

## From Computer Programs To Children's Puzzles: BJE Offers Educational Gifts For Passover

On April 13 at sundown, Jewish families around the world will gather for the Seder, the traditional Passover meal, to retell the story of the exodus from Egypt and retrace their Jewish roots. In many families, in order to retain the interest of young children at the meal, it is customary for the children to "steal" a piece of matzah, and hold it for ransom in exchange for a gift.

Jewish parents looking for an appropriate Passover present for their children, or when

visiting families for the Seder, can turn to the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York for help. BJE, in keeping with the historical spirit of the holiday, offers a variety of Jewish educational materials and gifts for children and adults. BJE accepts orders anywhere in the U.S. and Canada and can ship items in time for Passover.

"Harakevet," (the Train) a computer program for beginning readers, teaches the recognition of the Hebrew and English alphabets and the relationship between letters and words through creative graphics and sound effects. "Shalsholet," (the Chain) a program for more advanced readers, improves Hebrew comprehension and vocabulary through stories and puzzles. Both programs are Apple-compatible and were produced by BJE.

Other items available for children include: the "Animated Haggadah" and the Animated

Haggadah Video, which relate the story of Passover through clay animation; "Mostly Matzah," a collection of traditional Passover songs in English and Hebrew, available on record or cassette; and wooden puzzles from Israel depicting Passover rituals such as the Seder night and the search for leaven.

For adults, the Speyer Haggadah is an illuminated reproduction of original 14th century haggadahs and includes text in Hebrew and English. A collector's item, it is available for under \$45.

BJE also offers holiday videos, among them "Ha-Afikomen," an animated film that takes you into the home of a family as they prepare and participate in the Passover Seder. The film includes the blessings over the candles and the matzah, the four questions and Passover songs. Cost for the video and guide is \$29.95.

The Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York is an agency of UJA-Federation.

## Anti-Semitism In Austria

VIENNA (JTA) — A survey conducted by Austria's four major opinion poll institutes showed that seven out of every 100 Austrians are self-declared anti-Semites. The survey of a cross-section of the population, totalling 9,000 people, sponsored by the Austrian National Bank, showed that the lowest rate of anti-Semitism -- four percent -- was in the 14-29-year age group and the highest among those over 60.

Only three percent among those with higher education had anti-Semitic feelings.

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coordinated locally by Southern Nevada Employment & Training and Citizens Interested in Today's Youth (CITY). CITY committee co-chair Jim Santor (standing right) explained that the awareness program is designed to prepare youth for tomorrow's job market requirements, including literacy and the ability to communicate. Royce Hulsey, Director of Region IX Job Services for the U.S. Department of Labor (standing left), revealed that because of the existing cooperative relationship between private industry and government, Las Vegas was one of five pilot cities selected for the program. Also joining in the kick-off program were (seated) Muriel Shrivner, chairman of the Private Industry Council, Barbara Weinberg, executive director of Nevada State Job Training, and (standing center) Gayle Wells, service delivery area coordinator for YOUTH 2000. For more information on YOUTH 2000, contact Wells at Southern Nevada Employment & Training, 385-6100.

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