

From Naomi Steinberger at Jewish Theological Seminary (NYC)...

We got ALEPH 2.2 in January 1990. I was personally involved. It's been my project from the earliest of days.

The other [U.S.] organizations that had ALEPH then were

- the Index of Christian Art [at Princeton], don't remember the people there,
- the Annenberg Research Center, which is now part of University of Pennsylvania also had ALEPH in those days. Aviva Astrinsky was involved. She is long retired.

In 1990 we received a grant from the US Department of Education to create a network (in the pre-Internet days) to connect ALEPH between JTS, the Annenberg Research Center and Gratz College (also in Philadelphia), using PC ALEPH. Sara Spiegel, who recently retired from JTS, was at Gratz College at the time.

We did get the network up, but by the time the grant was complete there was the Internet and it was an obsolete project. CJH didn't exist until much later, when the 5 partner institutions merged into one building and one system. This was after 2000. Hebrew College didn't have ALEPH until later.

I'm sure that Barbara Rad-El has many stories, as well as Judy Levi who we worked with extensively. (I recently saw Yaniv Levi, as he is now working at the National Library of Israel.)