

2021-22 Author Lecture Series

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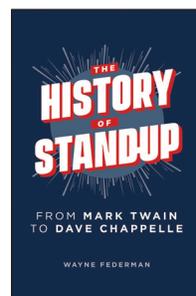
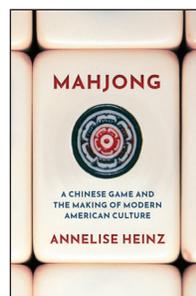
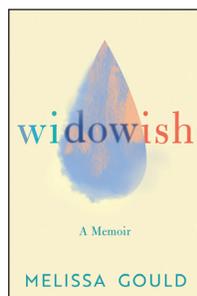
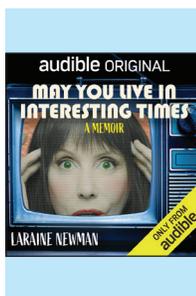
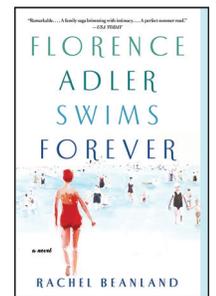
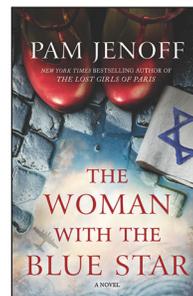
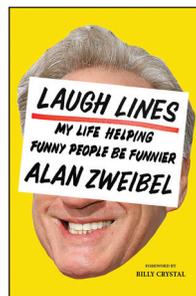
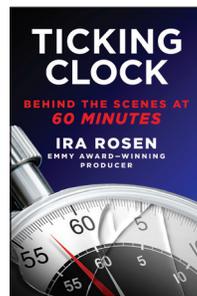
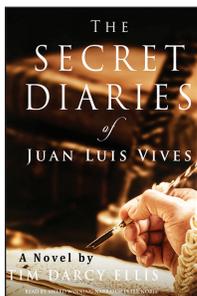
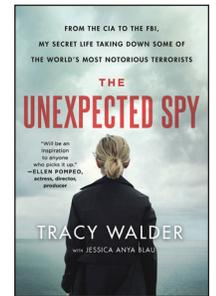
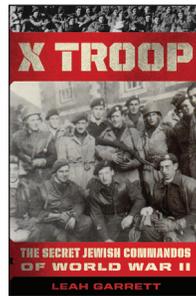
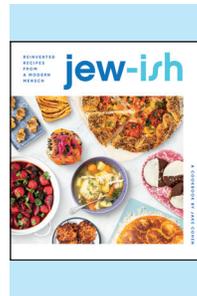
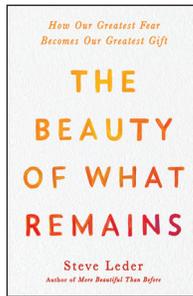
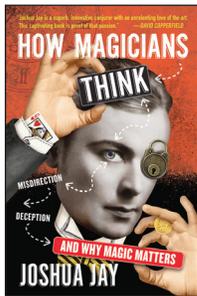


The Jewish Federation
OF SARASOTA-MANATEE

October 12, 2021 – May 3, 2022
21 Authors • 20 Events

10 "in-person" events (also available on Zoom)
and 10 Zoom-only events

Featuring



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Invite friends/family to all Zoom-only events²	6	4	2		
Free books of your choice³	10	6	6	4	1
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Recognition in People of the Book marketing⁵	W J S	W J S	W S	W S	W S

¹ Sponsors receive two tickets plus the additional number listed to all 10 scheduled in-person events (October 12, 2021 - May 3, 2022)

² Sponsors may invite additional households to all Zoom-only events. The number depends on the sponsor level.

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⁴ Opportunity to attend a pre- or post-event with an author (TBA). The number of guests depends on the sponsor level.

⁵ W: People of the Book website; J: *Jewish News* ads; S: On screen prior to events

Or order your tickets as follows:

▶ **VIP Page Turner: \$360 for 2 tickets to all 10 in-person events and admission to the 10 Zoom-only events – a \$502 value!**

▶ **Page Turner Pass: \$154 per household for all 20 events on Zoom (early-bird offer: \$136 thru September 26) – a \$200 value!**

▶ **Personalize your experience and choose individual events.**

See the order form on the back cover of this brochure.

