

Summary of the 2013-2014 year:

1. Thanks to generous donations from members, we were able to transition to a new web-based cataloging and circulation system and purchase a laptop, printer, and barcode scanner for library use. The new online catalog can be accessed via a link on HaSifriyah's webpage and from iOS and Android mobile devices.
2. The library remains a popular meeting place for parents during religious school hours and is used for individual tutoring and visits by religious school classes. Circulation has increased among both students and other congregants.
3. The Temple Emanu-El book club continues to meet. Since the last annual meeting, we have held discussions about *The Time Keeper*, by Mitch Albom; *Jerusalem Maiden*, by Talia Carner; *Songs for the Butcher's Daughter*, by Peter Manseau; *Outwitting History*, by Aaron Lansky; *The Street Sweeper*, by Eliot Perlman; and *The History of Love*, by Nicole Krauss.

Five additional dates have been scheduled on the 2014-2015 calendar: October 19, November 16, January 25, March 15, and May 2.

4. Fundraising through the Amazon.com Associates Program is ongoing. HaSifriyah receives a referral fee for all purchases made by clicking through our dedicated link (available on the Temple's website). Since last year's annual meeting, purchases by Temple members and their friends and family have generated just over \$550.00 for the library. Since our affiliation with the program in November 2010, we have raised over \$2500. All funds are used to acquire books, magazines, music, videos and supplies for the library.
5. We have added approximately seventy titles to the collection in the past year. Unfortunately, approximately fifty titles were marked as lost during the same period; these are titles that were identified as missing during our physical inventory but were never checked out (either electronically or through use of the check-out sheet on the circulation desk). It is possible that some of these titles will find their way back to the library during the upcoming year. We have begun listing these lost books in the monthly Bulletin to see if any of them can be recovered.
6. The HaSifriyah page on the Temple's website continues to be updated with library and book club news.
7. We have received a variety of donations to HaSifriyah, including books from the religious school in honor of students receiving awards for the 2013-2014 school year and a number of books, CDs and DVDs from congregants.
8. *BookNotes*, a column focusing on new acquisitions and other library news, continues to appear in the Temple bulletin.
9. Library displays over the past year include: Jewish Book Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Women's History Month, National Poetry Month, new titles, and various Jewish holidays.
10. Wi-fi continues to be available to members in HaSifriyah. The password and usage policy are posted in the library.

11. We have set up additional workstations in the back of the library and have responsibly recycled old and unusable equipment.

Plans for next year include:

1. Inviting local authors to visit the Temple Emanu-El book club and join in discussions of their work.
2. Continuing to acquire current titles, including periodicals, for the collection.
3. In conjunction with the cantor, expanding the library's collection of CDs for circulation.
4. Soliciting funds for operating expenses and book acquisitions, as well as for donations of current books and periodical subscriptions.
5. Continuing to increase circulation.
6. Increasing visitation and usage by religious school students.
7. Exploring the possibility of adding one or more Kindle e-readers to the library.

Thanks to everyone who has donated funds, books and time to the library and to those who have made it a vibrant gathering place and educational resource.

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