

Ex Libris History, 1978-2005 (“Draft” version of site) Last updated, 23-Apr-2017

Red = new since previous update (15-Feb-2017) Green = new since 23-Mar-2017 update

In general, the site is organized chronologically. The **bolded** entries are of especial interest.

- [Timeline of Ex Libris history \(1978-2005\)](#)
- [Judy Levi answers questions about early ALEPH history](#)
- [Avner Navin: My part in the history of Ex Libris \(1978-1999\)](#)
- [1980 Control Data \(Israel\) Application Report on ALEPH](#) (-- largely written by Judy Levi) (with photos)
- Elhanan Adler’s Powerpoint (in English): "[An introduction to information technology in libraries ... in Israel and the world](#)", covering 1972-83; [the preceding in its original Hebrew](#)
- [1980 Hebrew University ALEPH Guide \(in Hebrew\)](#), courtesy of Joan Kolarik
- [Udi Arad’s History of Ex Libris, in three chapters \(1986-2002\)](#)
- [Jerry’s \(audio\) interview of Oren Beit-Arie](#)
- Judy Levi’s 1989 article “[Library Automation in the University Libraries of Israel](#)”
- [First contract \(1991\) between Aleph and Ex Libris](#) (in Hebrew) (courtesy of Matti and Adiya R.)
- [May 1991 letter from Technical University of Budapest to Azriel Morag \(courtesy of Yoel K.\)](#)
- [Weizmann Instructions for ALEPH \(1991\)](#)
- [Transcript of Jerry’s interview of Barbara Rad-El \(covering 1991-2005\)](#)
- [Ex Libris photos from early 1990’s \(courtesy of Barbara\)](#)
- Four 1992 issues of *EX LIBRIS Reports: A Newsletter for the International Association of ALEPH Users* (courtesy of Yoel K.)....
 - [Jan 1992, Vol. II, No. 1](#)
 - [Apr 1992, Vol. II, No. 2](#)
 - [Jul 1992, Vol. II, No. 3](#)
 - [Oct 1992, Vol. II, No. 4](#)

I would note especially Azriel’s “**Developing a System**” article on **pp. 3-5 of the July 1992 issue** (199207) **and, pp. 3-4 of the Oct 1992 issue** (199210). The first is a simple but eloquent statement of what Ex Libris is about (and I believe presages Ex Libris’ success in the library-

automation/information marketplace); the second discusses the important role of customers in the creation of the Aleph programs.

- [1996 Ex Libris business plan](#), courtesy of Ron Biran
- [Aleph 500 / SFX at Ghent](#) (1997-) [Photos from Ghent](#) (-- including Ex Libris staff).
- [1997 Library Technology Reports issue](#) on Ex Libris Limited
- [Notre Dame chooses Ex Libris](#) (1997-8) (with photos)
- Jerry's North American Kickoff presentation ([Ex Libris Comes to the U.S -1998](#)) (with photos)
- [List of ICAU conference sites and dates](#) , with nice photos for 1999-2005
- [A year 2000 EL staff photo](#) (courtesy of Omri) -- with a numbered key to identify each person:



- [Ori Miller's "museum"](#) (photo of physical artifacts -- Use the magnifying glass!)
- **SFX**
 - [SFX timeline](#)
 - [SFX photos](#) (courtesy of Albert Oller and Lieve Rottiers)
 - [Screenshots of how SFX looked in 1999](#) (zip file of 10 screens)
 - [Albert Oller's SFX questionnaire response](#)
 - [Customer SFX questionnaire responses](#)
- [ITALE Newsletter, Sept 2003](#) (courtesy of Yoel K.)

- [Four at the Kos System Seminar \(2005\) \(photo\)](#)
- [librarytechnology.org list of Aleph and SFX libraries](#)
- **Ex Libris staff responses**
 - [Aharon Rivlin](#) (notes on early ALEPH history)
 - [Andrea Hell](#) (early years in Germany)
 - [Barbara Rad-El](#) (“Thirty years of Ex Libris – Personal recollections” – blog, with comments)
 - [Daniele Nottegar](#) (early years in Italy)
 - [Jo Richardson](#) (questionnaire response; great details on early years in U.K.)
 - [Katherine Heavey](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Laura Pierson](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Michael Kaplan](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Natan Lev](#) (on early ALEPH Version numbers and history)
 - [Oren Beit-Arie](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Tami Ezra](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Tania Gutman](#) (questionnaire response)
- **Ex Libris customer responses**
 - [Bettina Kaldenberg](#) (Germany/Israel/ALEPH in the early 1980’s)
 - [Bill Slauenwhite](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Debbie Becker](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Donna Hirst](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Jan Jourdain](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Jirka Kende](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Katherine Ward](#) (questionnaire response) (ALEPH at Notre Dame 1998-)
 - [Naomi Steinberger](#) (ALEPH at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1990)
 - [Naomi Steinberger](#) (questionnaire response)
 - [Patrick Hochstenbach](#) (Aleph 500/SFX at Ghent 1997- ; [photos](#))

- **Theo Engelman** (Aleph 500/SFX at Utrecht 1999-)