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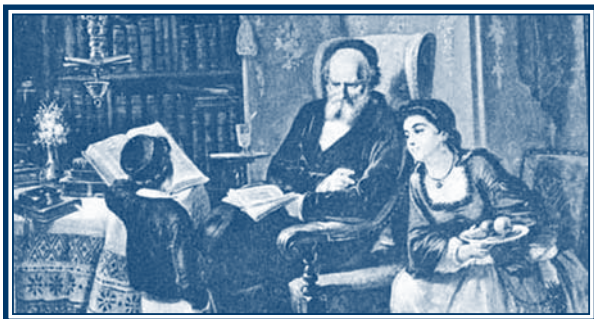
Postcard reproducing a painting from a series by Moritz Oppenheim
(1800-1882) of scenes from Jewish family life.

Images from the Harry and Branka Sondheim Jewish
Heritage Collection.

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**IMAGES OF PRAYER, POLITICS, AND EVERYDAY LIFE FROM THE HARRY
AND BRANKA SONDHEIM JEWISH HERITAGE COLLECTION**

*An Exhibition in the Special Collections Research Center
Main Gallery
Through July 8, 2008*

Assembled over many years by Harry Sondheim, a University of Chicago alumnus (AB'54, JD'57), the Sondheim collection spans the 16th to the late 20th centuries and includes early printed books, prints, drawings, 19th- and 20th-century newspaper and magazine illustrations, and ephemeral items such as New Year's cards and postcards depicting Jewish life and customs. In 2005, Mr. Sondheim began to present his collection to the University of Chicago.

The exhibition is organized around representations of the events of the Jewish life-cycle—birth, circumcision, naming, marriage, and death—and those of the Jewish calendar—the Sabbath, *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Simchat Torah*, *Sukkot*, and Passover. Sondheim also collected numerous images of Jews at labor and leisure and pursued his passion for illustrators and artists Ben Shahn, Moritz Oppenheim, Ephraim Lilien, Alfred Szyk, and Alphonse Lévy.

**THE SPIRIT OF THE ORIENT AND JUDAISM:
FROM THE LUDWIG ROSENBERGER LIBRARY OF JUDAICA**

*An Exhibition in the Special Collections Research Center
Rosenberger Library of Judaica Gallery
Through June 20, 2008*

Works from the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica illustrate the various ways Western Jews embraced the Orient, including dressing up as "Orientals," valorizing "authentic" Eastern Jewish communities, romanticizing Jewish history under Islam during the Golden Age in Spain, building synagogues in the Moorish style, imagining Biblical patriarchs as Bedouins, becoming Zionists, and positioning themselves as cultural mediators between West and East.

*The University of Chicago Library Society
cordially invites you to a talk*

**THE AESTHETICS OF JEWISH RITUAL LIFE
IN THE DIASPORA**

by
Leora Auslander
*Professor of European Social History
The Department of History and the College
Founding Director of the Center for Gender Studies
Professor, Committee on Jewish Studies*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008

*Prior to our program
Sara Hume, exhibition researcher,
will give a tour of the exhibition*
Images of Jewish Prayer, Politics, and Everyday Life from the
Branka and Harry Sondheim Jewish Heritage Collection

5:00 p.m. Exhibition Tour
5:45 p.m. Lecture
6:45 p.m. Reception
7:30 p.m. Dinner

*Special Collections Research Center
Joseph Regenstein Library
1100 East 57th Street*

Please return reservations no later than Thursday, May 8, 2008.

*Free valet parking will be available in front of
Regenstein Library, 4:45–9:15 p.m.*

*For further details or assistance, please call
Barbara Palmer-Bostick at (773) 702-7695*



BOOK SALE

Joseph Regenstein Library, Room 120w



The Library Society is pleased once again to help sponsor the Library's spring book sale. Prices are reduced throughout the sale, and there will be special hours on Wednesday, May 14th for Library Society Members during the reception.

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- I/We will attend the dinner on Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Please reserve ____ place(s) at \$40 per person.
- I/We will attend the lecture only.
- I/We understand the dinners are underwritten by the Library Society
and would like to make an additional donation.

MEMBER NAME(S)

GUEST NAME(S)

- I/We cannot attend the event, but enclosed is a
contribution to the University of Chicago Library Society.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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