2021
JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING TWENTY-THREE YEARS!

October - December

JEWISH FEDERATION
OF THE GREATER SAN GABRIEL AND POMONA VALLEYS

Welcome to our 23rd Annual Jewish Book Festival.

It's that time again to celebrate our love of books!

The Jewish Book Festival Committee is proud to present this year's exciting lineup of authors. There's something for everyone, young or old. Art and music, history and politics, a children's event, something for foodies, as well as for fans of *60 Minutes*. And who likes thrillers? Got those, too!

Due to the changing nature of COVID, most of the events will be carried live on Zoom. However, we're excited to schedule two hybrid events, to be held simultaneously in-person and virtually! If circumstances change and we can no longer offer a safe in-person event, we will go full-virtual for those and give you plenty of warning! In either case, you will have the opportunity to ask questions, purchase books, and even get them signed.

With the ongoing support of our partners in the Literary Circle, we invite you to celebrate the joy of reading and lifelong learning with us. We look forward to "seeing" you starting October 26!

Linda Mazur

Linda Mazur
Jewish Book Festival Commitee Chair

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are so very excited to bring you our 23rd Annual Jewish Book Festival this fall. Extreme appreciation to our unbelievably dedicated volunteers, donors, and staff who make this possible. Even during a pandemic, their tireless effort ensures that our community will once again have the opportunity to attend and engage with this year's incredible lineup of events and experiences.

During last year's festival, more people attended than ever before. Building on the success of last year's festival taking place virtually, we will hold most of our events virtually again, allowing everyone to hear from this year's collection of authors, no matter where you live. Plus, we are even going to be holding a few in-person events. But don't worry...they will also be available virtually. We are excited to get to introduce this new hybrid version of the Jewish Book Festival.

I hope you will join us again this year and maybe even attend an event you might not normally be interested in since you can do so virtually.

On behalf of the Jewish Federation's Board of Governors and myself, we hope you enjoy our 23rd Annual Jewish Book Festival, and thanks to everyone involved who has helped bring it to our community again this year.

Jason Moss

Jason Moss
Executive Director Jewish Federation

Thank you!

To our Advance Readers

You made it possible for us to select a great lineup of authors and books in record time, under challenging conditions. We could not have done it without you.

Cathy Comras

Karen M Rosenthal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In-Person Events: Please be aware that due to fast-changing COVID conditions, our two planned in-person/livestreaming author events may need to go virtual-only. We will send registered attendees the event link and post any updates on the Jewish Book Festival web page: www.jewishsgpv.org/jewish-book-festival.

2021 JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 26 - DECEMBER 11

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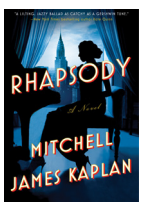
DAVID PAGE
Food Americana

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
12:00 PM
AMI AYALON
Friendly Fire



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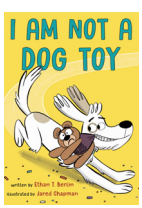
Rhapsody



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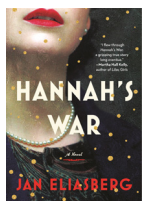

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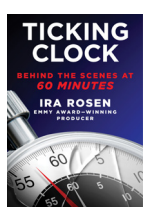

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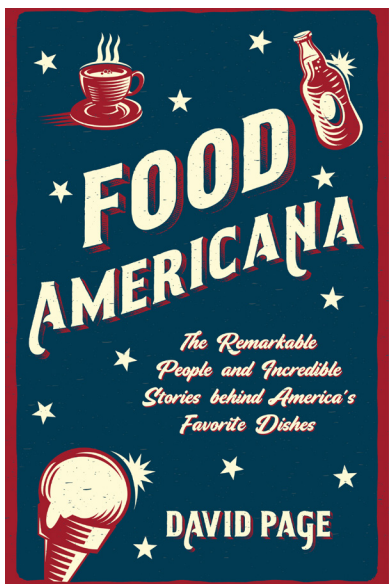
TUESDAY OCT 26

DAVID PAGE

FOOD AMERICANA:

The Remarkable People and Incredible Stories behind America's Favorite Dishes

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 7:00 PM | ON ZOOM



Two-time Emmy Award-winning producer David Page is probably best known for launching the Food Network Channel's blockbuster show *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. His prior career in television news helped the show bring out unexpected and fascinating stories from independent roadside eateries across the nation.

