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- **Timeline of Ex Libris history** (1978-2005)
- **Judy Levi answers questions about early ALEPH history**
- **Oren, Yohanan, and Jerry’s discussion of ALEPH/Ex Libris 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” + another version of same (courtesy of Oren Maurer)
  - **First contract (1991) between Aleph and Ex Libris** (in Hebrew) (courtesy of Matti and Adiya R.)
  - **May1991 letter from Technical University of Budapest to Azriel Morag** (courtesy of Yoel K.)
  - **Weizmann Instructions for ALEPH** (1991)
• Jerry’s (audio) interview of Judy Levi and Randy Menakes

• 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)….
  o Jan 1992, Vol. II, No. 1
  o Apr 1992, Vol. II, No. 2
  o Jul 1992, Vol. II, No. 3
  o 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
  o SFX timeline
  o SFX photos (courtesy of Albert Oller and Lieve Rottiers)
  o Screenshots of how SFX looked in 1999 (zip file of 10 screens)
  o Albert Oller’s SFX questionnaire response
  o Customer SFX questionnaire responses

• ITALE Newsletter, Sept 2003 (courtesy of Yoel K.)

• Four at the Kos System Seminar (2005) + a Floridian at Kos (2005) {photos taken by Gary Johnson (SDLN/CCLA)}

• librarytechnology.org list of Aleph and SFX libraries

• Ex Libris staff responses
  o Aharon Rivlin (notes on early ALEPH history)
  o 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**

• **Anne Beavan** (University of Aberdeen) (questionnaire response)
• **Bettina Kaldenberg** (Germany/Israel/ALEPH in the early 1980’s)
• **Bill Slauenwhite** (NOVANET) (questionnaire response)
• **Charles Simpson** (SUNY – Stony Brook) (questionnaire response)
• **Debbie Becker** (Cape Peninsula University of Cape Town) (questionnaire response)
• **Donna Hirst** (University of Iowa) (questionnaire response)
• **Fang Peng** (Stony Brook University) (questionnaire response)
• **Jan Jourdain** (Five Colleges) (questionnaire response)
• **Jirka Kende** (Freie Universität Berlin) (questionnaire response)
• **Katherine Ward** (Notre Dame, 1998-) (questionnaire response)
- **Maureen Zajkowski** (ALEPH at SUNY 1999- ) (questionnaire response) Photos
- Naomi Steinberger (ALEPH at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1990)
- Naomi Steinberger (JTS) (questionnaire response)
- **Patrick Hochstenbach** (Aleph 500/SFX at Ghent 1997- : Photos
- Ron Johnston (McGill University) (questionnaire response)
- **Theo Engelman** (Aleph 500/SFX at Utrecht 1999- )
- Yosef Branse (University of Haifa, 1991- ) (questionnaire response)