

**FRESHMEN SEMINAR PART II:**  
**Building, Developing, & Growing Your Library**  
**Monday, June 21, 2004, 10:30 AM -12:00**  
**Rachel Kamin**

**Description:** Need help organizing your library? Feeling overwhelmed? The Freshman Seminar can help! In the second session we will discuss ideas, suggestions, and recommendations for fundraising, outreach, and programming, as well as resources for purchasing library materials and supplies. School, synagogue, and community center librarians interested in building, developing, and growing your library are encouraged to attend. Participation in Part 1 of the Freshman Seminar is recommended but not required.

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| <p><b>Rachel Kamin</b>, MSI, Director of the Temple Israel Libraries &amp; Media Center, West Bloomfield, Michigan since 1997, currently serves as SSC Vice-President. Rachel is on the Sydney Taylor Book Award, Accreditation, and the Continuing Education and Professional Development Committees</p> |
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The second session of the Freshmen Seminar will discuss ideas, suggestions, and recommendations for fundraising, outreach, and programming, as well as resources for purchasing library materials and supplies. The handout that I created is a

compilation of materials from the Temple Israel Libraries in West Bloomfield, Michigan. I hope you will find these ideas helpful and that they will inspire you to create your own programs. Note: Some of the material was not able to be recreating electronically. For a hard copy of the entire packet, contact:

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# TEMPLE ISRAEL LIBRARIES FACTS & FIGURES

- From June 2003-May 2004, **7,530** items were checked out from the Weinberg Family Library and the Hodari Family Children's Library & Media Center, a **6%** increase from last year. Circulation has increased **185%** since 1998.
- On average **628** items are checked out each month.
- In 2003-2004, **1,118** patrons checked out materials from the libraries:  
**447** Sunday School students (pre-kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)  
**309** Temple Members  
**230** Nursery School students  
**93** Staff Members (Teachers, Office, Professional, Clergy)  
**39** Non-Members
- Total Library Holdings = **16,453** volumes  
**10,514** books in the Weinberg Library  
**5,277** books in the Hodari Family Children's Library  
**424** videos  
**132** compact disks  
**106** audiocassettes
- In 2003-2004, **683** new items were added to our library collections.
- The libraries are staffed **44 hours/week** by Rachel Kamin, Director, and Francine Menken, Librarian.
- **54** adults participate in the Monday Morning or Thursday Evening Book Club in the Weinberg Family Library, meeting monthly September-May.
- **45** families participate in Temple Israel's four parent-child book clubs for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. Each club meets 5 times during the school year.
- Each year, **5** Storytime programs are held for children ages 2-5. **83** children attended the Storytime in the Garden Program in July 2003, and **77** children attended the "Curious George" Storytime Program in December 2003.
- The Hodari Family Children's Library is open on the first Friday of every month (September-June) before and after Family Shabbat Services, 7:00-8:30 PM. Approximately **35** children receive a book from the Schelberg Family Shabbat Birthday Fund each month.
- **75** 1<sup>st</sup> Graders participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Reading Star program and **81** 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sifrya Society by reading at least six Jewish books during the school year. **96** 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade BINGO Bonanza by reading at least five Jewish books during the school year. Combined, the 2003-2004 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday School students read a total of **3,040** Jewish books. Participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade program has increased **161%** since its inception in 2000.
- **132** children participated in the 2003 Temple Israel Summer Reading Challenge by reading six Jewish books over the summer, a **36%** increase from 2002 and a **326%** increase since 2000.
- **2,387** items were sold at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Temple Israel Book Fair, December 7-11, 2003, totaling **\$23,257.75** (a **53%** increase from 2002 and a **330%** increase from 1997). Over **\$6,000** were raised for the libraries. **156** volunteers (including 27 members of the Book Fair Committee) staffed the Book Fair during a total of **52** hours over 5 days.
- Total sales at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nursery School Scholastic Book Fair, May 12, 2004, were **\$5,285.66**. Temple Israel earned **\$438.92** in free merchandise for the classrooms and the library, and received **\$1,097.15** in cash. **40** volunteers staffed the one-day fair.

# TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUBS 2003/2004 CALENDAR

| <b>Monday Morning<br/>9:45 AM</b> | <b>Book Selection</b>  | <b>Thursday Evening<br/>7:30 PM</b>         |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| September 22, 2003                | <i>Family History</i> by Dani Shapiro<br>Facilitated by Edie Broida              | September 18, 2003                          |
| October 20, 2003                  | <i>The Seventh Telling</i> by Mitchell Chefitz<br>Facilitated by Edie Broida     | October 16, 2003                            |
| December 8, 2003                  | <i>A Letter to Harvey Milk</i> by Lesléa Newman<br>Facilitated by Lesléa Newman  | Tues. December 9, 2003<br>Dinner at 6:15 PM |
| January 26, 2004                  | <i>In the Image</i> by Dara Horn<br>Facilitated by Jan Landsberg                 | January 22, 2004                            |
| February 23, 2004                 | <i>Three Daughters</i> by Letty Pogrebin<br>Facilitated by Rita Soltan           | February 26, 2004                           |
| March 22, 2004                    | <i>Welcome to Heavenly Heights</i> by Risa Miller<br>Facilitated by Dalia Shaham | March 25, 2004                              |
| April 19, 2004                    | <i>The Autograph Man</i> by Zadie Smith<br>Facilitated by Ilana Blumberg         | April 22, 2004                              |
| May 17, 2004                      | <i>Lost in America</i> by Sherwin Nuland<br>Facilitated by Edie Broida           | May 20, 2004                                |

## **TAKE NOTE OF THESE EXCITING EVENTS:**

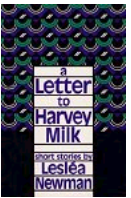
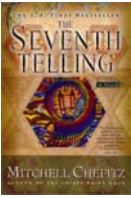
- **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM** - Mitchell Chefitz, author of *The Seventh Telling* (our October selection) and *The Thirty-Third Hour*, will speak at Temple Israel. \$5 at the door; no advanced reservation necessary. Contact the Religious School Office at 661-5725 for more information.
- **Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Dani Shapiro, author of *Family History* (our September selection) will speak at the JCC Annual Book Fair. Contact the JCC at 248/432-5466 for more information.
- **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Seventh Annual Temple Israel Book Fair. Hundreds of new Jewish books for readers of all ages will be for sale in the Temple Israel Atrium. Please plan to purchase copies of the January-May book club selections at our Book Fair.
- **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM** – Lesléa Newman, author of *A Letter to Harvey Milk* (our December selection) and several other books for adults and children, will speak at Temple Israel. Members of the Thursday Evening Book Club are invited for dinner and a discussion with the author at 6:15 PM prior to her presentation.

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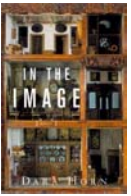
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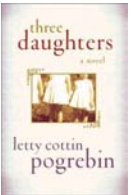
**Edith Broida** taught English, grades 7-12, in the Madison and Oak Park School districts, ending a 35-year career ten years ago, and beginning a new career as free-lance writer and book club facilitator. She was the "founding facilitator" at Temple Israel and has worked with several local book clubs. She now winters in Florida where she continues to lead discussions for Brandies. Edie will facilitate our discussions of ***Family History*** in September (\$23.00 hardcover), ***The Seventh Telling*** in October (\$14.95 paperback), and ***Lost in America*** in May (\$12.00 paperback available in March).



