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**The Association of Jewish Libraries Announces
the 2022 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Award Winners**

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) 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: Koerner, András. *Early Jewish Cookbooks: Essays on Hungarian Jewish Gastronomical History*. Budapest; New York: CEU Press, 2022.
- Reference award: Stein, Sarah Abrevaya, and Aomar Boum. *Wartime North Africa: A Documentary History, 1934–1950*. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2022.

This year's awardees exemplify AJL's mission to foster and promote access to information, learning, teaching, and research. The awardees will be honored at a virtual event this fall.

In ***Early Jewish Cookbooks***, András Koerner continues his explorations of Jewish cookbooks in Hungary, this time focusing predominantly on the nineteenth century. In this ambitious work, Koerner uncovers “lost” cookbooks while also examining their vast interconnections with both local communities and distant publishing projects. Koerner’s highly engaging prose also serves as an excellent entrée into academic food studies, covering both how to critically read cookbooks and what is gained by doing so. Reference winner ***Wartime North Africa: A Documentary History, 1934–1950***, is a tremendous work of archival scholarship. Aomar Boum and Sarah Stein selected documents from a wide mix of languages – French, Arabic, Judeo-Arabic, Spanish, Hebrew, Darija, Tamazight, Italian, and Yiddish – and, in many cases, translated them into English for the first time. The documents shine a light on underexplored

aspects of Jewish history and are a wonderful resource for scholars at all stages: experts and also undergraduates beginning their study of Jewish History.

For his commitment and continuing support of the Bibliography Award, AJL would like to recognize and thank Mr. Eric Kline of Santa Monica. AJL would also like to thank all the members of the Reference & Bibliography Awards committee for their diligent work: Anna Levia, Sharon Benamou, Diane Mizrahi, and Daniel Kestenbaum. We also extend thanks to previous committee member Haim Gottschalk for preparing the committee for success with his own bibliographic efforts.

About the Association of Jewish Libraries

The Association of Jewish Libraries is an international, professional organization that fosters access to information and research in all forms of media relating to all things Jewish. The Association promotes Jewish literacy and scholarship and provides a community for peer support and professional development. For more information, visit www.jewishlibraries.org.

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