

# The Children's Simcha Book Club

## The Need

The children's collection of books with Jewish content in the KI library is involved in an ongoing process of updating and improvement. The librarians have been working with Lisa Bernstein, the school director, to develop a more up-to-date and useful collection of children's books. These books will be used by all the children in our congregation from pre-school through high school, our KI teachers as part of their instruction, parents, grandparents, and other members of the congregation. The library has no line item budget. It is funded only by donations, such as those from the Children's Simcha Book Club, and the sale of duplicate and outdated books on our hall table.

## Our Progress So Far

Lisa has drawn up a "Wish List" of children's books she would like to see in the library to enrich our children's Jewish education, and we have been able to order over 75 new books as Simcha funds became available. Our KIvunim Religious School is now using these books for themes, programs, and holiday celebrations. Classes visit the library regularly. The number of children borrowing these new books has increased dramatically since we began to display them.

## The KI Children's Simcha Book Club

We are inviting the congregation to participate in the ongoing improvement of our children's book collection by purchasing books from the "Wish List" in honor of a *simcha* such as a child's birthday or other life cycle event such as a birth, *bnai mitzvah*, *bris*, or graduation. Books can also be purchased to honor someone or in memory of someone. For a contribution of \$18, the library will purchase a children's book for the library (hardcover if available) and will insert a beautiful commemorative bookplate.

## Selecting a Book

Choose one of the following options listed on the opposite side of this flyer:

1. Allow the librarians to select a children's book needed in the library or from the Children's Wish List.
2. Select a book yourself from the children's "Wish List." This list is in a folder on the librarians' desk prominently labeled "Wish Lists." The list can also be found online at the KI Religious School page or at <http://kehillatisrael.net/docs/pdf/BookList2014.pdf>.

Please consider participating in this program now or at any time in the future when you have a *simcha* to celebrate or other life cycle event. Your contribution of \$18 or more will enable us to add the best Jewish children's fiction and up-to-date non-fiction to the children's book collection, including award-winning books and those reflecting contemporary Jewish life and cultural past.

Join us in introducing our children to the exciting world of outstanding Jewish publications. We welcome your input and suggestions.

Your KI Librarians,

Marilyn Aronoff, Barbara Hyman, Liz Kaufman, Lois Rosen

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## KI Children's Simcha Book Club Form

I/ We would like to purchase a children's book or books for the K.I. library for \$18 per book.

Please select one of the following options:

1. I/We have selected a book or books from the children's book "Wish List." The title(s) and author(s) are:

2. I/We would like the librarians to select a children's book or books needed in the library or from the children's book Wish List.

Donor's name(s):

Address:

The bookplate should read:\*

Presented by:

In honor of or in memory of:

No need to send acknowledgment to honoree(s)

Please send an acknowledgment to honoree(s) at (name and address):

Attached is a check made out to Kehillat Israel for the total amount of . Please write "Children's Simcha Book Club" on the memo line. Send the check and this form to Kehillat Israel, 2014 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910-3711.

\* Please include a sheet with any additional information for more than one bookplate.