from the University of Illinois, an MA (Bible and cognate studies) from Hebrew Union College, and an MLIS (library and information science) from the University of Kentucky. She worked at the Cincinnati campus for many years before migrating west about seven years ago. As an "almost solo" librarian, she does a bit of everything including reference, cataloging, instruction, and clearing the copy machine. She enjoys learning how to incorporate new technology into her library. Sheryl has been one of the conference bloggers for the past two AJL conventions. She has also presented at several conventions and writes reviews for the AJL newsletters. In her non-library time, she spends time with her family, yells at her teen-aged kids, quilts, gardens, and reads best child-rearing practice books.

# AJL Research, Archives and Special Libraries Division

## **RAS President: James P. Rosenbloom**

I started my undergraduate studies at NYU and finished at the Hebrew University. I also spent a year at Yeshivat Merkaz ha-Rav. I have worked at Brandeis University since 1976. My title is Judaica librarian. I am responsible for Near Eastern and Judaic studies, religion, philosophy, classics and anthropology. I was chair of the program committee for the Boston convention. I am currently vice-president of RAS and chair of the RAS Bibliography and Reference Awards Committee.

## **Personal Statement**

I have two major goals. The first is to create an endowment for the annual RAS awards to supplement the generous donations we currently receive. The second is to set up a permanent RAS committee to coordinate information about current and future Judaica digitizing plans. This will include information not only on our members' institutions, but also on other organizations and institutions involved in such projects. This committee might also encourage and coordinate cooperative projects and grants.

## **RAS Vice President: Rachel Leket-Mor**

Rachel Leket-Mor is a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (BA, 1991: comparative literature, Hebrew, and classics). Leket-Mor holds two master degrees, from Tel Aviv University (MA, 2002: translation studies) and University of Arizona (MLIS, 2007). She has a diploma in Hebrew editing from Bar-Ilan University (1993), and has worked for more than 10 years as a copy-editor with publishers in Israel, both academic and general, editing original and translated scholarly works and fiction.

In 2002 Leket-Mor joined Arizona State University Libraries, where she is bibliographer of religion, philosophy, and Jewish studies. Among her professional achievements is the development of the Israeli Popular Literature Collection at ASU, with hundreds of rare titles. Leket-Mor contributes book reviews to the *AJL Newsletter* and has presented her work in professional venues such as the AJL 2006 Annual Convention, Association of Jewish Studies, and Association of Arizona Libraries. She co-chaired the 2007 AJL Annual Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

## **RAS Recording Secretary: Daniel Scheide**

Daniel Scheide has been a catalog librarian at Florida Atlantic University since 2005. From 2000-2004, he was a metadata specialist for OCLC TechPro, specializing in Hebrew and Yiddish language and music materials. He was also a part-time reference librarian for the University of Miami in 2005. He has a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a Bachelor of Music in composition and film scoring from the Berklee College of Music. From the ages of 6-18, he went to the Epstein Hebrew Academy and Block Yeshiva High School in

St. Louis. Anything before that is kind of hazy. He currently writes a column on Jewish music for the *AJL Newsletter* and also serves as co-editor for adult book reviews.

## AJL Synagogue, Schools and Center Division

### **SSC President: Marsha Lustigman**

Marsha Lustigman, MA, MLS received her graduate training at York University and the University of Toronto. She has worked in public, academic and school libraries in Toronto, Montreal and Sherbrooke. She has been a member of AJL since 1992 and is co-president of the Montreal Chapter. Marsha has served as Secretary of the SSC Division of AJL for the past 2 years, and has presented at convention on several occasions. She is presently librarian at Bialik High School in Montreal.

### **SSC Vice President: Maureen Reister**

Maureen Reister is director of libraries at Ann & Nate Levine Academy, a Solomon Schechter school in Dallas, Texas. She holds a BS from The Ohio State University, an MLS from University of North Texas, and an AAS in information technology. She has been a member of AJL since 1986, has served on various committees, including Sydney Taylor Book Award, Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award, and Accreditation, and is currently SSC vice-president.

### **SSC Secretary: Nancy Austein**

Nancy Austein has been the library director at Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, Texas since 2000. Prior to that, she served for six years as the librarian at the Solomon Schechter School in Dallas. She has a master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas, a master's in business administration from Loyola University of Chicago, and a bachelor of business administration from the University of Texas.