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### **Jewish Genealogist Miriam Weiner Donates Sephardic Book Collection to Yeshiva University Library**

Miriam Weiner, the noted Jewish genealogist and journalist, has donated her library of Sephardic books to the Sephardic Reference Room of the Mendel Gottesman Library at Yeshiva University.

The library of 125 books, which Weiner acquired on her travels in Spain, Israel, and other countries, constitutes “the University’s first separate collection on Sephardic genealogy,” said Dr. M. Mitchell Serels, associate director of YU’s Jacob E. Safra Institute of Sephardic Studies.

The Sephardic Reference Room, the pre-eminent resource center of its kind, houses important collections of books, manuscripts, letters, film records, and other materials related to the history and culture of the Jews of Spain and the descendants of Jews expelled from Spain during the Inquisition in 1492.

“I thought it best to donate my Sephardic collection to a library where it could benefit scholars as well as members of the general public pursuing their Sephardic Jewish roots,” said Weiner, a Secaucus, NJ, resident whose syndicated *Roots and Branches* column has appeared in more than 100 Jewish newspapers worldwide.

A frequent national lecturer on Jewish genealogy and Sephardic history, Weiner recently narrowed the focus of her research to Eastern Europe, where many documents have become available since the Soviet Union collapsed. She is currently preparing a guide to Jewish material in the Polish State Archives. Weiner is also president of Routes to Roots, a firm that conducts visits to ancestral towns for individuals researching their family history in Eastern Europe.

The Mendel Gottesman Library is located on the University’s Main Campus in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan.

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**CONTRIBUTED BY MIRIAM WEINER**

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