In *Food Americana*, Page combines his love of food and his journalistic curiosity to dish on the immigrant origins and evolution of American food favorites from pizza to bagels and lox, tacos to barbecue. From family rivalries to national competitions, the people and stories behind these daily specials will whet your appetite. You might even discover how Chinese food became a Jewish American staple.

SUNDAY OCT 31

AMI AYALON

FRIENDLY FIRE:

How Israel Became Its Own Worst Enemy and the Hope For Its Future

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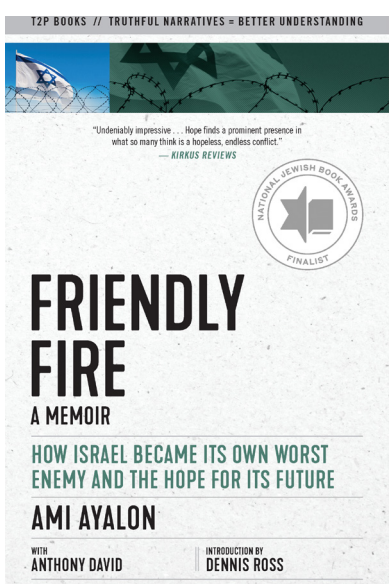


As head of the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency, Ami Ayalon modernized intelligence-gathering operations and worked quietly with Palestinian officials to quell terrorist violence. By the time he retired, he'd concluded that Israel's hard-line tactics were undercutting both peace efforts and its own security, and sounded out Palestinian and Israeli thought leaders across the political and social divides on what moves them and the real prospects for peace. This deeply personal, sometimes controversial memoir takes us inside his career and those conversations, and explains why he believes a two-state solution is vital to Israel's security.

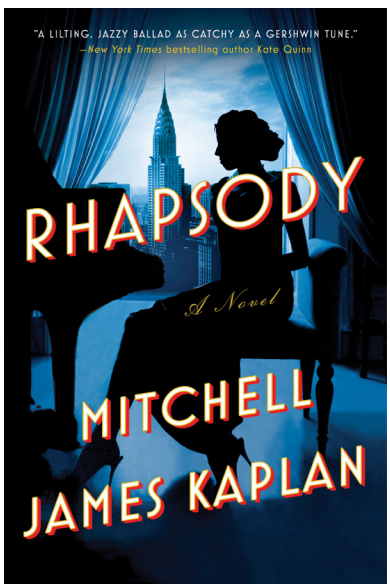
Admiral (Ret.) Ami Ayalon has served as commander of Israel's navy, director of the Shin Bet, cabinet minister and Knesset member, and received the Medal of Valor. He's featured in the 2012 Oscar-nominated documentary *The Gatekeepers.*

NOV 2 TUESDAY

MITCHELL JAMES KAPLAN

RHAPSODY:
A Novel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 7:00 PM | ON ZOOM



One evening in 1924, Kay Swift, a concert pianist and society wife of banker James Warburg, hears George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and they begin a lasting affair, complicated by her loyalty to her husband and her own musical career. Together until his early death at age 38, George and Kay bring people and culture together to give the world Gershwin classics unmatched in popular music history. Based on true events, Kaplan's atmospheric retelling evokes the music, art, politics, banking, and American antisemitism of New York's Jazz Age.

