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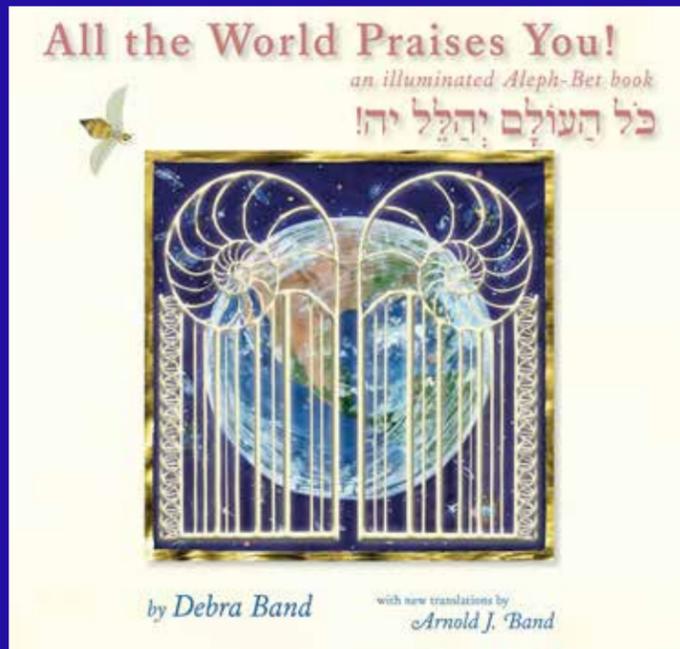
Offer your clientele the exquisitely crafted, reasonably priced illuminated books of eminent Hebrew manuscript artist, *Debra Band*.

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 ISBN 978-0-9857996-7-0
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 9.75"x9.75", 32 pages full color

This sparkling illuminated picture-book is inspired by the beloved medieval Jewish book, *Perek Shira*, (*Chapter of Song*). Wonders of the natural world exclaim biblical praises of God, offering hours of warm delight for children and parents, and

inspiration for all who love Hebrew and Torah, for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, students and adults seeking a fresh, non-denominational spirituality—a book to which adults and children will return throughout life.



Graceful and dreamlike encounters with nature...recommended as a point of entry to Jewish spirituality through environmental consciousness.

Jewish Book Council

From beginning Hebrew learners to Torah scholars, this stunning book will delight all who explore its pages.

Association of Jewish Libraries Reviews

A visual feast... accessible to a wide range of ages, backgrounds, religious observance and Jewish identity. For a young learner through to an expert in Hebrew language and text, the beautiful artwork is alive with energy and allegory.

Jonathan Cannon, Head of School, the Ramaz School



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All the World Praises You! offers something wonderful for every age... beauty, biblical spirituality, delight in Earth's environment!

...for children and parents



Cozy bedtime and anytime reading for young children and the grown-ups in their lives. Little kids enjoy finding the Hebrew letters and spotting all the details in the paintings. Bigger kids learn and feel the security and love within the beloved biblical verses...and *everyone* has fun finding the hidden honeybees and dahlias!

...for adults, young and older



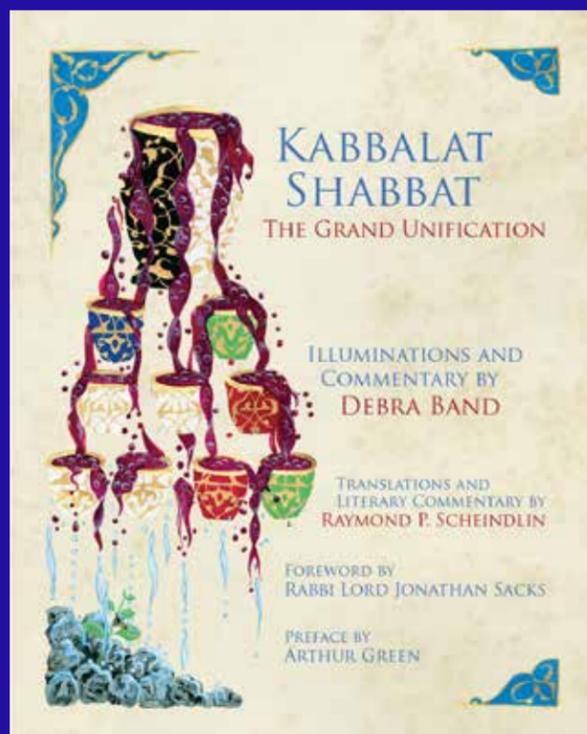
Adults—of all ages, shapes and sizes—find beauty and fascination in the colorful illuminated paintings, and learning the Hebrew alphabet. Flowing new translations and easy transliterations make this modern version of a medieval classic into a joy for all inspired by the Hebrew Bible.

