

*"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library."  
~Jorge Luis Borges*

*"Fill your house with stacks of BOOKS, in all the crannies and all the nooks."  
~Dr. Seuss*

### Dearest Reader,

Thanks for visiting our first Library News pages! We hope you were able to visit the BST Library during the Open House last month. If not, we invite you to come check it out!

First, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who provided feedback, candid opinions, moral support, and positive remarks on the changes made to the Library over the summer. [More thanks over here...](#)

The renovation project is on track, and there is still more to do. Here's how it began, what we did, and where we are now:

**Informal survey of temple members.** *What did you like about the Library? Dislike? What would your "ideal" library space look and feel like?*

Responses ranged from "make it more like a bookstore" to "make it smell better!" The action plan to make the Library more useable and current involved clearing out the clutter, several rounds of deep-cleaning, and most importantly, removing items with book mold/mildew. We moved the conference table, and day-dreamed about a new "Kids' Corner."

**Collection Assessment/Weeding.** I surveyed the quality & quantity of books and most outdated, damaged, and mildewed items were removed. This saves space, makes it easier to see strengths and weaknesses of subject areas, and makes the remaining books easier to find.

**Re-cataloging/Re-labeling/Barcodes.** The Library is being re-cataloged according to *A Classification System for Libraries of Judaica* by Daniel J. and David H. Elazar. The "Elazar" system is based on arranging a library according to Jewish concepts and based upon Jewish thought and terminology. What could be better than that?! See [Elazar's article](#) for more about its history and development. Along with that, new spine labels and barcodes will make it much easier to keep track of books and borrowing.

**A Work in Progress.** Acquiring new books, adding donations, labeling shelves, story times, and other library programs... there's a lot more to do! We'll keep you posted. Meanwhile, if you'd like to keep in touch, my contact info is posted on the board in the Library.

### Happy Reading!

Monika Maslowski

Beth Sholom Temple's Librarian



### THE NEW KIDS' CORNER

The new Kids' Corner @ the BST Library debuted at the Open House on August 30<sup>th</sup>. By all accounts, reviews were positive and a certain group of girls spent quite a bit of time in the Library!

My first official duty upon arrival was to conduct an impromptu storytime. Three to be exact!

Several of the young members enthusiastically requested to check out books -- requests to which I happily complied!

### MORE THANKS!

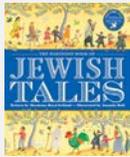
*Helga Purnell, President:* for her support, infectious enthusiasm, and permission to do things.

*David Coman, VP Admin:* for all the moving, IKEA-ing. Painting and planning, commiserating, and last but not least, being an all-around mensch.

*Margaret Rice, Temple Manager:* for coordinating, communicating, and helping with that bookcase.

*Harold Maybloom:* for invaluable help with the Hebrew-only books.

## NU, WHAT'S NEW?



### ***The Barefoot Book of Jewish Tales***

Shoshanna Boyd Gelfand; Amanda Hall, illus.; Debra Messing, narrator

"This charming folktale collection proudly speaks to Jewish children ages seven and up and provides a wonderful introduction to Jewish folklore for general audiences, as well. The book includes a glossary, sources, and 2 CDs." [Read the review](#). **Find it: Kids' Corner.**



### ***Outside the Bible, 3-Vol Set: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture***

Louis H. Feldman, James L. Kugel & Lawrence H. Schiffman, eds.

"Outside the Bible is probably the most ambitious project undertaken by The Jewish Publication Society in many years. It aims to present an accessible edition of virtually every surviving work written by Jews after the Bible and before the Talmudic period." [Read more](#). **Find it: call no. 100 OUT - Reference Shelf.**



### ***New Mitzvah Stories for the Whole Family***

Rabbi Goldie Milgram

"This collection of forty-three true and fictional stories by leading Jewish authors, storytellers, and educators ... pose challenges that highlight the life-enhancing effect of mitzvah-centered living throughout each waking day." [Read the review](#). **Find it: call no. 563 MIT.**



### ***The Rabbi's Cat***

Joann Sfar

A graphic novel featuring an Algerian rabbi, his cat and a variety of adventures in theology. [Listen @ All Things Considered](#). **Find it: call no. YA FIC SFA.**



### ***Never Say a Mean Word Again: A Tale from Medieval Spain***

Jacqueline Jules

A story about bullying, in which "two young boys, one Jewish, Samuel, one Muslim, Hamza, to demonstrate the hurtful power of words and a peaceful way to change anger to friendship." [Read the review](#). **Find it: Kids' Corner.**

## CHECK OUT BST LIBRARY ONLINE!

Visit our new online catalog hosted with [LibraryThing!](#)

Go to <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/BethSholomTemple> to search our collections.

LibraryThing is a web-based cataloging application used by individuals and organizations to keep track of their personal and public book collections.

It is web-based, feature-rich and delightfully inexpensive: for \$25, BST Library now has a lifetime organizational membership.

Readers can:

- **Search BST Collections Online** from a desktop, tablet, or mobile device!
- Connect with other readers using LibraryThings' social networking features

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## MORE TO COME

We've got Big Plans, including but not limited to:

- creating books lists & pathfinders for online resources
- **acquiring more books!**
- **acquiring more multimedia!**
- automated checkout

## MEANWHILE... FEEL FREE TO BORROW!

### BORROWING IN 2 STEPS:

- 1) Write your name & the date on the checkout card(s) located inside the front or back cover of the item(s) you wish to borrow, then
- 2) Leave the card(s) in the box on the computer desk.

### 1-STEP-RETURNS

- 1) No need to re-shelve, just leave the item(s) on the computer desk. We'll take it from there!