

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **2011 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards Announced by Association of Jewish Libraries**

#### **For immediate release**

The Research Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections Division of the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) is very pleased to announce the winners of its 2011 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards.

#### **Reference**

In the reference category, the winner is *The Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, published by Brill. Edited by Dr. Norman Stillman of the University of Oklahoma, this 5-volume encyclopedia is the first English-language reference that deals with a part of Jewish history that is obscure and inaccessible for many readers. *The Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World* opens a new window into this world and will inevitably generate more research and interest in the field. An online version is currently available as well. More information on the *Encyclopedia* can be found at <http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=227&pid=26005>.

An honorable mention has been awarded to *The Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism*, edited by John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow. It is an essential reference in a field of study that has rapidly expanded in recent decades. More information on the *Dictionary* can be found at [http://www.eerdmans.com/shop/product.asp?p\\_key=9780802825490](http://www.eerdmans.com/shop/product.asp?p_key=9780802825490).

#### **Bibliography**

In the bibliography category, the winner is *The Bibliography of Jews in the Islamic World*, published by Brill. Edited by María Angeles Gallego, Heather Bleaney and Pablo García Suárez, this bibliography is an important contribution to the study of Jews in the Islamic World due to its thematic and geographical scopes, especially considering the difficulties in covering such a diverse field and multitude of languages. More information on the Bibliography can be found at [http://www.brill.nl/product\\_id31220.htm](http://www.brill.nl/product_id31220.htm).

#### **Thanks to Our Sponsors**

We would like to thank Dr. Greta Silver of New York City and Eric Chaim Kline of Los Angeles, who respectively sponsor the annual Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards. The 2011 awards will be presented at the AJL 46th Annual Convention banquet, which will take place on Tuesday evening, June 21, 2011 at the Marriott Montréal Château Champlain in Montréal, Québec.

For more information about AJL's Judaica Reference & Bibliography Awards, including past winners, please visit [http://jewishlibraries.org/ajlweb/awards/ref\\_and\\_bib.htm](http://jewishlibraries.org/ajlweb/awards/ref_and_bib.htm).

#### **Awards Committee**

The Reference & Bibliography Awards Committee includes Michlean Amir (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum), Yoram Bitton (Columbia University), Rachel Leket-Mor (Arizona State University), Daniel Rettberg (Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati), Pinchas Roth (Hebrew University), Rachel Simon (Princeton University), and Daniel Scheide, chair (Florida Atlantic University).

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