

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

March 20, 2008

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Barbara L. Rosen, A.M.L.S., associate librarian, retired from the University Library on December 31, 2007.

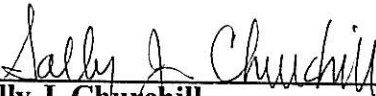
Ms. Rosen received her B.A. degree from Wayne State University in 1966 and her A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1974. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1974 as an assistant librarian and was promoted to associate librarian in 1977.

For many years, Ms. Rosen was the sole cataloguer of Hebrew and Yiddish language materials. She processed many thousands of Hebrew and Yiddish books and periodicals for the library's Judaica collection through the mid-1990s, when the library began to expand its Judaica studies program by adding staff and funding resources. More than a generation of division heads, bibliographers, and cataloguers received their initial professional training from Ms. Rosen, and many of them have advanced to important positions working in other distinguished Judaica collections.

As a long-time member of the Association of Jewish Libraries and an active participant in the affairs of the Jewish communities in Ann Arbor and Detroit, Ms. Rosen cultivated contacts through these channels that significantly benefited the Judaica collection. For example, her activity led directly to the acquisition of the Joseph T. and Marie Adler Collection of Holocaust Materials, a collection of Judaica realia, manuscripts, and archives of immeasurable research value. She was also a key player in the acquisition of the Detroit Public Library's Yiddish collection, the Midrasha Library's Yiddish and Hebrew collection, and the Shaarey Zedek Library's Morris Adler collection. Ms. Rosen's invaluable contributions to the University Library's illustrious Judaica and Yiddish collections, especially its Yiddish language collection, have benefited and will continue to benefit countless scholars and graduate students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Barbara L. Rosen associate librarian emerita.**

Requested by:



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