

Trip to the Library of Congress

April 4, 2019



Fifteen members of JCC Men's Club last week went on a guided tour of the Library of Congress.



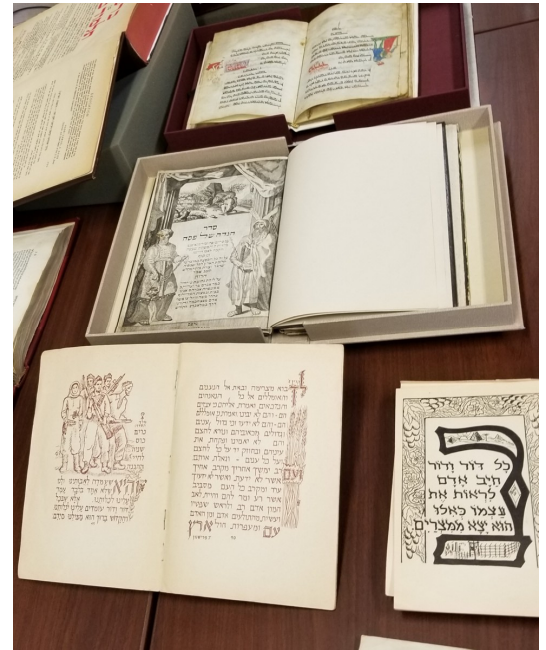
started and where the first books in the library came from (Thomas Jefferson).



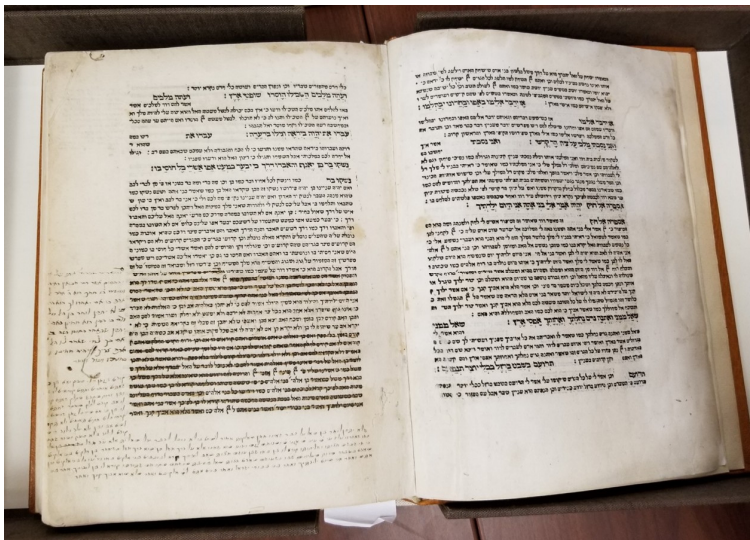
The tour was guided by Ed Williams and started in the main building of the library, the Jefferson Building. Ed gave the group a brief history of the library, when it was



When we toured the main hall and viewed the beautiful reading room. Ed then took us through the Baseball section of the library, which included baseball material from early days though current time.



We then visited the Judaica section of the library which was guided by Judaica specialist Dr. Brenner and



Sharon Horwitz and spent over an hour looking at some of the earliest Hebrew books that were printed in the early 1500s. They also prepared a collection of early Haggadahs one of which was a Washington Haggadah. The collections of the Judaica books were incredible, and the stories very interesting. If you want to see this part of the library, call ahead.



The last part of the tour was the incredible music room, which is rarely open to the public. The room contains a collection of the oldest and most beautiful Stradivarius violins and a Stradivarius viola. These instruments were donated to the library on a condition that they must be played in a concert, which happens monthly and is open to the public for free. So if you visit the library and get to see this, you will be amazed.