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Please note: All People of the Book ticket and book sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. Due to circumstances beyond our control, programs may be subject to change or rescheduling. Every effort will be made to reschedule or replace a cancelled author. The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee will not be liable for non-appearance of any scheduled author. For up-to-date schedule changes, please visit jfedsrq.org/books.



2021-22 Author Lecture Series

Beginning in October 2021 and concluding in May 2022, the 2021-22 People of the Book Author Lecture Series will offer a dazzling series of author events, building upon the highly regarded 2020-21 series.

People of the Book is a program of The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee in cooperation with the Jewish Book Council. It will once again provide an outstanding contribution to the cultural life of our community. The festival's 21 authors will present at a mix of 10 in-person events and 10 Zoom-only events. The in-person events will also be available via Zoom and/or livestream. You can be entertained, enlightened, engaged and enriched in person at several area venues or from the comfort of your home.

As you read this brochure, don't feel like you have to choose some authors and not others. We've made it easy for you to decide. Simply purchase a Page Turner Pass for \$154 (\$136 through September 26), and your entire household will get admission to all 20 People of the Book events via Zoom. Become a VIP Page Turner for \$360, and you'll get two tickets to all 10 in-person events and your entire household can watch the other 10 events via Zoom. That's a \$502 value!

In May, the three of us listened to 275 Jewish Book Council network authors give two-minute presentations via Zoom to more than 100 book festival site coordinators across the country. From these 275 authors, we chose our top 50, who were then looked at more closely based

on their presentations, book topics, interest to our community and other criteria. Based on all our evaluations, we chose to invite 20 authors to present to the Sarasota-Manatee community. We also invited humor columnist and author Dave Barry to join with author Alan Zweibel for what should be an evening filled with lots of laughter.

Since the Federation's new campus is in the process of being built, this season's People of the Book events will take place at several of the area's larger temples. We thank the leadership of these temples for partnering with us.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors for their support of this series: Barnes & Noble, Michael's On East, Observer Media Group Inc. and *Sarasota Magazine*.

The Federation staff responsible for the People of the Book series are working hard to ensure you are kept engaged and enriched with author/book programs throughout the 2021-22 season. Please join us at these exciting events.

For updated information throughout the season on the schedule of events, admission, author bios and book synopses, please visit jfedsrq.org/books. For questions and general information, please contact Jeremy Lisitza at 941.343.2113 or jlisitza@jfedsrq.org.

Helene Davis, People of the Book Chair

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For up-to-date information and schedule changes, please visit jfedsrq.org/books

Information on the 10 in-person events:

Tuesday, October 12 – Joshua Jay

Tuesday, October 26 – Jake Cohen

Thursday, December 16 – Tracy Walder

Thursday, January 6 – Ira Rosen

Tuesday, January 11 – Barry & Zweibel

Tuesday, February 8 – Eddie Shapiro

Saturday, February 19 – Laraine Newman

Thursday, March 24 – Annelise Heinz

Wednesday, April 6 – Wayne Federman

Tuesday, May 3 – Dr. Michael Roizen

All events begin at 7:00pm

Come out and support the authors who will be traveling thousands of miles to meet you! They will be at several venues in the area to entertain, enrich, enlighten and engage our community!

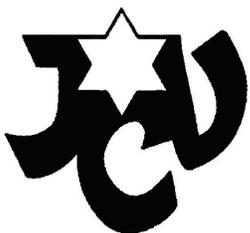
Why attend the events in person?

While the 10 in-person events are also available for you to view on Zoom and/or via livestream, there are several advantages to attend the events as part of the live audience:

- ✓ Only those in attendance at the event will be able to ask the author questions during the Q&A
- ✓ Purchase books at the event, and get them signed and dedicated
- ✓ Have your photo taken with the author
- ✓ Authors want to see your smiling faces and hear your laughter
- ✓ Schmooze with your friends and colleagues
- ✓ Once again, experience the joy and energy of being at a live event!

Safety protocols will be determined by each venue in consultation with The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee. Ticket holders will receive an email a few days before each event with the safety and health procedures that will be put in place for each event. If it is unsafe to gather in person, events will be held exclusively on Zoom.