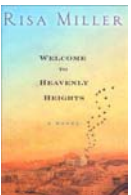
**Lesléa Newman** is the author of over 40 books including *A Letter To Harvey Milk*, *In Every Laugh a Tear*, *Still Life with Buddy* and *Out of the Closet and Nothing to Wear*, as well as *Runaway Dreidle*, *Matzo Ball Moon*, *Remember That*, *Heather Has Two Mommies*, and *Fat Chance* for children. She has received many literary awards including Poetry Fellowships from the Massachusetts Artists Fellowship Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, the Highlights for Children Fiction Writing Award, the James Baldwin Award for Cultural Achievement, and two Pushcart Prize Nominations. Six of her books have been Lambda Literary Award finalists. Lesléa is a popular guest lecturer, and has spoken on college campuses across the country as well as at synagogues and Jewish Community Centers. She will facilitate our discussions of ***A Letter To Harvey Milk*** on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> (\$10.00 paperback, available from Rachel Kamin in the Temple Israel Libraries).



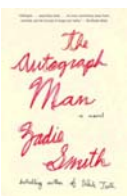
**Jan Landsberg** was a school media specialist for over 33 years and a public librarian for 11 years. She has also served as a synagogue librarian. She currently works as a substitute reference librarian at the West Bloomfield Public Library. Jan will facilitate our discussions of ***In the Image*** in January (\$13.95 paperback available in September).



**Rita Soltan** is an experienced librarian having worked in public libraries in both New York and Michigan for close to 30 years. Rita holds a B.A. degree in Education/Spanish Literature and an M.L.S. from Queens College of the City University of New York. She has organized and led many different book discussions for groups and has been involved in planning and implementing numerous staff development programs and literature conferences. Rita is active in the American Library Association as Chair of the Education Committee for the Association for Library Service to Children, and is Past Chair of the Children's Services Division of the Michigan Library Association. Rita currently works in the Educational Resources Laboratory at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. She will facilitate our discussions of ***Three Daughters*** in February (\$14.00 paperback available in October).



**Dalia Shaham was born and raised in Israel. She is a Hebrew and Judaica Teacher and a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Instructor at Temple Israel. She has a vast knowledge of Judaism, Torah, Tanach, mysticism, and Israeli history and culture. She will facilitate our discussions of *Welcome to Heavenly Heights* in March (\$12.95 paperback available in January).**



**Ilana Blumberg earned her PhD in English Literature from the University of Pennsylvania and teaches English, Judaic Studies, and Women's Studies at the University of Michigan. Ilana will facilitate our discussions of *The Autograph Man* in April (\$14.00 paperback).**

# THE TEMPLE ISRAEL KIDS BOOK CLUBS

## BASIC FACTS

- ❖ Temple Israel hosts four Kids Book Clubs: **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls** and **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls** (with a female adult—moms, step-mothers, grandmothers, and other female caregivers) and **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys** and **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys** (with any adult—parents, step-parents, grandparents, and other book loving adults). We call our book clubs “The Girls Book Club” or “The Boys Book Club” rather than the Mother-Daughter or Father-Son book club in order to include grandparents, step-parents, and other caregivers, and everyone feels welcome.
- ❖ An organizational meeting is held for each Book Club in the fall. Pizza is served and participants have the opportunity to get to know each other, as well as pick the dates and books for the year.
- ❖ Each Book Club meets approximately every 6-8 weeks between October and April. Meetings are held in the Library at 6:15 PM after Hebrew School on Tuesdays or Thursdays.
- ❖ A list of recommended books is compiled by the Librarian. For the most part, book selections are limited to books that are in-print and available in paperback. With few exceptions, selected books always include Jewish content or are written by Jewish authors.
- ❖ The Book Club calendars, with meeting dates, times, and selected books, are posted in the school and on the synagogue’s website, and are advertised in the synagogue bulletin.
- ❖ A list of selected books for all of the Book Clubs is mailed to local public libraries and local bookstores. Selected books are also available for purchase at the JCC’s Annual Book Fair and at the synagogue’s annual Book Fair. Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements to purchase or borrow the books.
- ❖ Meetings include a snack, a discussion of the book, and a related activity or craft project. The Clubs are structured slightly differently. In the Girls Book Clubs, families volunteer to “host” the meetings: 1 or 2 families bring the food (preferably related to the book), 1 or 2 families lead the discussion, and 1 or 2 families plan the related activity or project. The Boys Book Club usually orders pizza and 1 or 2 families lead the discussion. The boys usually skip the activity.
- ❖ The number of participants at each meeting varies from month to month. From our experience, meetings are most successful if there were at least 5 families (10 people), but no more than 15 families (30 people), in attendance.
- ❖ The Book Clubs are intended for members of Temple Israel, however non-members are welcome. There is no charge for the program.