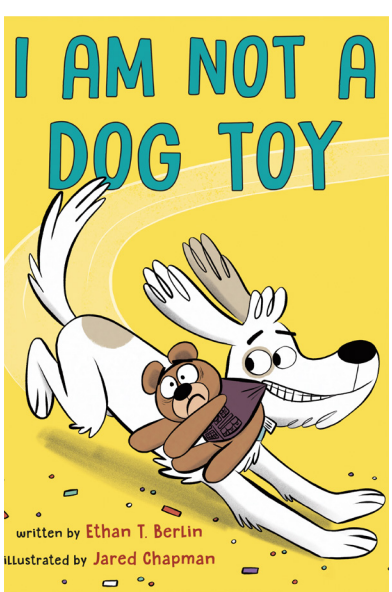
Mitchell James Kaplan is an award-winning historical novelist who launched his career with the encouragement of William Styron. *Rhapsody* is his third novel.

NOV 7 SUNDAY

ETHAN T BERLIN

I AM NOT A DOG TOY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 10:00 AM | HYBRID
At Southern California Children's Museum* & on Zoom



I Am Not a Dog Toy is all about friendship, and through the eyes of a very vocal, very precocious stuffed bear with lots of pockets, we learn how real friends come to be. Ethan Berlin, who penned *The Hugely-Wugely Spider*, once again captivates his young reader with humor and whimsy and a message that bears attention. An Emmy-nominated television comedy writer and producer, Berlin teaches comedy writing at New York and Stony Brook Universities.

We are so pleased to once again partner with the Southern California Children's Museum in Pasadena for this in-person event.

*Please note that all Federal, State, and Local health guidelines will be followed. Proof of vaccination will be required for all eligible attendees, as will wearing of masks. This event will be limited to 40 participants. Reservations are a must. | $6 per family.

NOV 7 SUNDAY

LEAH GARRETT

X TROOP:
The Secret Jewish Commandos of World War II

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 4:00 PM | ON ZOOM

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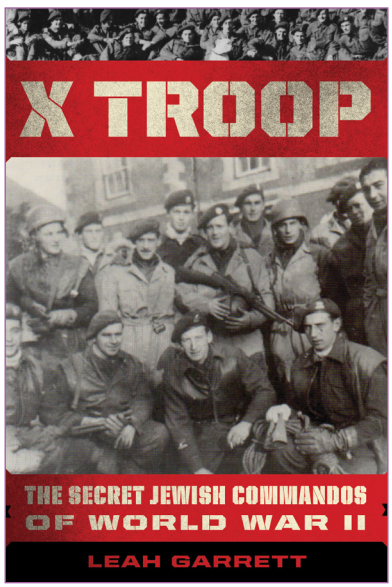


In June 1942, Winston Churchill and his chief of staff needed a way to infiltrate Axis territory, but Britain had few soldiers with language and tactical skills. They decided to recruit Jewish refugees from the Kindertransport and internment camps. Drawing on recently declassified documents and interviews with the last surviving members, *X-Troop* tells the story of these young volunteers who trained in counterintelligence and advanced combat, traded in their identities, and became part of a secret commando unit that stopped at nothing to defeat the Nazis on battlefields, in concentration camps, or in face-to-face encounters with commanders.

Leah Garrett is a professor of Jewish Studies at Hunter College. Her previous book, *Young Lions: How Jewish Authors Reinvented the American War*, won the *2017 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award* and was a *National Jewish Book Award* finalist.

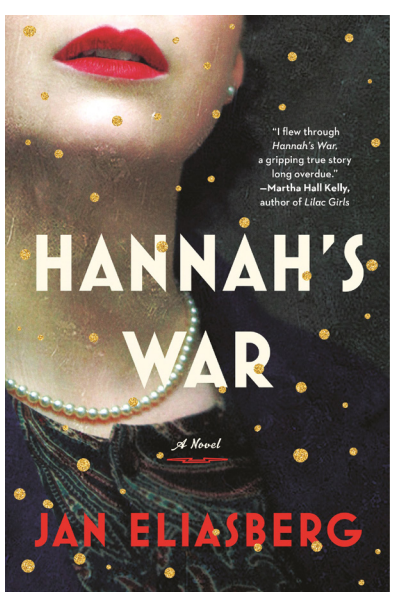
Co-hosted by University of La Verne

NOV 9 TUESDAY

JAN ELIASBERG

HANNAH'S WAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 7:00 PM | ON ZOOM