**The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee
thanks these temples for their partnership
and for providing the venues for the
2021-22 People of the Book in-person events**



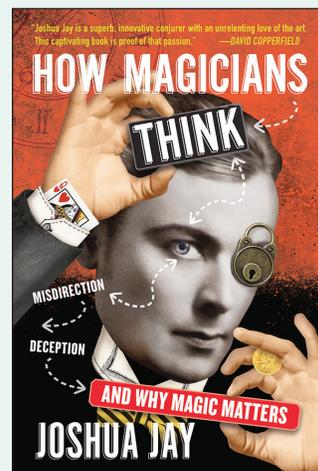
Tuesday, October 12 • Temple Beth Israel

Joshua Jay • *How Magicians Think* Includes a 30-minute magic show!



There's a saying: The door to magic is closed, but it's not locked. In *How Magicians Think*, professional magician and bestselling author Joshua Jay not only opens that door, he brings us inside and turns on the light, revealing the artistry, inside history and fascinating traditions of a subject long shrouded in mystery. Above all, he reveals the mindset behind the magic – what it's like to practice an art that so many love, yet so few understand. This is not a how-to book, nor a how-do-they-do-it exposé. Written as a series of short, lively essays, *How Magicians Think* describes the making of illusions, the psychology behind them and the characters who create them. Joshua writes about how technology influences the world of magic; his contemporaries; and how magicians hone their craft. Compelling, thoughtful and written by an insider, *How Magicians Think* is a rare excursion into a truly secret world.

Joshua Jay has performed on stages in more than 100 countries. He is a headliner at Hollywood's Magic Castle and a former World Champion in Sleight-of-Hand. He has performed on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* and *The Late Show with James Corden*, he fooled Penn & Teller on their hit show, *Fool Us*, and he starred in his own off-Broadway magic show, *Six Impossible Things*.



Tickets to attend in person are
\$18 in advance/\$25 at the door
\$10 per household on Zoom

"How Magicians Think is one of the most remarkable books I have ever read! Joshua Jay is a genius storyteller who has distilled a life's worth of insights into a single book, and the result is magical."
– Steven Levitt, co-author of *Freakonomics*

Tuesday, October 26 • Temple Emanu-El

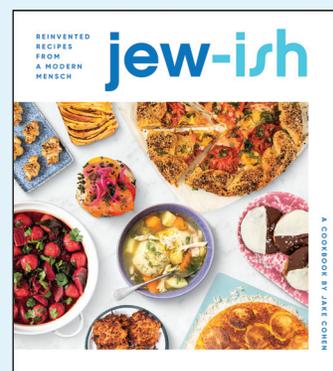
Jake Cohen • *Jew-ish: A Cookbook* Includes a treat from a recipe in the book!*



When most home cooks think of Jewish food, a few classics come to mind: matzo ball soup, brisket, challah and maybe a babka if you're feeling ambitious. But as food writer and self-described nice Jewish boy Jake Cohen demonstrates in his stunning debut cookbook, Jewish food is so much more. In his book, Jake reinvents the food of his Ashkenazi heritage and draws inspiration from his husband's Persian-Iraqi traditions to offer recipes that are modern, fresh and enticing for a whole new generation of readers. *Jew-ish* is a brilliant collection of delicious recipes, and also a guidebook to building community. As Jake reconciles ancient traditions with modern times, his recipes become a celebration of a rich and vibrant history, a love story of blending cultures, and an invitation to gather around the table and create new memories with family, friends and loved ones.

Jake Cohen is a bright new star in the food world, a former food staffer at *Saveur*, then food editor of *Tasting Table* and *Time Out New York*, and most recently the editorial and test kitchen director of social media juggernaut the FeedFeed (@thefeedfeed). He has written for publications including *Food52*, *Food & Wine* and *Real Simple*.