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**AUGUST 2003**

# TALK IT UP!

## UNIVERSAL BOOK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

From the website of the Multnomah County Library, Portland, Oregon  
[www.multcolib.org/talkitup/universalquestions.html](http://www.multcolib.org/talkitup/universalquestions.html)

- ❖ What did you enjoy about this book?
- ❖ What have you read that is similar to this book?
- ❖ What are some of the major themes of this book?
- ❖ What do you think the author was trying to accomplish with this novel?
- ❖ Who was your favorite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
- ❖ Consider the main character: What does he or she believe in? What is he or she willing to fight for?
- ❖ At the end of the book, do you feel hope for the characters?
- ❖ What is stronger in the book: the plot or the character development? Why? Do you think this was intentional on the part of the author?
- ❖ Have you ever experienced anything similar to the action of this novel?
- ❖ Did you find this book a quick read? Why or why not?
- ❖ What are your concerns about this book?
- ❖ How did you feel about the main character?
- ❖ What are the most important relationships in the book?
- ❖ What makes a minor character memorable?
- ❖ What are the most revealing scenes?
- ❖ Are any of the events in the book relevant to your own life?
- ❖ What did you think of the style of the writer?
- ❖ Was the story credible? Were the characters credible?
- ❖ Did you find any flaws in the book?

- ❖ Compare the hardcover and paperback covers. Which one do you like better? Why?



# **TEMPLE ISRAEL KIDS BOOK CLUBS**

## **2003-2004 Calendar**

### **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:**

- 10/30/03      *Gotcha! Rosie in New York City* by Carol Matas  
(ISBN: 0689857144)  
See also *Play Ball! Rosie in Chicago* (ISBN: 0689857152)
- 12/4/03      *Strudel Stories* by Joanne Rocklin (ISBN: 0440415098)
- 2/3/04      *Out of Many Waters* by Jacqueline Dembar Greene  
(ISBN: 0802774016)  
See also *One Foot Ashore* (ISBN: 0802776019)
- 3/23/04      *Hitler's Daughter* by Jackie French (ISBN: 0060086521)

### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:**

- 11/6/03      *With All My Heart, With All My Mind* edited  
by Sandy Asher (ISBN: 0689820127)
- 2/5/04      *The Enemy Has A Face* by Gloria Miklowitz  
(ISBN: 0802852432)
- 3/30/04      *A Special Fate: Chiune Sugihara, Hero of the Holocaust*  
by Alison Gold (ISBN: 0590395416)

### **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:**

- 11/13/03      *Understanding Buddy* by Marc Kornblatt  
(ISBN: 068983215X)
- 1/13/04      *Dave at Night* by Gail Carson Levine (ISBN: 0064407470)
- 3/11/04      *Moe Berg: The Spy Behind Homeplate* by Vivian Grey  
(ISBN: 0827606206)

### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:**

- 11/11/03      *The Cure* by Sonia Levitin (ISBN: 038073298X)
- 1/20/04      *Gideon's People* by Carolyn Meyer (ISBN: 0152003045)
- 3/4/04      *Zack* by William Bell (ISBN: 0689825293)

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Dear Parents,

Today your child's class visited Temple Israel's Hodari Family Children's Library. With guidance from the teachers, each child chose a book to check out from the Library. The children also learned about the Library and how to take care of library books. Throughout the year your child will frequently visit the Library to hear a special story and to check out a book. Books are checked out for two weeks. Refer to the yellow slip in the back of the book for the due date. Please return the book to school in your child's book bag, or in the plastic library bag. Books can also be returned directly to the Library.

