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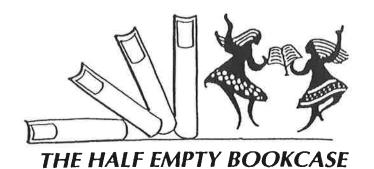
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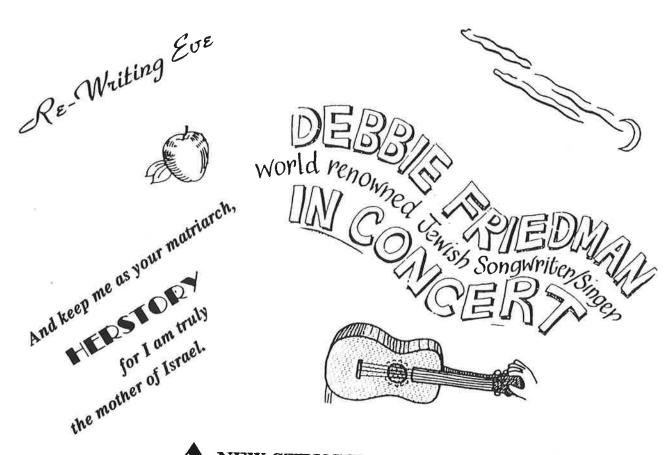


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### TASKS OF CO-ORDINATING GROUP

The Co-ordinating group will oversee the activities of the HEB and will set policy.

Reporter (formerly know as 'minute-taker')) - to record decisions of the group and the essence of discussions. Whilst the meetings do not need to be minuted, the group decisions must be set down and where it's useful, so too should the main points of relevant discussions. The reporter will also send out the minutes. The reporter will rotate every 3 months.

- to record how the group develops. Because we are trying new ways of working, it is important that we know as much as possible about how the group develops, the problems and successes. The journalist will act as part observer and part partcipant in discussions. The term for this position is one year. The group as a whole will then evaluate the procedure.

- to take responsibility for ensuring that the group (both the organization and the sub-committees see below) meets its targets. The co-ordinator will keep in touch with the sub-committees. This role exists to ensure that the group is managing its time properly: it will include convening meetings, scheduling the group's work and setting the agenda for the co-ordinating group meetings. The role will rotate every 6 months.

- to chair the meetings of the group. The Conductor will be solely responsible for ensuring that meetings are effective; that all voices are heard, that all issues are examined, that all loose ends are tied up. This position will rotate every 3 months.

- 'public person' to the membership and outside. The spokesperson will liase with other Spokesperson organizations, will be the person to whom outside questions and issues are raised. The spokesperson will then refer the issues and questions to the appropriate member of the group for resolution, when necessary. The position will possibly rotate yearly or every two years.

#### PORTFOLIOS AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Each person on the coordinating group will have a portfolio. In most cases, a sub-comittee will be established around each portfolio. One person from each sub-committee will liase with the coordinating group by attending its meetings. The liason person can, and perhaps should, rotate.

- Treasurer
- Membership to include recruitment of new members and liason with regional groups.
- to incllude liason with Rosh Chodesh and Women groups, the Leo-Baeck Women's programme and skills training.
- Women's arts
- Fundraising
- Publicity/P.R.
- Newsletter
- Secretary/Administrator
- Conferences





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# NEW BEGINNINGS

An afternoon of study and preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with the Half Empty Bookcase

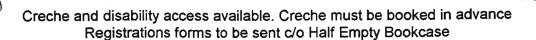
SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1995 1.30 - 6.30PM

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue 28 St John's Wood Road, NW8

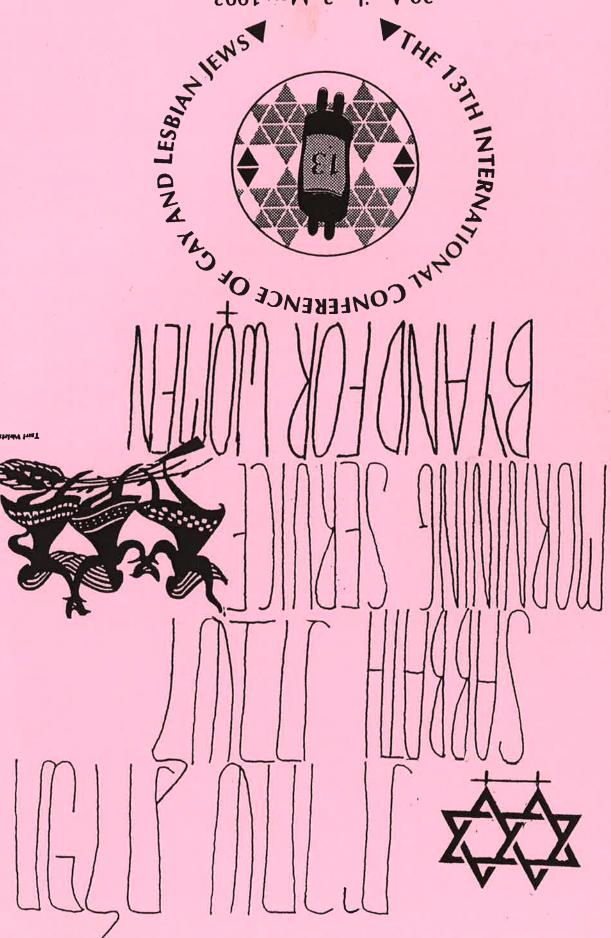
Sessions to include: Elul, Teshuvah/Sin/Repentance, Music/Singing Women's Special Contribution, Ritual, Structure of the Machzor, and more!

COST: £10.00. Members of the Half Empty Bookcase/Concessions: £7.00. Cheques payable to the Half Empty Bookcase

For further information and registration form, please phone Suzanne Gee on 0181-445 9288







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