



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

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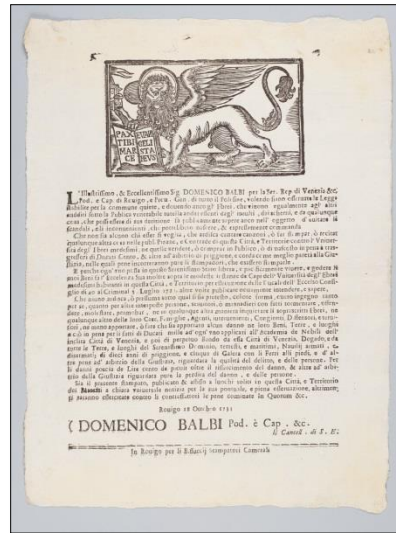
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Recent acquisitions (old and new) for the NEA Library:

- [Hebrew Grammar textbook created by Columbia professor of Hebrew Johann Kunze \(1796\)](#)
- [Kotar: Hebrew E-Book Collection](#)
- *Seven leaves from the commentary of Nahmanides, Lisbon, 1489*
- *Two photo albums from the self-titled Bergen Belson camp theatre*
- *Letter regarding the estate of Rabbi Jacob Emden (we have a number of books from his library)*
- *Pinkas of the Witzenhausen-Barchfield community*
- [Flavius Josephus Online](#)

## News

We look forward to the Norman E. Alexander Lecture in Jewish Studies with Jenna Weissman Joselit, Charles E. Smith Professor of Judaic Studies and Professor of History, as well as the Director of the MA Program in Jewish Cultural Arts at George Washington University. Dr. Joselit's talk is entitled "Rock Solid: America's Relationship to the Ten Commandments."



**Jews prohibited from shouting (Venice, 1731)**

the new site, and we look forward to adding more as we continue our partnership with the NLI to digitize and make available our important Judaica manuscripts.

We have nearly completed a project to catalog all of our rare Hebrew imprints. When the project began in 2014, only about one third of the Hebrew imprints in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library had been cataloged; by December, all cataloging will be completed.

As part of our [NEH funded project](#) to digitize the transcripts for the monumental [Language and Culture Atlas of Ashkenazic Jewry](#), we have just begun project to reprocess the entire physical collection (only about half of the collection is being digitized). This project should be completed at the same time as the digitization, by Summer 2017.

We're on Facebook! Like the [Norman E. Alexander Library](#) page for up-to-the minute notifications of new and highlighted resources and other news.

Forty broadsides containing various announcements, regulations, and other public notices pertaining to the Jews of various Italian cities (including Padua, Mantua, Venice, Rome, and others) have been digitized, and are now available in Columbia University Libraries' new [Digital Library Collections](#). We recently acquired an additional twenty broadsides, and hope to make them digitally available in the near future.

## Special Projects

Columbia University's Hebrew manuscripts were among the first to be piloted in the National Library of Israel's new "Ktiv" database of digitized Hebrew manuscripts. About [175 of Columbia's Hebrew manuscripts](#) can be found in