Event moderated
by Sarasota Chef
Judi Gallagher



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"Jake Cohen is the creative, youthful future of Jewish food. There is a thrill in reading and cooking from a book by someone you can hardly keep up with – he is SO alive, as is his food!"
– Joan Nathan, James Beard Award-winning author

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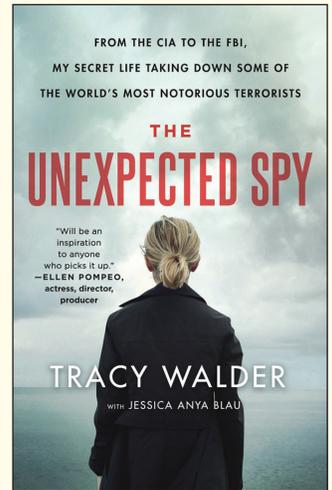
Thursday, December 16 • Temple Sinai

Tracy Walder • *The Unexpected Spy*



Tracy Walder, a Jewish American woman, was recruited by the CIA out of her sorority at the University of Southern California. On 9/11, she was tracking terrorists, with President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell looking over her shoulder. Driven to stop the new breed of terror that war created, Walder picked up her alias identity, flew overseas and continued the hunt. Walder debriefed al-Qaeda's top men, Jihadists who swore they'd never speak to a woman, particularly an American woman, and earned their trust, thus gaining critical and life-saving information. Walder held clandestine meetings in clandestine locales with spies and embedded civilians from other countries. She followed the trails she found across North Africa, Europe and the Middle East. She would eventually move over to the FBI, working in counterintelligence where she faced rampant sexism. *The Unexpected Spy* is a powerful memoir about a woman who made a career in a male-dominated field and what she's taken away from it now that she's no longer in government service.

Tracy Walder is a former Staff Operations Officer at the CIA's Counterterrorism Center and Special Agent at the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office specializing in Chinese counterintelligence operations. She sits on the Board of Directors for Girl Security, a nonprofit, non-partisan group that brings national security curriculum to girls in high schools throughout the U.S.



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"Walder brings a you-are-there intimacy to her accounts. Often, the youngest person in the room and one of few females... [She] was certainly there when history was made." – Kirkus Reviews

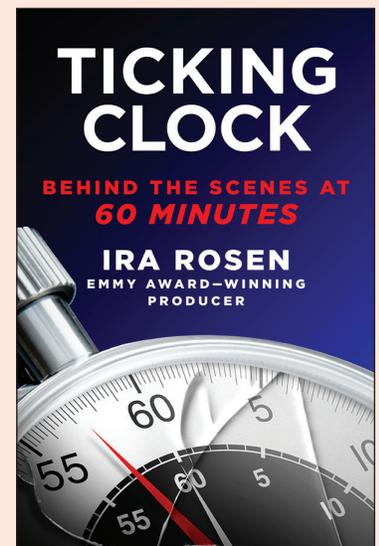
Thursday, January 6 • Temple Beth Sholom

Ira Rosen • *Ticking Clock – Behind the Scenes at 60 Minutes*



Two-time Peabody Award-winning writer and producer Ira Rosen reveals the intimate, untold stories of his decades at America's most iconic news show. It's a *60 Minutes* story on *60 Minutes* itself. When producer Ira Rosen walked into the *60 Minutes* offices in June 1980, he knew he was about to enter television history. His career catapulted him to the heights of TV journalism, breaking some of the most important stories in TV news. But behind the scenes was a war room of clashing producers, anchors and the most formidable *60 Minutes* figure: legendary correspondent Mike Wallace.

Ira Rosen has produced some of the most memorable, important and groundbreaking stories for *60 Minutes* for nearly 25 years. A former Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, Rosen was a senior producer of *Primetime* with Diane Sawyer. Rosen has won 24 National Emmys, four duPont Awards, two RFK Awards and two Peabodys for his work. He is the coauthor of *The Warning: Accident at Three Mile Island*.



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"[A] revealing portrait of American television's most famous and successful news show...perhaps the book's most important contribution comes in ratifying the essential role of skilled, tenacious journalism in maintaining a democracy." – Associated Press

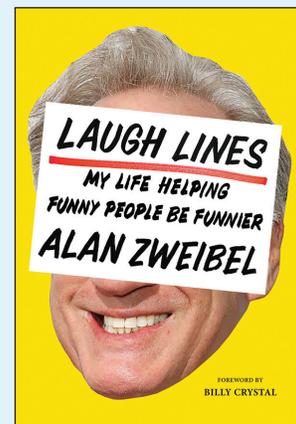
An Evening with Dave Barry & Alan Zweibel

