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ABSTRACT:

At the annual AJL conference in Boca Raton, Florida, in 1999, I presented a paper, "Creating an American Women's History Guide at the Library of Congress: The Jewish Angle." The paper focused on my section of the guide devoted to researching American Jewish women at the Library. Through changes made to the chapter, this year's presentation examines the process of digitizing the published book and mounting it on the Library's website. I will also address the challenges and invite discussion of issues related to producing electronic versions of printed publications. These include: How soon can a publication go from book to web? How does the reader know which is the authoritative version? Who is the author?