
Message from Dean Lawrence Rafal

"The great sage and teacher Hillel, in *Pirkei Avot* (The Ethics of Our Fathers), taught "One must not say 'when I have leisure, I will study,' for you may never have leisure." This is one of many, many such sayings in the literature of Judaism which have led to the Jewish people being called "the People of the Book." It is clear that while that phrase may refer to the Torah as "the book," it is also true that many other books, as well as learning and study, are an integral part of Judaism.

The Lillie Goldstein Judaica Collection is an accurate reflection of this tradition. It is a library of some of the most important books in Jewish religious and legal tradition, and it was designed to travel across America so many people could study the history, law and values of the Jewish people. There is no greater mitzvah (obligation) than to help others to study, and we at Touro Law Center take great pride in sharing our collection with other law schools, and we understand it as part of our mission and heritage.

Thank you for your interest in the Lillie Goldstein Judaica Collection. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to learn, and we trust that you will *not* wait until you have leisure for a chance to delve into the wonders of these books."

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**The
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The Lillie Goldstein Judaica Collection, with its unique designation as a traveling library, was developed with the generous support of the Lillie Goldstein Charitable Trust to further Touro Law Center's goal of presenting Jewish thought and learning, particularly the Jewish legal tradition, within a scholarly framework.

Established to make available to law schools without Judaica collections the resources necessary to offer courses in Jewish law, the collection of more than 420 titles in over 700 volumes in Hebrew and/or English includes duplicates of the core *halakah* (Jewish law) materials found in the Gould Law Library's Judaica Collection, as well as other materials chosen to enrich the study of Jewish law.

Dr. Chaim Povarsky, Director of the Institute of Jewish Law at Touro Law Center, is the primary advisor. His role in shaping the collection is a reflection of one of the goals of the Institute — to promote the teaching of Jewish law in American law schools.

Former Law Library Director Daniel Jordan, Professor Povarsky, and Judaica Librarians Lois Markowitz and Carol S. Joseph made the initial selections. Ms. Markowitz and Ms. Joseph managed the collection until their retirements.

Under the leadership of Library Director April Schwartz, Beth Mobley, Associate Director and Head of Special Collections, works with other current library staff members to evaluate and enrich this valuable resource.

The Lillie Goldstein Judaica Collection is offered as an interlibrary loan for a semester or for an academic year.

A bibliography of the collection is available at: <http://www.tourolaw.edu/library.lgjc.asp>.

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"The Lillie Goldstein Collection is one unique facet of the extensive Judaica collection that is the jewel in the crown of the Gould Law Library special collections. In English and Hebrew, it brings the vibrancy of Jewish law to life for law students and legal scholars all over the country by literally "being there" for law schools that do not currently have access to such a specialized resource. Every year, the collection is groomed and expanded and sent off "on the road" to another law school. It then serves as an invaluable research collection for those students interested in immersing themselves in the intricacies of Jewish law.

We at the Gould Law Library are happy to provide researchers this very special access to Jewish law in all its rich variety."

April Schwartz
Gould Law Library Director

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(Spring 2000)
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(2002-2003)
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Broad Law Center
(2003-2004)
University of Colorado School of Law
(2004-2005)
Pepperdine University School of Law
(2005-2006)
University of Tulsa College of Law
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We are pleased to announce that the library's permanent Judaica collection in our new facility in Central Islip, NY, is now named The Abraham Goldstein and Lillie Goldstein Judaica Collection.