Includes wine & cheese reception*



Dave Barry has been a professional humorist ever since he discovered that professional humor was a lot easier than working. For many years, he wrote a newspaper column that appeared in more than 500 newspapers and generated thousands of letters from readers who thought he should be fired. Despite this, Barry won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary, although he misplaced it for several years, which is why his wife now keeps it in a secure location that he does not know about. This is probably his most enduring achievement. Barry has written more than 30 books, including the novels *Big Trouble*, *Lunatics*, *Tricky Business* and *Insane City*. He has also written a number of books with titles like *I'll Mature When I'm Dead*, which are technically classified as nonfiction, although they contain numerous lies. Two of Barry's books were the basis for the CBS sitcom *Dave's World*, which can probably still be seen on cable TV in certain underdeveloped nations.

Alan Zweibel started his comedy career selling jokes for seven dollars apiece to the last of the Borscht Belt stand-ups. Then one night, despite bombing on stage, he caught the attention of Lorne Michaels and became one of the first writers at *Saturday Night Live*, where he penned classic material for Gilda Radner, John Belushi and all of the original Not Ready for Prime Time Players. From *SNL*, Zweibel went on to have a hand in a series of landmark shows – from *It's Garry Shandling's Show* to *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. In his newest book, *Laugh Lines*, Zweibel weaves together the stories of his influential career, from writing for a generation of Jackies and Mortys and Dickies, to meeting Gilda while hiding behind a potted plant. He goes deep into the origins of famous *SNL* sketches, as well as how the show evolved in the wake of meteoric success, and the projects that followed. Zweibel has won multiple Emmy and Writers Guild of America awards for his work in television. He also collaborated with Billy Crystal on the Tony Award-winning Broadway play *700 Sundays*.



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Dave and Alan will talk about their careers, collaborations, books, shows and projects. Be prepared to laugh throughout their hour-long presentation and engaging Q&A.

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Authors appearing in the People of the Book are members of the Jewish Book Council Network.



Tuesday, February 8 • Temple Emanu-El

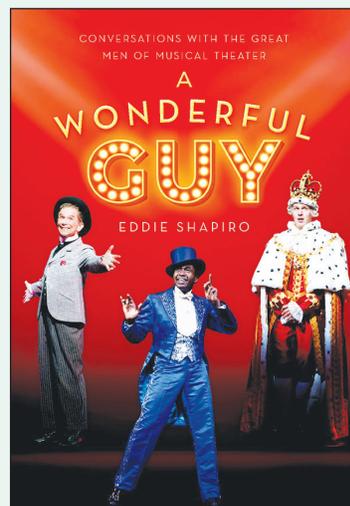
Eddie Shapiro • *A Wonderful Guy*

Includes local performers singing several show tunes!



In *A Wonderful Guy: Conversations with the Great Men of Musical Theater*, theater journalist Eddie Shapiro sits down for intimate, career-encompassing conversations with 19 of Broadway's most prolific and fascinating leading men. Full of detailed stories and reflections, his conversations with such luminaries as Joel Grey, Ben Vereen, Norm Lewis, Gavin Creel, Cheyenne Jackson, Jonathan Groff and a host of others dig deep into each actor's career. Together, these chapters tell the story of what it means to be a leading man on Broadway over the past 50 years.

Eddie Shapiro grew up singing music from every cast album he could get his hands on. He is the author of *Nothing Like a Dame: Conversations with the Great Women of Musical Theater*, *Queens on the Kingdom: The Ultimate Gay and Lesbian Guide to the Disney Theme Parks* and hundreds of articles in magazines, including *Out*, *Backstage West*, *In Theater* and *Instinct*.



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"The conversations and stories, so generously told by these beautiful gentlemen, provide a moving glimpse into the complicated lives of artists." – Bebe Neuwirth

Saturday, February 19 • Temple Sinai

Laraine Newman • *May You Live in Interesting Times*

Includes wine & cheese reception*



Laraine Newman's memoir chronicles her life and experiences that seem to have been on the forefront of every pop culture shift in America: from the British invasion and the music scene in Los Angeles, to the beginning of The Comedy Store and how it started, the prominence of comedy, the forming of The Groundlings, the beginning of *Saturday Night Live*, to the beginning of the rising prominence of animation. This, while dealing with her demons, getting sober, having children and reinventing herself.