...look, learn, and be amazed!

<p>Tet (Hosea 14:6) The Dew says: I shall be like gentle dew to Israel. It shall blossom like a lily, And strike root like a cedar.</p> <p>Have you ever touched the delicate dewdrops on the grass in the morning? God promised to treat Israel as softly and gently as the dew forms on the plants at night, like the tenderness of a parent toward a child. That tenderness makes us as strong as the roots of a tall cedar tree. A beautiful lily plant, covered in morning dewdrops, opens its flowers between the roots of a strong tree. That same tenderness brings out the beauty that is within every child. The lily's sweet scent attracts a honeybee—while a little dahlia bud prepares to bloom at its side. This verse is included in the original tenth century manuscripts of <i>Perek Shira</i>.</p> <p>Yod (Psalm 93:3) The Seas say: With the roar of rushing waters and mighty breakers The Lord thunders on high.</p> <p>Have you been near the beach during a storm? Usually the calm water reflects the sky's peaceful blue and grey, but when the wind blows hard the waves also toss and roar wildly. The Hebrew word for wind is <i>ruah</i>. Since <i>ruah</i> is also the Hebrew word for God's spirit, the composer of this psalm may have imagined God's voice roaring like the ocean waves. Can you see the dahlia bouncing in the</p>	<p>to give each of them a name. The constellations of stars in this painting were visible in the sky over Washington, D.C. at the moment that Dalia was born. The rainbow-colored border represents the light spectrum, all the colors of light—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet—produced by the chemistry inside the stars that we see in the sky.</p> <p>Lamed (Psalm 92:3) Night says: I proclaim your eternal love each dawn And your faithfulness every night.</p> <p>When you go to bed at night, do you feel your parents' love all around you? The night sky stretches from sunset at right to sunrise at left, and we can imagine God wrapped all around us. The sky shows the moon in its phase the night Dalia was born, as in the last painting, the constellations visible in the sky. Besides the moon and constellations, the painting shows a picture of deep outer space based on the same Hubble Space Telescope photograph described in the <i>14th</i> painting, reminding us that as we peer through the night we can almost see the beginnings of the amazing universe that God created for us. This verse is included in the original tenth century manuscripts of <i>Perek Shira</i>.</p> <p>Mem (Isaiah 35:1) The desert says: The arid desert shall be glad, the desert smile and bloom like a rose.</p>
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Every painting is full of meaning! At the back of the book you will find questions to open discussions for parents and children. Online *Diving Deeper* materials augment (but do not replace) the book, exploring the verses and symbolism in the paintings. These additional materials are geared for elementary school age, Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, and older readers.





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As Sabbath arrives on Friday evening, Jewish tradition exults in the completion of Creation. This unique book features Band's vibrant new illuminated paintings paired with translations, and commentary by leading scholars, treating the full Friday evening liturgy and customs at synagogue and the home table. With imagery drawn from kabbalah, midrash, and modern science,

the book celebrates the spiritual glory of Creation and the wonder of the physical world as we now see it through the lens of modern science. An inspirational source for prayer, study and visual pleasure, this book is a glowing and unforgettable gift throughout the entire year.

Debra Band's new volume...is both visually breathtaking and conceptually very ambitious... This is a book designed to encourage *hiddur mitzvah*, the amplification of the beauty of carrying out a mitzvah and the deepening of its meaning... It should be invited, like the Sabbath queen, into our homes and Shabbat dinner tables to enliven and deepen our appreciation of Shabbat.

Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA) Journal

Beautiful! It is the beauty of unity—of bringing the heavens to our homes, of synthesizing cosmology and kabbalah together...to open our souls to the Shabbat's inner beauty.

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz, Congregation Kehillath Jeshurun, New York

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Enrich your clientele's Sabbath experience in synagogue and at table!



...with brilliant art and learning that illuminates the Shabbat rituals, prayers and traditions. The hardback includes the full-sized paintings and commentaries on both synagogue and home prayers. The smaller paperback "bencher," *Kabbalat Shabbat: the Grand Unification at the Sabbath Table*, designed to accompany the hardback, includes the home materials without commentary, enabling all at the table to sing, share, enjoy and discuss the art and poetry.

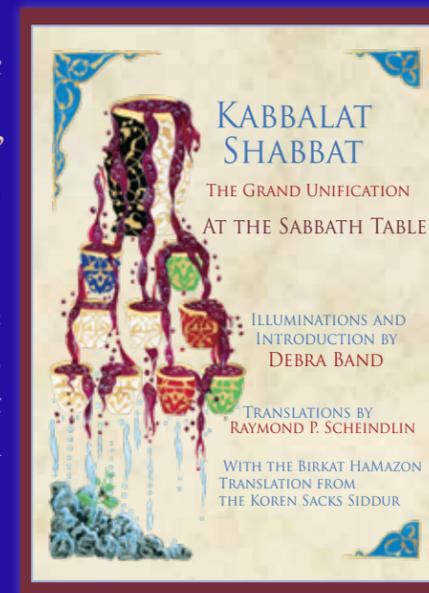
Accompanying "bencher"-style small paperback

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80 pages, 6" x 7.5"

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Accompanies the full book with a small, lightweight bencher-style paperback presenting the illuminated pages of the full customs, blessings and songs for the Sabbath table—without commentaries and synagogue liturgy—for all dinner guests to enjoy!

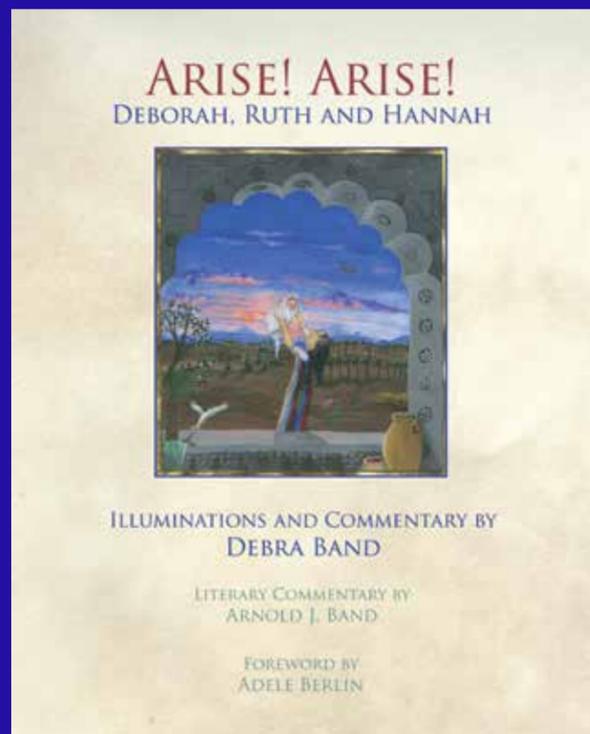


Your customers' spirits will be refreshed



by the depth and glory of the Sabbath eve prayers, blessings, songs and traditions embedded in the illuminations! Gaze at, meditate on the vibrant paintings, learn from the commentary materials by the leading scholars that complement Band's vivid illuminations and their commentaries, including Raymond P. Scheindlin, Arthur Green, and Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Celebrate Shabbat with a new hiddur mitzvah with Kabbalat Shabbat: the Grand Unification!



