

The Kehillat Israel Library is centrally located in the main aisle of the synagogue. The library was initiated by Shelli Ellstein, a librarian, and other dedicated members of the congregation. Books were donated, supplemented by those purchased with a small amount the library had in the KI yearly budget. At the present time the library is supported wholly by donations of both books and funds. Another source of revenue comes from donations people leave when they take a book or books from the hall table filled with duplicates and other books the library cannot use.

Holdings are comprised of books for all ages and encompass virtually all aspects of Jewish life. Boxes on the library desk hold the library's catalogues, organized by title and by author based on *A Classification System for Libraries of Judaica* by David H. Elazar and Daniel J. Elazar.

Here is the KI Library Elazar Classification System:

001-099	Bible and Bible Studies
100-199	Classical Judaica: Halakhah & Midrash
200-299	Jewish Observance and Practice
300-399	Jewish Education
400-499	Hebrew, Jewish Languages & Sciences
500-599	Jewish Literature
600-6099	The Jewish Community: Society & the Arts
700—799	Jewish History, Geography
800-899	Israel & Zionism
900-999	General Works
B	Biography
F	Fiction

Scroll further down this page for the layout of the KI library shelves. To find a specific book, use the card catalogue boxes of titles and authors to find the book's number, which will be on its spine. Then look for the book's number on the shelves.

To find books on a subject, use the layout of the library below with topics as they are organized on the shelves around the room.

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In addition to the books, music CDs, and videos in and around the library, there is also a collection of Jewish CDs in the last cabinet to the right in the Social Hall. Many of these were donated by Michael and Ann Harrison. CDs can be borrowed by filling out the card in the back and leaving it in the basket in the cabinet.

We invite all members of the congregation plus guests and visitors to browse the shelves, settle into one of the library's many chairs to read, or borrow a book to take home. If you do borrow a book or several books, please return them to the wooden box on the library desk when you are finished with them.