**Professional training with the National Library of Israel**

At the Source is the National Library of Israel's flagship training and development programme for professionals working with Jewish heritage across Europe. Since its inception, the programme has trained nearly 60 librarians, archivists, and museum professionals, increasing their understanding of their Jewish collections and developing skills for managing and preserving them.

The courses are especially tailored by experts at the National Library of Israel and the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People to address the needs of participants and their institutions. The courses give theoretical training, hands-on experience and individual mentoring – drawing on materials that reflect the contexts of participating institutions' collections.

In addition to learning critical professional skills, At the Source participants form strategic connections with National Library colleagues and with each other – relationships that will support them through their careers as the custodians of significant and sometimes endangered Jewish archives and libraries in numerous countries.

The National Library of Israel is proposing to develop a course specifically for the needs of institutions in Spain / Catalonia who hold Jewish materials. We will be focusing on historic archives dating from the medieval period, in particular fragments, parchments and manuscripts.

We are interested to combine this training with establishing cooperation agreements to include Hebrew materials held in Spanish institutions in the KTIV International Collection of Digitized Hebrew Manuscripts. (separate document).

The National Library of Israel European programme (A Bridge to Europe) will cover the expenses for the training, but ask local institutions to provide facilities (rooms, logistics) to host the training sessions.

We are hoping to arrange an exploratory visit to Catalonia in December 2022, in order to meet with institutions and start mapping training needs together with relevant colleagues.