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A superb source for study and sheer enjoyment, an unforgettable gift for the student or Bat-Mitzvah...or just the reader's own joy! The shimmering illuminated paintings in *Arise! Arise!* present three biblical stories of women who stood up at crucial moments to preserve the young nation of Israel and shape its character. Interpreting the tales with imagery

drawn from Jewish lore, academic bible studies, archeology and science, Band offers a vibrant visual midrash of these three women's tales from the Bible, along with clear explanations of the symbolism and meaning of each tale. Literary commentary by renowned scholar of Hebrew literature, Arnold Band, enables readers to fully enjoy the skill of the biblical authors.

This luminously illustrated volume... is clearly a labor of love on every level...as feminists we appreciate Band's choice of texts—three genuine biblical heroines about whom there is much to say. But most of all we appreciate the variety and originality of her artistic styles. This is a volume to put on your coffee table and to bring to synagogue...

Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA) Journal

With *Arise! Arise!*, her third visual and literary commentary on the Bible, Debra Band is firmly established as a scholar and artist who can enlighten and delight.

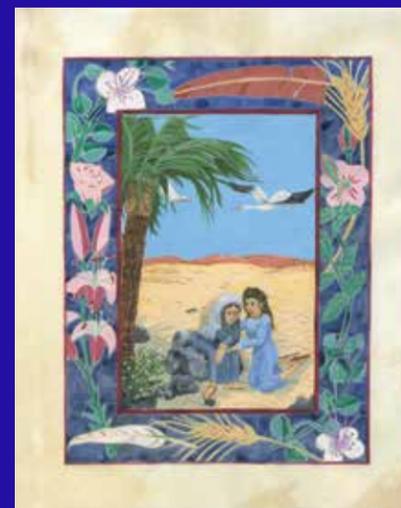
Hadassah Magazine

The artwork is beautiful and the description of Debra Band's process and inspiration is fascinating. Highly recommended.

Association of Jewish Libraries Reviews

Your clientele will be inspired by the biblical tales of heroic women leaders!

...experience the emotions



of these women who shaped the young nation of Israel. Whether Deborah, who led her multi-tribal army to victory over its oppressor, Ruth, the immigrant widow whose courage and love led her to mother the Davidic kings, or Hannah, who in desperation to give birth invented silent prayer and was rewarded by giving birth to the great prophet, Samuel—these are the actual stories of Israel's genuine wonder-women!



...look, learn, and love!

A COMMENTARY
 lthough Orpah has left to return to her family, Ruth pleads with the broken Naomi to allow her to accompany her to Judaea, her love for her mother-in-law overcoming her attachment to the land and people of her birth. Although the dry sky and land reflect the barrenness of the women's prospects, other details of the landscape—the palm tree and the caper shrub at its roots that both grow from the scarce hidden water nearby, as well as the storks flying overhead—allude to the love between them and potential for survival, righteousness, and healing hidden in their love.

The midrashic tradition, which, as we have seen, treats Megillat Ruth as a prooftext for the centrality of Jewish law and rabbinic leadership in the life of the Jewish community, interprets Ruth's celebrated declaration of loyalty to Naomi, as her—and, by extension, the community's—assumption of the law. Both the Targum and Ruth

In this collaboration between Debra Band and her father-in-law, the legendary scholar of Hebrew literature, Arnold J. Band, in memory of her late first husband, David, essays presented before each tale's series of paintings explain the religious, historical and literary value of the biblical

story. Commentary notes on every painting follow the three tales, and explain the literary qualities and symbolism within the imagery.

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Debra Band draws upon her love of both the manuscript arts and Jewish texts and tradition in her Hebrew/English illuminated manuscripts. Debra's work is collected and exhibited across the world. She has lived throughout the United States and Canada, and resides in the Washington, D.C. area with her husband, Michael Diamond, and menagerie. More information about her work may be found at [www.DBANDART.COM](http://www.dbandart.com). Her books to date, each a collaboration with celebrated scholars, include:

The Song of Songs: The Honeybee in the Garden (Jewish Publication Society, 2005)

I Will Wake the Dawn: Illuminated Psalms (Jewish Publication Society, 2007)

Arise! Arise! Deborah, Ruth and Hannah (Honeybee in the Garden, 2012)

Kabbalat Shabbat: the Grand Unification (Honeybee in the Garden, 2016), and

All the World Praises You! an illuminated Aleph-Bet book (Honeybee in the Garden, 2018)



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