

Annual Jewish Book Fair To Take Place at Shalom Park

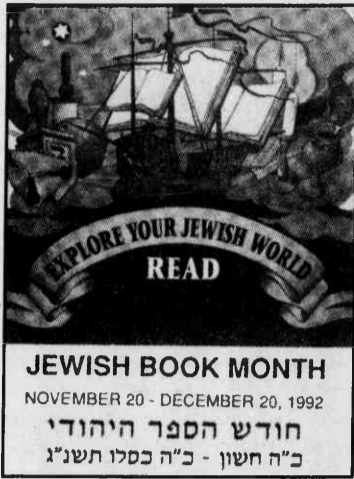
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The Jewish Book Fair will be held on Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. in the Jaffa Adult Lounge at Shalom Park.

For those who do not have access to Jewish bookstore shelves, we offer a wide range of titles. This is your once a year opportunity to browse through hundreds of Jewish best sellers and recently published books for all ages. All books are available for immediate purchase.

It presents the opportunity to purchase a unique Chanukah gift, especially for children. The collection of children's books is outstanding.

An exhibit of children's works in honor of Jewish Book Month will be on display in the Speizman Galleries. This year's motto



is "Explore Your Jewish World—Read."

Proceeds of sales will go to the JCC and to the Speizman Jewish Library Fund to be used to buy new books. For more information call Amalia Warshenbrot, 366-5007, ext. 258.

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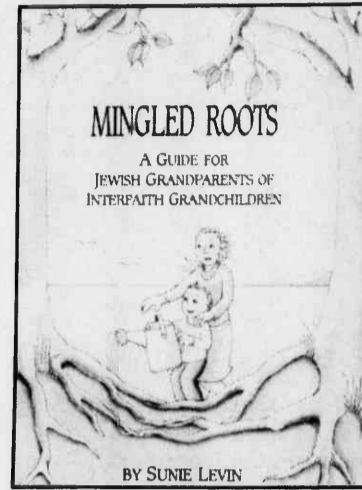
Nov. 20 - Dec. 20 is Jewish Book Month. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity of purchasing books for adults and children at our Book Fair on Dec. 6 at Shalom Park. Below are some interesting books recently published which may interest you.

Mingled Roots: A Guide for Jewish Grandparents of Interfaith Children. Sunie Levin; illustrations by Margaret Scott. B'nai B'rith Women. 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20036. 83 pages. \$13.95. Must be purchased directly from publisher.

This highly-useful book is a loving "how-to" which offers grandparents specific suggestions for sharing their Jewish heritage with interfaith grandsons and granddaughters in ways that do not threaten the children's parents.

The author, Sunie Levin, is from Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and holds degrees in education and psychology and is a popular lecturer and teacher of communication skills. Ms. Levin gathered material for *Mingled Roots* by interviewing rabbis, priests, ministers and scores of grandparents and interfaith couples. The book's purpose, she writes in her introduction, "is to help you teach your grandchildren in a non-proselytizing manner about your background, your tradition, your way of life."

There are chapters covering such topics as "Grandparent Diplomacy," "What to Say and How to Say It," "Jewish Ethics and Values," "Anti-Semitism," "Jewish Customs and Superstitions," "The Holocaust" and "Long-Distance Grandparenting." Also included is a bibliography of Jewish source material. Although published with Jewish grandparents specifically in mind, the guide can also be read with profit by non-Jewish grand-

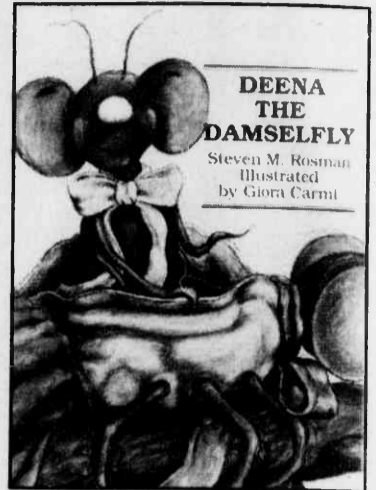


parents, since the wisdom and practical advice it depenses would appear to have universal application, regardless of religious or cultural boundaries.

Deena the Damsel. Steven M. Rosman; illustrated by Giora Carmi. UAHC Press. 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021. 30 pages. \$10.95. Ages 5-8.

This delightfully illustrated and well-told children's story is about a damselfly nymph who vows to solve the mystery of why older nymphs are disappearing when they reach maturity. However, she is not prepared for her own startling transformation.

Steven M. Rosman, rabbi of the Jewish Family Congregation, South Salem, NY, is a storyteller, author and lecturer. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in Education at New York University. He is also the author of *Sidrah Stories: A Torah Companion*.



Making Peace with My Mother. Sylvia Grossman. KIT Publishing Co. 1131-0 Tollard Turnpike, Suite 175, Manchester, CT 06040. 210 pages. \$14.95. Paperback.

After more than 50 years of bitter relations with her mother, Sylvia Grossman, the author of a singular new autobiography, wanted "...a mother I can love."

As Sylvia painfully rises above her own anger, a moving transformation occurs. From the ruins of her childhood, where family relationships grew like a garden of nettles, she fearlessly educates herself and changes her attitudes. The lifelong negative feelings recede and are replaced with the glorious bloom of a happy, warm and accepting mother.

How much easier it would have been to let the past lie dormant. But Sylvia opens her Pandora's box of painful emotions, and as she works toward solving her problems, there are remarkable glimpses of the culture of an educated Jewish family in Russia during the tumultuous post-revolutionary twenties. Dvorah, Sylvia's mother, was the beautiful oldest daughter of a family of thirteen. Her autocratic father kept her from marriage with one suitor after another. Papa, a revered Talmudic scholar descended from a long line of scholars, even turned down the writer who came wooing because "he will never earn a living." (The writer eventually won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1966). No one was good enough for Dvorah; she finally marries in her thirties, long after her younger sisters, as she prepares for emigration to Palestine. Upon a later emigration to Canada, the marriage collapses physically and spiritually. Devorah's love then transfers to Sylvia's youngest brother.

Certainly this is not a book for those who enjoy tell-alls from daughters like Christina Crawford in "Mommy Dearest" or Pattie Davis in "The Way I See It." This is a book for those who want to put the misery of an unloving mother-daughter relationship behind, who want to heal the stinging wounds of childhood. Readers will applaud Grossman for her commitment, courage and her generosity in sharing her painful metamorphosis from wounded child to caring adult.

Sylvia Grossman, a successful family counselor for the last 20 years, writes a monthly column for two Long Island magazines on parenting problems and lives in Long Island, NY and Tucson, Arizona.

"Future Leaders" to Meet

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Goodman, Lawrence Margolis and Ken Stern, Hirschmann has collected valuable input in developing a creative and focused program.

This significant program will lay the framework as an entry for many young Jewish leaders in the community. With the growth of the Charlotte Jewish community, this program is an invaluable experience for many to gain exposure to the dynamics of enhancing Jewish life in Charlotte. A concerted effort is made to ask all agencies and organizations to nominate potential participants to the program. And, upon graduation, emphasis is placed on ensuring for placement in the community. Indeed, Future Leaders recognizes the mitzvah of



Paul Hirschmann

planting seeds for the continuity and survival of the Jewish community.

If you are interested in the "Future Leaders," please call Pam Appelbaum at the Federation office, 366-5007, Ext. 209.

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