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 15th 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 18th 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.