In 1945, nuclear physicist Hannah Weiss, an Austrian Jewish emigré working on the top-secret Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, is interrogated and arrested. Military intelligence officers, suspecting a spy, have intercepted her encoded communications to former colleagues in Germany. Do they contain equations for the atomic bomb or something else, and can the lead investigator pull the truth from her before the Nazis succeed? Based on the overdue true story of Dr. Lise Meitner, whose discoveries led to the atomic bomb, *Hannah's War* weaves a suspenseful story of escape, loyalty, truth, and Jewish identity.

Jan Eliasberg is an award-winning film and TV director, producer, and screenwriter who focuses on women erased by history. Her debut novel, *Hannah's War*, was the 2020 *National Jewish Book Award* finalist and has been optioned to be made into a film.

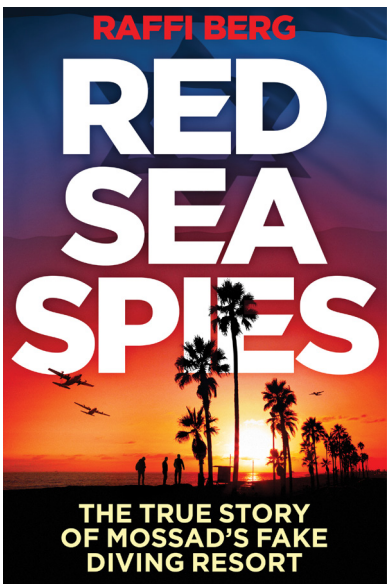
NOV 16 TUESDAY

RAFFI BERG

RED SEA SPIES:

The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 12:00 PM | ON ZOOM



In the mid-1980s, an elite diving school and resort opened along the Red Sea—not in Eilat, but on the Sudanese border with Ethiopia. While the wealthy flocked to this odd location in search of thrills, the staff and instructors, all Mossad agents used it as cover to spirit as many Ethiopian Jews as possible to Israel. Longtime Middle East correspondent Raffi Berg has collaborated with the Mossad commander, interviewing agents, Ethiopian Jewish organizers and survivors, government officials, and others to tell the full story of an extraordinary espionage operation that took years, risked international disaster, and saved thousands of lives.

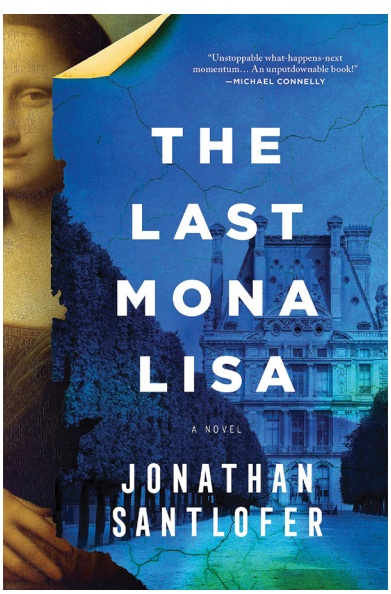
Raffi Berg is the Middle East editor of the BBC News website. He has reported extensively from Israel in war and peace.

NOV 30 TUESDAY

JONATHAN SANTLOFER

THE LAST MONA LISA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | 7:00 PM | ON ZOOM



The real-life theft and return of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa from the Louvre in 1911 provides the spark for this mystery. Art professor Luke Perrone, whose great-grandfather stole the work, hunts for the truth behind the crime. Was the painting that returned two years later the original Da Vinci or a forgery? What was his great grandfather's role and why did he do it? Enter the world of unscrupulous art collectors and thieves, art forgers, assassins, detectives, and romance. You'll gain a better understanding of what makes Mona Lisa the most famous masterpiece of all time.

Artist, art replicator and crime writer Jonathan Santlofer has received the *Nero Award* for best crime novel. *The Last Mona Lisa*, his sixth novel, was named *People* magazine's best summer book of 2021.

