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COMMENTARIES

5 October 1995

Dear Bella:

The latest issue of *Judaica Librarianship* arrived and, once again, despite the incredibly large amount of material I must read, it went to the top of my pile. With each issue, I find myself devouring every page. I am filled with admiration and gratitude.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's motto is, "Let My People Know." This is not just a cute twist on a familiar phrase. It is a prescription for our people. Since I believe that we are desperate, in our generation, to connect with our sources, I see the talented librarians in our Jewish community to be among the unsung heroes of our people. The painstaking attention to detail, the passion for Jewish Learning, and the awareness of the importance of both Jewish scholarship and its accessibility are evident page-by-page.

The vast majority of Jews will never know that there is a dedicated group of scholars who are ensuring a future of Jewish learning and that they are the librarians of the Association of Jewish Libraries. But there are those of us who do know of the extraordinary contribution that Jewish librarians are making, and I am proud to be one of them. *Judaica Librarianship* reflects the highest standards; the Jewish people are in your debt.

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

October 27, 1995

Dear Bella:

I want to take this opportunity to let you and your fellow editors of *Judaica Librarianship* know how very much I appreciate and take pride in having a journal which addresses the issues and concerns of librarians in our field in such a professional and comprehensive manner.

Every article that is published is always timely and important; I read them all. However, I must admit that since *JL's* departments appear in alphabetical order, I skip to the articles in the Reference Department first!

It is hard to believe that *JL* has been monitoring the changes in our specialized field and the implications of those changes for more than a decade now. As a contributor and a subscriber, I am pleased to be associated with *Judaica Librarianship*.

Sincerely,

Peggy K. Pearlstein
Area Specialist
Hebraic Section
African and Middle Eastern Division
The Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.

July 24, 1995

Dear Dr. Bella Hass Weinberg,

Got my first issue of *Judaica Librarianship* (Vol. 8 No. 1-2, Winter 1994). Delighted of what I saw! Hope you plan to publish some papers from our recent conference in a future issue. Looking forward to more issues.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sosnik
AJL member
Raleigh, NC

August 11, 1995

Dear Bella,

I found volume 8 of *Judaica Librarianship*, as always, extremely well organized and edited, and the selection of articles excellent. I was especially taken by the presentations on Children's Literature at the AJL Convention; including them in the journal was a wonderful idea, and the material on the Holocaust was particularly moving. Keep up the good work!

Cordially,

Sol Steinmetz
Editorial Director
Random House Reference Publishing
New York, N.Y.

**Congratulations to Dr. Marcia W. Posner,
coeditor of *Judaica Librarianship*,
on receiving the Award for
"Outstanding Contributions to
Congregational Libraries"
from the Church and Synagogue Library
Association at its Annual Meeting held in
Houghton College, New York, on June 25, 1995.
She is the first *Judaica* librarian
ever to be so honored.**

June 28, 1995

Mrs. Leah Rae Elewitz
Matawan, NJ

Dear Leah Rae,

Several months ago, I nominated you for a Merit Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries. At the recent AJL Convention held in Chicago, I heard that you had been selected to receive one.

Dr. Philip Miller, chair of the Awards Committee, called on me to make the presentation at the banquet. In the few minutes allotted to me, I mentioned your devotion to the job of proofreader of Judaica Librarianship, that you took galley on vacation, and that you proofread with such intelligence that you save us all from getting egg on our face! I could have gone on for hours with examples.

Congratulations on the award, and best wishes.

Cordially,

Bella Hass Weinberg
Editor

August 10, 1995

Dear Bella,

There is no way you could have surprised me more! When I opened your package, I was literally speechless; [my husband] Larry had to read your letter for himself.

It's a thrill to receive the AJL merit award, though I'm not at all sure I deserve it. My contribution to *JL* is very small when compared with your own; not to mention those embarrassing typos that somehow slip by and leave me redfaced when I see them in print.

I am really proud and happy to be part of the *JL* team. And the greatest reward is knowing that I have gained your friendship and appreciation.

Sincerely,

Leah Rae [Elewitz]



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