I would like to invite you to visit the Library with your child. Feel free to stop by before or after school. The Hodari Family Children's Library & Media Center has over 5,000 Jewish books, audiotapes, videotapes, and compact discs for children, pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Library is also open before and after the Family Shabbat Services on the first Friday evening of each month. Children who celebrate their birthday at the Family Shabbat Service will receive a special birthday gift from the Schelberg Family Shabbat Birthday Fund.

If you have any questions about the Religious School Library Program or would like to learn more about our Library, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you, and I would be happy to suggest books for you to read with your child.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kamin, Director  
Libraries & Media Center

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **Special Shabbat Library Hours 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

October 3, 2003  
November 7, 2003  
December 5, 2003  
January 2, 2004  
February 6, 2004  
March 5, 2004  
April 2, 2004  
May 7, 2004  
June 4, 2004

#### **Storytime at 12:00 noon (for children 6 & under with an adult)**

Thursday, September 18, 2003  
Thursday, December 11, 2003  
Thursday, February 26, 2004  
Thursday, May 6, 2004

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Temple Israel Book Fair  
December 7-11, 2003**

# **TEMPLE ISRAEL READING STARS** **FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE FAMILIES**

All 1<sup>st</sup> Grade families are encouraged to be a **READING STAR** by reading **6** Jewish books during the school year and completing **6 READING STAR** forms. Here's what you need to do to be a **STAR** and win a prize:

1. Read a Jewish book from your home library or from the Hodari Family Children's Library. Your child can check out books from the Library with his/her class, or with a parent before or after Religious School. Children should read the book with an adult (parent, grandparent, or other book lover).
2. Complete the **READING STAR** form and return it to your Religious School teacher. The teachers also have more forms if you need them.
3. Make sure your teacher records your book on the classroom chart.
4. Read **6** Jewish books and complete **6 READING STAR** forms by **MAY 2, 2004** and receive a special prize at the all-school assembly on the last day of Religious School on May 16, 2004.
5. The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class that reads the most books will receive a special class prize. So, encourage all your classmates to read Jewish books too!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR TEACHER, OR  
RACHEL KAMIN, DIRECTOR, TEMPLE ISRAEL LIBRARIES, AT 248/661-5700 OR  
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# Memo

**To:** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers  
**From:** Rachel Erlich Kamin  
**CC:** Wendy Sadler  
**Date:** 9/7/2003  
**Re:** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Reading Stars

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- ❖ Please write each child's name on your **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Reading Stars** chart and hang it in a prominent place in your classroom.
- ❖ Put your star stickers in a safe place (make sure your madrich/a knows where you keep them). Let me know if you need more.
- ❖ Your students will receive information about the **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Reading Stars** program when they visit the Library.
- ❖ As you receive **Reading Star** forms, hang them up inside your room and in the hallways around your room. When you run out of room, take the old ones down to make room for the new ones. I suggest keeping all of the completed forms in a folder or notebook in your room.
- ❖ **REMEMBER:** You are responsible for keeping track of each student's progress.

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR HAVING FUN WITH THE READING STAR PROGRAM:**

1. When a student brings in a completed **Reading Star** form, have them share their report with the rest of the class.
2. Let each student hang up his/her **Reading Star** form in the classroom or out in the hall.
3. Let each student put his/her star sticker on the chart.
4. Keep track of your class total. Remind your students that the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class that reads the most books will receive a special class prize at the end of the year.
5. In your note home, remind parents about the **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Reading Stars** program, update parents on your class total, and congratulate students who have finished their 6 books.

**PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION!**

# TEMPLE ISRAEL READING STARS FOR

# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE FAMILIES



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I read \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of Book)

by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Author)

with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person who you read the book with)

on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I give this book \_\_\_\_\_ stars.



= This is one of the **WORST** books I've ever read!



= This book is okay.



