



Speizman Jewish Library



Who, What, Where, When and Why

By Amalia Warshenbrot

As a new year begins, I wish to introduce the Speizman Jewish Library to newcomers and reintroduce it to the many people who walk through the library door. (Librarians call them library patrons.) The Speizman Jewish Library is open to all "y'all!" It serves synagogue and JCC members at no charge. Others are required to give a refundable deposit for security, but are certainly welcome. Most of our patrons are the Hebrew school students, their teachers, and the JCC staff. We also receive daily requests from the non-Jewish community. These inquiries come from college and public school students, members of the clergy, and people who want information about our religion, history or language. Many are using the Speizman Jewish Library for research on the Holocaust and Israel. Now that I have explained the "who," the "what" is simple.

What kind of books will you find in the Speizman Jewish Library? Our collection includes fiction and non-fiction. We have reference books with Jewish content and books by Jewish authors for all ages. We also have Jewish magazines.

Where are we located? We are in the JCC building in the Education Wing, in a location convenient to the Hebrew

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schools. In fact, we are across from the school offices (Temple Israel Religious School, Temple Beth El Religious School, the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies and the Charlotte Jewish Preschool).

When are we there? Our hours of operation revolve around all the school hours. When the schools are in session the library hours are: Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm - 5:45 pm; Wednesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Sometimes we close the library for twenty minutes so the Librarian can give undivided attention to children who come

for story time or research. At such times, you will find a sign on the door with the session date and time. We realize this may inconvenience some patrons, but hope you will understand that we are trying to meet everyone's needs. At other times, you will find the door open to you.

Why are we here at Shalom Park? We are here to provide answers about Judaism and to offer books you can read for pleasure. Please stop by. No card is required. We are a special library here to serve our special Jewish community! The Speizman Jewish Library committee, our volunteers and I wish you a year of reading and learning.

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Please send other donations to the Speizman Jewish Library, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226 or leave them at the JCC front desk. For additional information please call Amalia Warshenbrot at 366-5007, ext. 258.

Amalia's personal favorite for this month:

Holiday Anthology by Philip Goodman, published by the Jewish Publication Society

This seven-volume set covers all the holidays and includes selections from the Bible, ancient and modern prose and poetry, a history of the holiday and its observance, traditional foods, songs and art. The children's selections are brimming with stories and holiday activities. There are individual volumes for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Are you hungry yet for fun and study? Come feed your mind with us!

The 10th Annual Book and Author Evening will take place December 15 and is cosponsored by Hadassah. See the Hadassah news section for more details! We look forward to hearing author Anne Roiphe. See you there!

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