Ex Libris History, 1978-2005 Last updated, 17-Sep-2017

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

    - 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:

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- [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) + [a Floridian at Kos](#) (2005) {photos taken by Gary Johnson (SDLN/CCLA)}

- [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)

- o [Barbara Rad-El](#) ("Thirty years of Ex Libris – Personal recollections" – blog, with comments)

- o [Daniele Nottegar](#) (early years in Italy)

- o **[Jo Richardson](#)** (questionnaire response; great details on early years in U.K.)

- o [Katherine Heavey](#) (questionnaire response)

- o [Laura Pierson](#) (questionnaire response)

- o [Michael Kaplan](#) (questionnaire response)

- o [Natan Lev](#) (on early ALEPH Version numbers and history)

- o **[Oren Beit-Arie](#)** (questionnaire response)

- o [Tami Ezra](#) (questionnaire response)

- o [Tania Gutman](#) (questionnaire response)

- **Ex Libris customer responses**

  - o [Anne Beavan](#) (**University of Aberdeen**) (questionnaire response)

  - o [Bettina Kaldenberg](#) (Germany/Israel/ALEPH in the early 1980's)

  - o [Bill Slauenwhite](#) (NOVANET) (questionnaire response)

  - o [Charles Simpson](#) (SUNY – Stony Brook) (questionnaire response)

  - o [Debbie Becker](#) (Cape Peninsula University of Cape Town) (questionnaire response)

  - o [Donna Hirst](#) (University of Iowa) (questionnaire response)

  - o [Fang Peng](#) (Stony Brook University) (questionnaire response)

  - o [Jan Jourdain](#) (Five Colleges) (questionnaire response)

  - o **[Jirka Kende](#)** (Freie Universität Berlin) (questionnaire response)

  - o **[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)