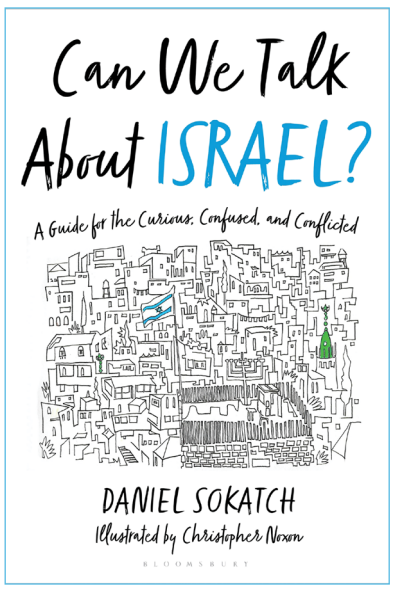
DEC 7 TUESDAY

DANIEL SOKATCH

CAN WE TALK ABOUT ISRAEL?

A Guide for the Curious, Confused and Conflicted

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 7:00 PM | HYBRID
At Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center*& On Zoom



Is Zionism racist? Is criticizing Israel's actions toward Palestinians antisemitic? Whose fault is the conflict, and who's right? American Jews are facing polarizing questions like these more than ever, but few of us have more than a Sunday school grasp of Israel's history and politics, let alone Palestine's. In *Can We Talk About Israel?* Daniel Sokatch aims to explain the context of Israel's—and the world's—shifting relationships with Palestinians without being prescriptive. Part history, part lexicon, this is his answer to the hardest question he gets: "Can't you just explain it all to me in 10 minutes?"

Daniel Sokatch is the CEO of the New Israel Fund. He has served as executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties, and founded the LA-based Progressive Jewish Alliance.

Co-hosted by PJTC and PJTC Sisterhood

***See registration form for important in-person attendee information.**

DEC 11 SATURDAY

IRA ROSEN

TICKING CLOCK:

Behind the Scenes at 60 Minutes

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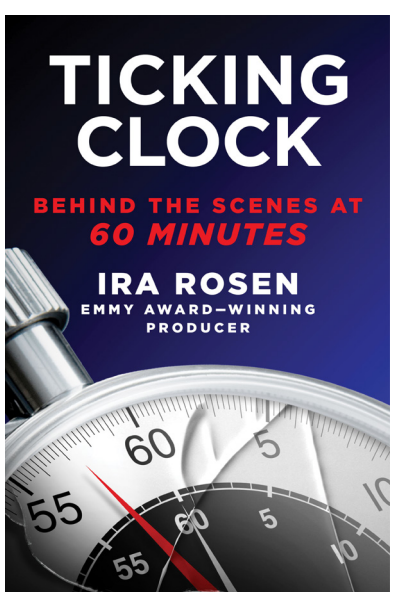

How does a Jewish kid from New York learn to hustle good stories and become a top producer for *60 Minutes*? Rosen was front and center for over 25 years in shaping the show's groundbreaking approach to news coverage. In *Ticking Clock* he reveals the interview secrets that made Mike Wallace famous, and the flaring temper that made him infamous. Meet this master storyteller and learn how a legendary team of correspondents created the most watched Sunday night program of all time.

Ira Rosen is the longtime writer and producer for *60 Minutes*, along with stints at *Primetime*, *CBS News Sunday Morning* and *20/20*. He has received many honors including 24 *Emmys* and two *Peabody Awards*.

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AND TWO EVENTS WILL BE HYBRID (IN-PERSON* & ON ZOOM)

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Prior reservations required to attend in-person events.
Everyone must RSVP to receive a Zoom invite for each event.

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Ami Ayalon	10/31/2021 12 PM		
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Raffi Berg	11/16/2021 12 PM		
Jonathan Santlofer	11/30/2021 7 PM		
Daniel Sokatch*	12/07/2021 7 PM	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
Ira Rosen	12/11/2021 7 PM		

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