

Announcing a New Program at KI!

The Children's Simcha Book Club

The Need

The children's book collection in the KI library has not been updated for many years and is full of duplications. The librarians have been working with Lisa Bernstein, the school director, to devise a plan for developing a more up-to-date and useful collection of children's books. We believe these will be used by all the children in our congregation from pre-school through high school, our KI teachers as part of their instruction, and parents, grandparents, and other members of the congregation with a special interest in children's books on Jewish themes.

Our Progress So Far

Lisa has drawn up a "Wish List" of children's books from preschool through high school. With funds donated to the library in the past year, we have purchased over twenty of the books Lisa highlighted as first priority from this list. The library has also purchased fourteen additional new children's books with Jewish themes that Lisa found at a recent book sale. But this is only the beginning of our efforts to make the children's book collection an integral part of our children's Jewish education.

The KI Children's Simcha Book Club

We are inviting the congregation to participate in improving our children's book collection by purchasing books from the "Wish List" in honor of a child's birthday or other life cycle event such as a birth, bar/bat mitzvah, bris, or graduation. 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.
2. Pick a category from the variety of subject matters listed on the form and the librarians will select a book for you in that category.
3. Select a book from the children's "Wish List." The list can be found online at the KI website and also in a folder in the KI library prominently labeled "Wish List."

Please consider participating in this program now or at any time in the future when you have a *simcha* to celebrate. 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 Jewish life in today's world.

Join us in introducing our children to the exciting world of outstanding Jewish publications!

Your KI Librarians,

Barbara Hyman

Liz Kaufman

Gaby Kende

Karen Ogle

Lois Rosen

KI Children's Simcha Book Club Form

Yes, I would like to purchase a children's book(s) for the KI library for \$18 per book.

Please select one of the following three options:

_____ 1. I have selected the following item(s) from the children's book "Wish List." The title(s) and author(s) is (are):

_____ 2. The librarians should select from the list of children's books needed in the library.

_____ 3. The librarians should choose a book (or books) from the category or categories I have selected below:

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| _____ Jewish fiction preschool | _____ Biography |
| _____ Jewish fiction grades K-2 | _____ Israel |
| _____ Jewish fiction grades 3-6 | _____ History |
| _____ Jewish fiction middle school | _____ Theology |
| _____ Jewish fiction high school | _____ Rituals/life cycle |
| _____ Jewish crafts, hobbies, games | _____ Jewish communities |
| _____ Bible/midrash | _____ Hebrew literature |
| _____ Shabbat/holidays | _____ Jewish folklore |
| _____ Tzedakah | |
| _____ Jewish families, parents, grandparents, siblings | |
| _____ Other _____ | |

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

The bookplate should read:*

Presented by _____

In honor of _____

_____ No need to send acknowledgment to honoree(s)

_____ Please send an acknowledgment to (name and address):

Attached is a check made out to KI Children's Simcha Book Club, total amount _____. Please send the check and this form to Kehillat Israel, 2014 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910-3711, Attention: KI Library; or leave the check and form in an envelope in the library mailbox in the KI front office.

*Include a sheet with any additional information for more than one bookplate.