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**MEDIA RELEASE**

The Association of Jewish Libraries Announces  
the 2019 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Award Winners

The Association of Jewish Libraries encourages the publication of outstanding works of Judaica reference and bibliography through its annual awards.

We are pleased to announce the following awards:

- Bibliography award: Gross, William, Orly Tzion, and Falk Wiesemann, eds. [\*Catalog of Catalogs: A Bibliography of Temporary Exhibition Catalogs Since 1876 that Contain Items of Judaica\*](#). Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2019.
- Reference award: Sienna, Noam, ed. [\*A Rainbow Thread: An Anthology of Queer Jewish Texts from the First Century to 1969\*](#). Forward by Judith Plaskow. Philadelphia, PA: Print-O-Craft Press, 2019.
- Honorary mention (Reference): Tapper, Aaron Hahn, and Mira Sucharov, eds. [\*Social Justice and Israel/Palestine: Foundational and Contemporary Debates\*](#). Toronto; Buffalo: University of Toronto Press, Higher Education Division, 2019.
- Lifetime achievement award: Singerman, Robert. [\*Judaica Americana: A Bibliography of Publications to 1900\*](#). New York: Greenwood Press, 1990. [Electronic edition: 2019](#).

This year's awardees exemplify AJL's mission to foster and promote access to information, learning, teaching and research. They demonstrate the relevance of Judaica Librarianship and Jewish Studies to other fields, such as Queer Studies, Gender and Sexuality, Museum Studies, Social Justice, Political Science, History, etc.

AJL's Reference and Bibliography Committee agreed that the *Catalog of Catalogs* is a monumental work that brings together untapped source material that will be of interest to scholars of Judaica, Jewish art, social life and customs, liturgical objects and religious life, architecture, Jewish museums, the Holocaust, as well as the history of exhibiting. The *Rainbow Thread* identifies and collects a range of texts that bear witness to two millennia of Queer Jewish life and history, and introduces researchers to a new range of primary sources by recovering a lineage that, according to the authors, "has been denied and withheld from the people who have sought it." *Social Justice and Israel/Palestine* is an accessible, but challenging reference work that employs an innovative approach to show that scholarship is not "neutral." Finally, the lifetime achievement award recognizes Robert Singerman's extraordinary contributions to Judaica bibliographical research.

For their commitment and continuing support of these awards, AJL would like to recognize and thank Dr. Greta Silver of New York (Reference Award) and Mr. Eric Kline of Santa Monica (Bibliography Award).

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