

ACCREDITATION

The Association of Jewish Libraries Synagogues, Schools and Centers Division (SSC) offers a valued certificate of accreditation to libraries that qualify. Accreditation is encouraged to help libraries achieve a high professional level in accordance with the SSC Guidelines. Contact Leah at accreditation@jewishlibraries.org

MENTORING COMMITTEE

The AJL Mentoring Program endeavors to assist fledgling Jewish librarians to find the answers they need through a personal relationship with an experienced librarian best suited to help them. We strive to match library type, classification system and automation software, as well as geographic region as much as possible. Contact Sarah-Leah at AJLmentoring@gmail.com

CONFERENCE

Each summer, AJL holds a conference in different areas of the United States or Canada. Librarians, authors, scholars, and other experts from around the world present topics of interest to our membership.

HASAFRAN

The AJL listserv is a forum for discussion of all topics regarding Judaica librarianship and literature.
<http://www.jewishlibraries.org/main/Resources/n.aspx>

MEMBERSHIP

Association of Jewish Libraries' membership is open to individuals and libraries, library workers, and library supporters.

There are two divisions within AJL: RAS (Research Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections) and SSC (Synagogues, Schools, and Centers).

The diverse membership includes libraries in synagogues, JCC's, day schools, yeshivot, universities, Holocaust museums, and the Library of Congress.

Members represent North America and beyond, including Argentina, China, the Czech Republic, Holland, Israel, Italy, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

AJL welcomes members of any religious faith or affiliation.

For more information on membership contact Sheryl at membership@jewishlibraries.org



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SSC DIVISION

The [Schools, Synagogues, and Centers](#) division supports and advocates for the essential roles of Judaic libraries as valued parts of our communities. We provide our members with important tools that enable them to access information in a wide variety of formats. We strive to promote and implement programs that serve to expand knowledge of the literature, religion, and culture of Judaism.

SSC fosters professional growth of its members through the AJL annual conference, professional networking, and social media teaching tools.



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SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARDS

The Sydney Taylor Book Award is presented annually to outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience. Presented by AJL since 1968, the award encourages the publication and widespread use of quality Judaic literature. Gold medals are presented in three categories: **Younger Readers**, **Older Readers**, and **Teen Readers**. Honor Books are awarded silver medals, and Notable Books are named in each category.

2013 WINNERS

Younger Readers:

Hannah's Way by Linda Glaser with illustrations by Adam Gustavson (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group)

Older Readers:

His Name Was Raoul Wallenberg by Louise Borden (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)

Teen Readers:

Intentions by Deborah Heiligman (Knopf Books for Young Readers, a division of Random House)

SYDNEY TAYLOR MANUSCRIPT AWARD

A cash award of \$1,000 is given for the best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers ages 8-11, written by an unpublished author. The book must be a work of fiction in English with universal appeal of Jewish content for both Jewish and non-Jewish readers. It should reveal positive aspects of Jewish life.

RECENT WINNERS

2013 *Freestyle* by Karen Propp

2011 *In Search of Lottie* by Susan A. Ross

2010 *On the Run* by Joan Schoettler

2009 *When the Hurricane Came to New Orleans* by Nechama Liss-Levinson

2008 *Stealing the Show* by Margaret Chaiken

2007 *Getting Rid of Jeremy* by Yael



PUBLICATIONS

AJL Reviews, published quarterly, contains reviews of a wide variety of scholarly and popular works for children and adults.

Jewish Values Finder identifies the Jewish values found in books written for Jewish children and teens in English or in translation. This online database is searchable by value, author, title, etc. and can be limited by age-range and date.

Bibliography Bank was created to facilitate the sharing of bibliographies on Judaic topics among AJL members and the public at large.

AJL wiki, found on our website, is your one-stop knowledge base for everything related to Judaica librarianship.

Creating a Collection: a Resource Booklist for a Beginning Judaic Library 5th ed. by Merrily Hart (2008). This annotated subject bibliography and guide helps libraries develop a core collection in a synagogue, school or community center.

Jewish Classics for Kids by Linda Silver (2006). This annotated bibliography features the classic canon for children.