



Library Summary

Institution name:	Agudath Israel of Illinois
Library name:	Antonia Spitzer Jewish Library
Library type:	Special
City:	Chicago
Primary library contact:	Yitzchok Ehrman, CEO
Recommended board action:	FULL MEMBERSHIP
Major metropolitan area:	Chicago
Population Served:	25,000

Library Information

Holdings:	7,000
OCLC member (yes or no):	No
Online catalog (OPAC):	No
eRead Illinois member (yes or no):	No

Strengths: This Jewish community organization's library holds a unique Orthodox Jewish collection including fiction and nonfiction books. The library emphasizes exceptional customer service and has built the collection mostly based on patron requests and donations.

Challenges: The staff intend to convert to an online catalog soon. They also hope to create an online presence and acquire electronic materials so patrons can access part of the library collection remotely. RAILS recommends the library staff begin offering interlibrary loan to their patrons. The staff are interested in learning more about resource sharing opportunities.