Laraine Newman is a founding member of The Groundlings and an original cast member of *Saturday Night Live*. She has worked for directors ranging from Woody Alan to Guillermo Del Toro. She has written for the *Jewish Journal*, *McSweeney's*, *Esquire* and *The Believer*.



Only available on Audible

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"Not only is May You Live in Interesting Times a riveting memoir of Laraine's life and stellar body of work, but just hearing the genuine charm in her voice will make you fall in love with her. An extraordinary treat." – Alan Zweibel

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We encourage you to buy your tickets in advance. Tickets at the door are subject to availability.

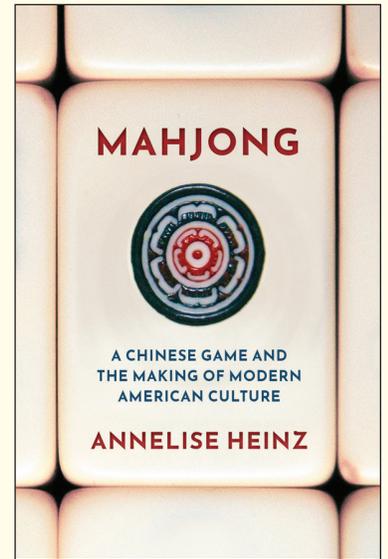
Thursday, March 24 • Temple Sinai

Annelise Heinz • *Mahjong*



Mahjong: A Chinese Game and the Making of Modern American Culture illustrates how the spaces between tiles and the moments between games have fostered distinct social cultures in the United States. This mass-produced game crossed the Pacific, creating waves of popularity over the 20th century. Annelise Heinz narrates the history of this game to show how it has created a variety of meanings, among them American modernity, Chinese American heritage and Jewish American women's culture. As it traveled from China to the United States and caught on with Hollywood starlets, high society, middle-class housewives and immigrants alike, mahjong became a quintessentially American game.

Annelise Heinz is an assistant professor of history at the University of Oregon. Her work has been featured on National Public Radio and international Chinese television. She has lived and played mahjong in the United States and Southwestern China.



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"In this lively history, Annelise Heinz shows us that mahjong is more than a game. In her deft hands, it illuminates modern consumerism, Orientalist fantasy, ethnic identity, and women's self-fashioning across the twentieth century. A richly researched, happily readable book." – Joanne Meyerowitz

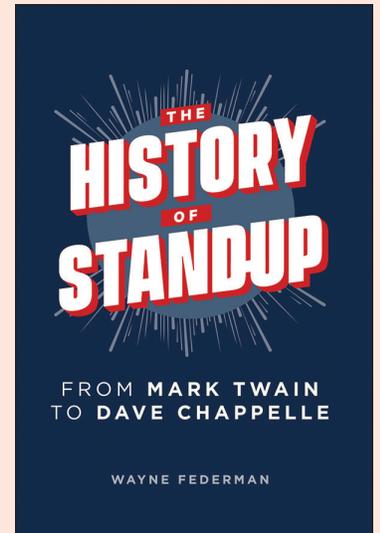
Wednesday, April 6 • Jewish Cong. of Venice

Wayne Federman • *The History of Stand-Up* *Includes a stand-up comedy routine by Wayne!*



Today's top stand-up comedians sell out arenas, generate millions of dollars, tour the world and help shape our social discourse. So, how did this all happen? *The History of Stand-Up* chronicles the incredible evolution of this American art form – from its earliest pre-vaudeville practitioners like Artemus Ward and Mark Twain to the present-day comedians of HBO and Netflix. The story has a connective tissue – humans standing on stage, alone, trying to get laughs. That experience connects all stand-ups through time, whether it's at the Palace, the Copacabana, Grossinger's, the Apollo, Mister Kelly's, the hungry i, the Improv, the Comedy Store, Madison Square Garden, Upright Citizens Brigade or at an open mic in a backyard.

