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Esther Nussbaum is Head Librarian, Ramaz Upper School, in New York City. She currently serves as Vice President/President-Elect of the Association of Jewish Libraries and as editor of Jewish Book World.

January 31, 1994

Dear Bella,

Just wanted to let you know that I think the issue of *JL* [vol. 7] is beautiful graphically. I'm really enjoying the content and am finally discovering what went on at the convention [the First International Symposium on Jewish Children's Literature] in Israel.

Kol ha-kavod.

Toby [Rossner]
Bureau of Jewish Education of
Rhode Island
Providence, RI

31 January 1994

Mr. Zachary Baker
YIVO Institute for Jewish Research
New York, NY

Dear Zachary:

Receiving *Judaica Librarianship* is always an extraordinary experience for me. As a publisher, I get my share of reading material, but when *Judaica Librarianship* arrives, I find that I stop everything and read it from cover to cover.

I was trying to think about why this is. What does it say about me? Why do I value the publication so much? There are many reasons, but I think that the main one is that I come away from it feeling confident that there is a dedicated army of librarians who have taken on the overwhelming, often thankless, and certainly underpaid task of tending the garden of Jewish books. You have gathered an exceptional group of devoted colleagues; their skill and art take my breath away!

I could go down the list of articles one-by-one to express my delight at each and every contribution in Volume 7, Number 1–2. In the rebuilding that our people are trying to do, your contributions are, in my estimation, among the most important.

Sincerely,

Arthur Kurzweil
Vice-President
Jason Aronson Inc.
Publishers
Northvale, NJ

February 7, 1994

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your wonderful letter in praise of the latest issue of *Judaica Librarianship*. As a contributor and as style editor I naturally take a great deal of pride in the journal—I should add that as an officer of AJL I also am quite proud of our Association's sponsorship of *JL*. Of course, the lion's share of the credit for the finished product goes to our indefatigable (made that way by continuous cups of coffee) editor-in-chief, Bella Hass Weinberg.

At any rate, it is good to know that we are serving our readers well and that they (or some, at least) appreciate the work that goes into producing a first-class professional journal.

Cordially,

Zachary M. Baker
Vice President/President-Elect
Association of Jewish Libraries

FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

November 10, 1994

Dear Bella,

As a children's book writer, I was pleased to see the Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Jewish Children's Literature in *Judaica Librarianship*, volume 7.

The commentary was intriguing and enlightening, and I particularly appreciated the articles regarding [Jewish children's literature in] France and the Netherlands. Having spent time in these countries, I can testify to the accuracy of the authors' observations.

I look forward to reading insightful articles on Jewish children's literature in future issues of *Judaica Librarianship*.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Kaye
Associate Professor
Division of Library and Information Science
St. John's University
Jamaica, New York

ALEF BIT

April 10, 1994

Dear Bella:

Thank you very much for publishing my article entitled "Retrieval of Judaica from Electronic Media: An Overview" in the Spring 1992–Winter 1993 edition of *Judaica Librarianship*. Owing to the dynamic nature of the electronic media field, however, a number of changes and updates have occurred regarding some of the resources I had mentioned in the article.

First, DIALOG is no longer including the Arab Information Bank among its databases. Data Star, which used to be the provider of KOMPASS Register of Industry and Commerce, has been bought out by DIALOG. In addition to the Bar-Ilan online responsa project, a CD-ROM responsa disk is now available from Ofer Incorporated, 1 Executive Drive, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Similarly, the *Jerusalem Post* is now offering a CD-ROM version of its database, which is available from Davka Corporation in Chicago. Finally, the Internet has positively exploded this year with a vast array of Judaica resources. Much of this information has been detailed by Lucia Ruedenberg of New York University and presented in a three-part article entitled "Jewish Resources in Computer Networking." Linda P. Lerman made this article available through the AJL electronic journal, *HaSafran*. The paper is archived at the Global Jewish Information Network. To retrieve it, Telnet to vms.huji.ac.il, login as "jewishnet," and go to the section called Jewish Networking Papers.