= This book is good.



= This book is great!



= This is one of the **BEST** books I've ever read!

All 1<sup>st</sup> Graders who read **6** Jewish books and complete **6** "Reading Stars"  
by **May 2, 2004** will receive a prize.  
Questions? Contact your teacher or Rachel Kamin in the Hodari Family Children's Library.

# WELCOME TO THE 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE vHøhErpEx SIFRIYA SOCIETY!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade vHøhErpEx *Sifriya* (Library) Society is a reading club to encourage students to read Jewish books throughout the school year. Here's what you need to do to win a prize:

6. Read a Jewish book from your home library or from the Hodari Family Children's Library. You can check out books from the Library with your class, or with your parents before or after Religious School. Read the book by yourself or have an adult read it to you.
7. Complete a r<sup>6</sup>pEx **Sefer (Book) Report** and return it to your Religious School teacher. Your teacher also has more forms if you need them.
8. Make sure your teacher records your book on the classroom chart. Also, students who write exceptional reports will be featured in the Temple Israel Messenger!
9. Read 6 Jewish books and complete 6 r<sup>6</sup>pEx **Sefer (Book) Report** by May 2, 2004 and receive a special prize at the all-school assembly on the last day of Religious School.
10. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class that reads the most books will receive a special class prize. So, encourage all your classmates to read Jewish books too!

Last year, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders read over 800 books, with 93 students reading 6 or more. We hope that this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will read even more! If you have any questions, contact your teacher, or Rachel Kamin, Director, Temple Israel Libraries, at 248/661-5700 or TILibrary@aol.com.

# Memo

**To:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers  
**From:** Rachel Erlich Kamin  
**CC:** Wendy Sadler  
**Date:** 9/7/2003  
**Re:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sifriya Society

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- ❖ Please write each child's name on your **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sifriya Society** chart and hang it in a prominent place in your classroom.
- ❖ Put your star stickers in a safe place (make sure your madrich/a knows where you keep them). Let me know if you need more.
- ❖ Your students will receive information about the **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sifriya Society** program when they visit the Library. Parents will also receive information at the Torah Talk Program on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ **NOTE: THIS YEAR, I WILL NOT LAMINATE REPORTS AND HANG THEM UP AROUND THE MEDIA CENTER.** As you receive **Sefer Reports**, hang them up inside **your** room and in the hallways around your room. When you run out of room, take the old ones down to make room for the new ones. I suggest keeping all of the completed reports in a folder or notebook in your room.
- ❖ If a child submits an exceptional **Sefer Report**, please give it to me to publish in the Temple Israel Messenger (artwork can not be reproduced, only text)
- ❖ **REMEMBER:** You are responsible for keeping track of each student's progress.

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR HAVING FUN WITH THE SIFRIYA SOCIETY:**

6. When a student brings in a completed **Sefer Report**, have them share their report with the rest of the class.
7. Let each student hang up his/her **Sefer Report** in the classroom or out in the hall.
8. Let each student put his/her star sticker on the chart.
9. Keep track of your class total. Remind your students that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class that reads the most books will receive a special class prize at the end of the year.
10. In your note home, remind parents about the **Sifriya Society**, update parents on your class total, and congratulate students who have finished their 6 books.

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# TEMPLE ISRAEL 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

## ר 6 פאָר סעפּער (Book) REPORT

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:**

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**DRAW OR WRITE ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE BOOK:**

Please return this form to your 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School teacher. All 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders who read **6** Jewish books and complete **6** reports by **May 2, 2004** will receive a prize at the school assembly on May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see your teacher or Rachel Kamin in the Hodari Family Children's Library. Happy Reading!



