



# Speizman Jewish Library



## From the Librarian's Desk

By Amalia Warshenbrot, Librarian, Speizman Jewish Library

### Today a Reader — Tomorrow a Leader

My co-librarian Cynthia brought me two gifts from her vacation in Pennsylvania. One was a slate refrigerator magnet saying: "Today a Reader — Tomorrow a Leader" and a tzedakah box which she found at a garage sale. It is a real collector's item because it is the original Jewish National Fund box that was designed before the State of Israel was established.

These two gifts symbolize the feelings that Cynthia and I share with regard to our work in the Speizman Jewish Library.

The magnet was bought in Pennsylvania which is where I started my work and study in Jewish education for the Diaspora. It summarizes my belief in the important role the library has in your child's life as well as in your own personal growth.

#### How Does Reading Develop Leadership Skills?

- \* The future leader learns to choose and evaluate.
- \* The future leader learns to protect public property.
- \* The future leader learns respect for others and sharing.
- \* The future leader learns to meet deadlines.
- \* The future leader learns to pay taxes (or overdue fines).
- \* The future leader expands his/her horizons.
- \* The future leader learns from the past.
- \* The future leader learns to follow rules.
- \* The future leader learns that you cannot learn on the internet alone.
- \* The future leader's mind and body will be strong as the book will enrich his knowledge and the body will relax while he/she reads.
- \* The future leader learns about teaching.

The second gift, the JNF bimah with a book basket (instead of flowers which are good for the same day only). The Speizman Fund also provides funds for other needs of the library. The Tulman Fund donations are used to purchase books from Israel. The Cheryl Katz Memorial Fund is used to purchase books of self help and inspiration. The Becky Shulimson Children's Library Fund is dedicated to develop the children's book collection.



This was made possible by donations of nickels and dimes. The slogan of the poster was

**אורה לאורה מצטרפת לטאה**

which translates: "Add a dime to a dime and it will sum up to a hundred (cents or dollars, if you can)."

Rav Judah Ibn Tibbon, a twelfth century Spanish Jewish philosopher wrote in his living will for his son, "Make your books your companions, let your book-cases and shelves be your pleasure orchards." Our book collection is like this orchard, it grows and expands thanks to donations to the library. This past year in addition to the expansion of the collection of new books, we were able to record them on line with a special library automation system and with the tireless efforts of Cynthia to create a data base of the entire collection. Research and library services will be much more efficient in the future. This project was made possible thanks to the many donations to the Friends of the Library Fund. The expansion of the collection was made possible thanks to donations to the book funds to the Speizman Jewish Library Fund which received most of the funding from bar/bat mitzvah events in which parents chose to decorate the

## Gifts to the Speizman Jewish Library

We wish Corine Bockenek Mazel Tov on her becoming a Jew.

The following donations to the Friends of the Library Campaign were made in Corine's honor: from Virena and Leo Glanzman, Sheri and Mark Jessell, Marcia Lampert, Sheila and Adam Spitz, Elizabeth Thomas and Michael Weinberg.

We also thank Allan Gordon for his generous gift to the Friend's Campaign.

We acknowledge with gratitude the following donations:

**CHERYL KATZ MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND**

Speedy recovery to Ellie Katz from Toby and Lewis Spitzer

In memory of Syd Gerber from Ellie and Ron Katz

**THE SPEIZMAN LIBRARY FUND**

In loving memory of Sonia Hoffman from Rosalie and Alan Blumenthal ☆

## Danny Siegel

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tzedakah stories for children ages 7-12, and *The Humongous Pushka in the Sky*, a story book for little children.

Ziv Tzedakah Fund, the non-profit Mitzvah organization he

founded in 1981, has distributed more than \$4,500,000 to worthy individuals and projects.

Danny provides the blueprints for all of us to follow in our personal quest for Tikkun Olam. Whether you are a teacher, parent, student or just someone who wants to change the world, Danny Siegel will guide you in your quest. Please join us. ☆

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday: 8:15 AM-1:00 PM

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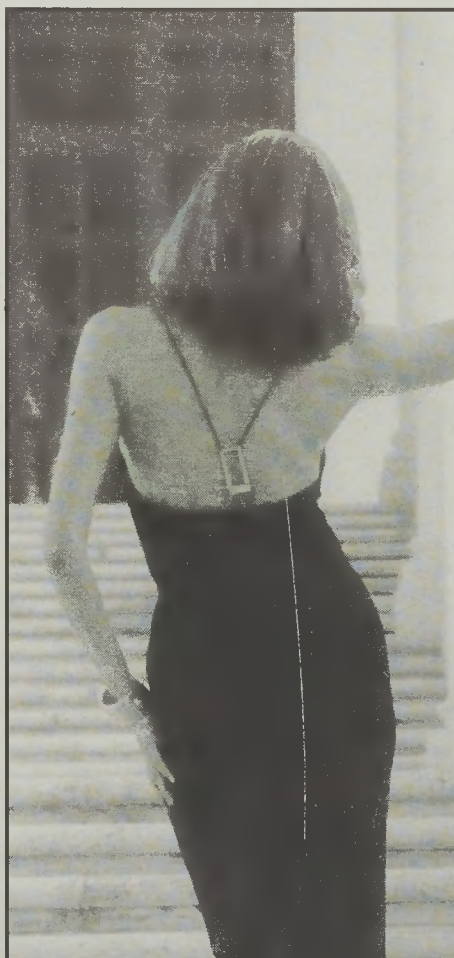
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