The **GLAM** Wiki
National Library Project
NLI at a Glance

• The National Library of Israel, a 120-old institution
• In charge of collecting, preserving, cultivating and endowing (or distributing) the cultural heritage of the Jewish People and Israeli State’s Citizens

• 4 Main collections: Judaica, Israel, Islam & Muslim world, as well as a general humanities collection
GLAM-Wiki NLI: The Pilot

• Selected a collection as a pilot
  – Digitized
  – Released under Open CC License
  – Used materials to create Wikipedia articles, encouraged re-use, sharing, and link back to NLI

• Hired a Wikipedian-in-residence

• Held a few Edit-a-thons and other events:
  – Two Edit-a-thons for the general public
  – A Wikipedia lecture + editing tutorial for NLI Staff
  – Edit-a-thon for 25 students from Leo Baeck School
  – “Behind the scenes” VIP tour for Wikipedians!
The Pilot

• A collection of portraits of about 3,000 persons (sometimes more than one per person)
• **Mostly** in the public domain
• Of these, some 150 portraits were donated to the commons, with other images of maps and manuscripts
Outcomes

- 150+ images donated to the commons
- ~70 new articles created
- Raised awareness for Wikipedia @ NLI
- Thinking about creating educational impact
We’re Big in Japan!
What didn’t work as planned

• Digitization was slower than expected
• Making sure © is not infringed on is hard work
• Creating a “service desk” for Wikipedians is still hard for the library
• Gathering statistics is hard
What’s next?...

• Checking the possibility of massive uploading a full collection to the Commons
• A regular Wikipedia contact @ NLI
• Cooperation with Wikimedia Israel and the Ministry of Education to create impact with Wikipedia & primary sources
The end is just the beginning!

See you soon, and

GLAM ON!