# PLAY THE 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BINGO

## BONANZA

All 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students are encouraged to play the **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BINGO BONANZA** by reading at least **5** Jewish books during the school year and completing a **BINGO** card. Your teacher will keep your **BINGO** card at school, however, you can also keep track of your progress at home. Here's how to play:

1. Read a Jewish book from your home library or from the Hodari Family Children's Library that fits into one of the 25 **BINGO** squares.
2. Bring the book to school and ask your teacher for a **BINGO** sticker. Place the sticker in the appropriate **BINGO** square. Write the title & author of the book and the date read on your book list.
3. To win, collect **5** **BINGO** stickers in a row—horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. Make sure your book list is complete. Make sure your teacher has your completed **BINGO** card.
4. All 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders who read at least **5** books for **BINGO** by **May 2, 2004** will receive a prize at the awards ceremony on the last day of Religious School.
5. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class that reads the most books will receive a special class prize. So, encourage all your classmates to read Jewish books too!

Last year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders read over **650** books with **63** students reading at least 5 books for **BINGO**. **FIVE** 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders read **25** books and filled up the entire **BINGO** card! We hope that this year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will read even more! If you have any questions, contact your teacher, or Rachel Kamin, Director, Temple Israel Libraries, at 248/661-5700 or TILibrary@aol.com.

# Memo

**To:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers  
**From:** Rachel Erlich Kamin  
**CC:** Wendy Sadler  
**Date:** 9/07/2003  
**Re:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade BINGO Bonanza

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- ❖ Attached are **BINGO** cards for your class. **PLEASE HAVE EACH STUDENT PUT THEIR NAME ON THE TOP OF THEIR BINGO CARD BEFORE THEY COME TO THE LIBRARY TODAY.** Have them bring their **BINGO** cards with them. I will explain the program.
- ❖ After visiting the library, put your **BINGO** cards and star stickers in a safe place in your classroom. Make sure your madrich/a (and any substitutes) knows where they are kept. Do **NOT** send **BINGO** cards home.
- ❖ When a student finishes a book for **BINGO**, give them a sticker for their **BINGO** card. Make sure they write the title & author of the book on their book list.
- ❖ Bring your **BINGO** cards with you every time your class visits the Library.
- ❖ **REMEMBER: You** are responsible for keeping track of each student's progress. This is also a great job for your madrich/a.
- ❖ Students may also keep track of their progress on a 2<sup>nd</sup> **BINGO** card at home. Make sure that their classroom **BINGO** card is kept up-to-date.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HAVING FUN WITH THE BINGO BONANZA:**

11. When a student reads a book for **BINGO**, have them tell the rest of the class about it. Did they like it? Why or why not? Do they recommend it to their classmates?
12. Keep track of your class total. Remind your students that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class that reads the most books will receive a special class prize at the end of the year.
13. In your note home, remind parents about the **BINGO Bonanza**, update parents on your class total, and congratulate students who have finished their 5 books.

**PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION!**

# Memo

**To:** ALL TEMPLE ISRAEL TEACHERS

**From:** Rachel Kamin

**Date:** 9/7/2003

**Re:** The 2003 Bookmark Contest

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Last year our Bookmark Contest was a huge success! Please encourage your students to submit entries this year by designing bookmarks as an in-class project.

- Bookmark designs should be on white paper, **2" x 5"**. If you need more pre-cut white cardstock, see Rachel in the Media Center.
- Since we would like to be able to reproduce the winning entries, please have the students use crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils (no glitter, stickers, or three-dimensional objects).
- **Please use the enclosed labels to mark each bookmark.** If a label is missing, print the child's **first name, last name,** and **grade** clearly on the back of the bookmark.
- The winning entry in each age group (pre-school – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will receive a **\$10** gift certificate to the Temple Israel Book Fair. The **GRAND PRIZE WINNER** will receive a **\$25** gift certificate to the Temple Israel Book Fair. All entries will be on display in the Atrium during the Book Fair. **HINT: In the past the judges have favored bookmarks with a Jewish or reading theme!**
- Please return completed entries, in this envelope, to Rachel Kamin in the Media Center by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>.**

THANK YOU!

**SAVE THE DATE: The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Temple Israel Book Fair is  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>!**