



# News from the Norman E. Alexander Jewish Studies Library at Columbia University Libraries

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## Recent acquisitions:

- *Collection of documents relating to Jews during the Bolognan Inquisition*
- *Sifte Yeshenim – the first Jewish bibliography produced by a Jew*



- *Printed illustrated Alef-bet chart, Pisa, 1815*
- *Two 15<sup>th</sup> century manuscript letters concerning Jews*
- *1843 pamphlet regarding a new institute for Jewish education in Corfu.*

## News

Over 20 additional broadsides were digitized and made available online via the Digital Library Collections as part of the [Italian Jewish Community Regulations](#) collection.

Collections were featured in the classrooms for “Jewish Music in New York,” “Censorship and Freedom of Expression in Early Modern Europe,” “Medieval Jewish Cultures,” and a course on Masekhet Megillah of the Talmud

Recent blog posts highlight Columbia’s strong history of collecting Judaica in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, including founder [Samuel Johnson’s correspondence](#) with the first printer in Hebrew type in the New World, Judah Monis, a collection of [parodies in various languages](#) to celebrate the holiday of Purim, and an [illustrated Haggadah for Passover](#).

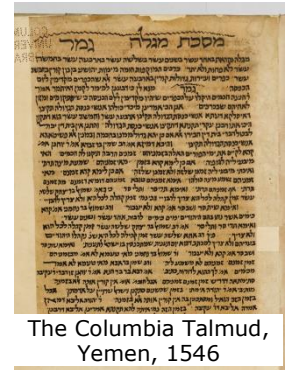
Professor Benjamin R. Gampel’s compelling lecture on “Reembracing the Lachrymose Theory of Jewish History: Dialogue with a Columbia Tradition” was enjoyed by many. A video of the lecture is now available on the [Norman E. Alexander Lecture](#) website.

Columbia University Library’s Genizah Fragments have been included in the innovative [Scribes of the Cairo Geniza](#) project. Based out of the University of Pennsylvania, this project aims to teach the reading of manuscripts via crowdsourced transcription

## New and updated online resources

It’s been a busy semester of purchasing online resources for our patrons. The following resources will be available by the summer:

- Alumni will be happy to know that the Bar Ilan Responsa database subscription will be expanded to include alumni access via uni and password.
- The Talmud Yerushalmi Citation Database will provide a valuable resource of citations from ancient times to the present of the Jerusalem Talmud
- The important book series - *The Littman Library of Jewish Civilization* – will become available to our students, faculty, and staff in ebook version as a complete package.



The Columbia Talmud, Yemen, 1546



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