Sincerely yours,

Diane Romm
Bellmore, NY

July 4, 1994

Dear Bella,

I want to let you know how much I enjoyed the recent issue of *Judaica Librarianship*—one reason being that in general I know so little and learned so much about children's literature.

One small update: David Louis Gold, who has created a Jewish family name file (see p. 62 [of Diane Romm's article]), is no longer working at Haifa University. Inquiries should be addressed to him at his home address: 67-07 215 St., Oakland Gardens, NY 11364-2523.

Sincerely,

Avraham Greenbaum
The Ben-Zion Dinur Institute
for Research in Jewish History
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Givat-Ram, Jerusalem

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

July 24, 1994

Dear Bella,

We would like to thank you for all your advice over the past few years. We read with interest your review of *Hebrew Subject Headings* (Vol. 7 No. 1-2, pp. 64-70) and have adopted some of the changes you suggested.

Your point about the title page was excellent. We had planned to add an English title page to the Hebrew volume and a Hebrew title page to the English volume. Unfortunately, owing to a bindery error, the first copies went out without the additional pages. We hope to incorporate the added title pages in the subsequent copies.

Since the Hebrew volume was too thick to bind, the bindery regrettably split it into two. An additional title page for volume 1,

part 2 was not included. We again hope to rectify this in future printings.

The ISSN [International Standard Serial Number] was handwritten in the first printing. It now appears [typeset] on the verso of both title pages.

As per your suggestion, we added a description of the contents of each volume to the respective title pages. The introductions have been revised. Your point about "thesauri" was well taken; therefore, we no longer use the term in *Hebrew Subject Headings*.

[Implementation of] many of the technical suggestions is beyond our control. To quote the introduction, "the format of the publication was dictated by the computer program used to manage the data base."

We have also instituted some major global changes [in the subject heading list]. All place names in Israel that had been used as geographic subdivisions were formerly entered directly, e.g., JEWS—HAIFA; SCHOOLS—TEL AVIV. These have now been changed to include the geographic subdivision ISRAEL before the specific place name, e.g., JEWS—ISRAEL—HAIFA; SCHOOLS—ISRAEL—TEL AVIV.

The second major change is in the listing of Memorial books. Previously the heading was: MEMORIAL BOOK FOR THE COMMUNITY OF ... The [pattern for the] subject heading was changed to: MEMORIAL BOOKS—[COUNTRY]—[CITY], e.g., MEMORIAL BOOKS—POLAND—KRAKOW.

We would appreciate any other suggestions or comments.

Sincerely,

Gita J. Hoffman
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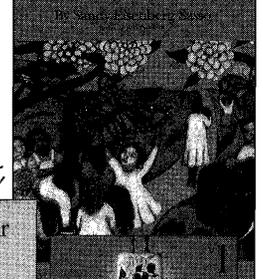
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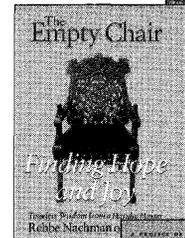
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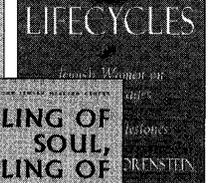
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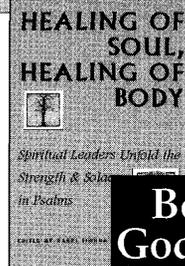
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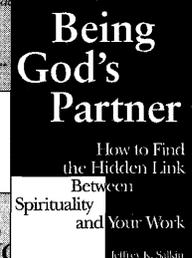
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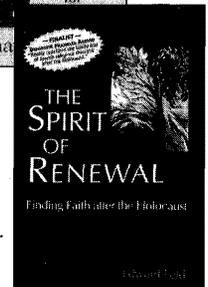
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