

Summary of Readers Association Activity: 2014

1. We continued to meet with members of the administration on a regular basis, receiving progress reports on library projects and on the planning of the new building. Summaries of these meetings are available in the News Archives on the Association website.
2. In January 2014 the Association organized a farewell event in honor of the Judaica librarians who retired in 2013: Elona Avinezer, Ruth Flint, Alisa Alon, and Ziporah Ben Abou. In preparation for the event, readers were asked to write thank you letters to the librarians. These letters were compiled in an album, copies of which were presented to the librarians. The album and photos from the event are available on our website. Former director of the JRR, Michael Riegler, was also honored at this event.

2015:

1. We initiated a meeting with two members of the library's Board of Directors. We presented our view of the Association's role and discussed the functioning of the administration and its innovations.
2. Two members of the Association represent readers in the planning process of the reading rooms in the new library. They have met several times with the representative of the Building Committee and members of the administration. We hope that these meetings will continue.

Questions to be raised:

- a. Number of parking spaces (for readers) in the new library
 - b. Number of work stations for readers in the reading rooms themselves?
 - c. Has sufficient thought been given to separation between areas for public activity and the reading rooms?
3. We will suggest that the new library have stands with tripods for digital photography of material. We will also suggest that the position of director of reading rooms be restored.
 4. Our representatives informed us that, when plans for the new building have been more fully formulated, the administration is planning a public meeting at which it will present the plans to the public.