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Judaica Librarianship mourns the passing of Dr. Daniel J. Rettberg. Dan received his Ph.D. from Dropsie College, which today is part of the University of Pennsylvania. He received his M.S. in Information Science at Drexel University in Philadelphia and a Master’s in Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For the last twelve years, Dan served as the Rare Book and Manuscripts Bibliographer at the Klau Library, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He also served as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Cincinnati. Dan was a regular at Penn’s annual Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Workshop on the History of the Jewish Book. He was an admired and respected member of the Association of Jewish Libraries, served on numerous committees, and was a trusted adviser to the library community. Dan was able to combine his love of scholarship with his passion for books and libraries in a career that spanned over thirty years. He authored dozens of articles, book reviews, curated numerous exhibits, and organized many public events.

May his memory be for a blessing.