

## Love of Reading By Judi Kaplan Milich

When I was a child I'd return from school every day to find my mother in the same chair reading a book. She read constantly and encouraged my siblings and me to do the same. I used to run to the library (in the days before Amazon!) to get the newest copy of The Little House book. Everyone loved Laura Ingalls Wilder.

When I had children of my own I also encouraged reading. I would read to them every day and they loved to hear the classics such as Winnie The Pooh. My son went on to devour The Hardy Boys books while my daughters read things like All Of A Kind Family.



Today we are all still voracious readers. My daughter Karin is the librarian at Manhasset High School and my son Randy teaches English at a Yeshiva in Michigan. My daughter Jillian taught English and also worked as a librarian at Park East Day School in Manhattan. I also enjoy participating in TBT's book club where we read many wonderful books.

I like to think that my mother instilled this love of reading in me and I in turn introduced my children to the joy that books can bring.

I see that my granddaughter Annabelle is following right along in her mother's path. Most of my grandsons like to read too. I love that my children read many books with Jewish content. That's important to me. I hope that my future generations will be nurtured to love reading as well. As William Godwin said: He that loves reading has everything within his reach.

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