Wayne Federman is a stand-up comedian, actor, professor and author. He has appeared on *The Tonight Show* five times and had his own special on Comedy Central. He has acted in numerous films and TV shows, including *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Silicon Valley*, *Larry Sanders*, *Community*, *Legally Blonde*, *Knocked Up*, *Step Brothers*, *50 First Dates* and *Funny People*.



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"A fascinating and important chronicle of stand-up comedy's evolution. It masterfully connects the dots from the vaudeville era to the Netflix generation." – Journey Gunderson, Executive Director of the National Comedy Center

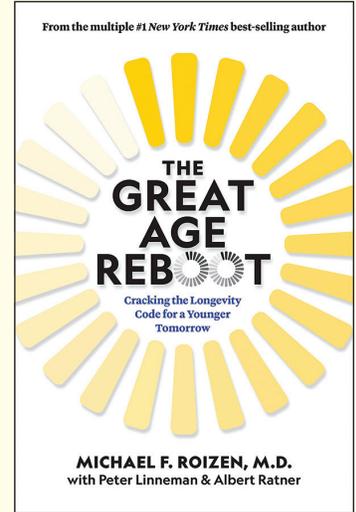
Books will be available for purchase at all in-person events.

Dr. Michael Roizen • *The Great Age Reboot*



As the human lifespan expands and more people are living to 100 years and beyond, *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Roizen, M.D., explains how to prepare for a longer, healthier future. Over the next decade, people living to 100, 120 or even 130 years old will become increasingly common – and life past 100 may not look like what you expect. In this groundbreaking narrative, Roizen reveals how current science and technology will revolutionize our ability to live longer, younger and better. Today's breakthroughs in longevity research are unprecedented, and this book will help you navigate the coming changes to make the best decisions for your brain, your body and your bank account.

Dr. Michael F. Roizen is the Chief Wellness Officer at the Cleveland Clinic, Chief Medical Consultant on *The Dr. Oz Show*, author of four #1 *New York Times* bestselling books and originator of the popular RealAge.com website. He is board certified in anesthesiology and internal medicine. He has been recognized with an Ellie, an Emmy, and the Paul G. Rogers Award from the National Library of Medicine for Best Medical Communicator.



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Information on the 10 Zoom-only events:

Tuesday, October 19 – Steve Leder
Wednesday, November 3 – Leah Garrett
Monday, November 22 – David Biro
Wednesday, December 8 – Ben Freeman
Tuesday, December 21 – Tim Darcy Ellis

Wednesday, January 5 – James McAuley
Wednesday, February 2 – Pam Jenoff
Thursday, February 17 – Rachel Beanland
Tuesday, March 22 – Melissa Gould
Wednesday, April 20 – Lisa Scottoline

All events begin at 7:00pm

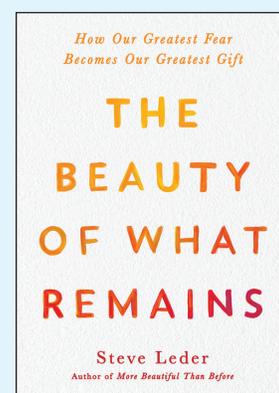
Tuesday, October 19

Steve Leder • *The Beauty of What Remains*



As the senior rabbi of one of the largest synagogues in the world, Steve Leder has learned the many ways death teaches us how to live and love more deeply by showing us not only what is gone but also the beauty of what remains. Yet even after having sat beside thousands of deathbeds, Steve Leder, the rabbi, was not fully prepared for the loss of his own father. It was only then that Steve Leder, the son, truly learned how loss makes life beautiful by giving it meaning and touching us with love that we had not felt before. Enriched by Rabbi Leder's irreverence, vulnerability and wicked sense of humor, this heartfelt narrative is filled with laughter and tears, the wisdom of millennia and modernity, and an unfolding of the profound and simple truth that in loss we gain more than we ever imagined.

Steve Leder is the senior rabbi of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles. After receiving his degree in writing and graduating cum laude from Northwestern University, and spending time studying at Trinity College, Oxford University, Leder received a master's degree in Hebrew letters in 1986 and rabbinical ordination in 1987 from Hebrew Union College.



"With The Beauty of What Remains, Rabbi Leder has given us a profoundly thoughtful book that captures the same wisdom and wit that his congregation has experienced from him for over three decades. Give this book to a friend." – Aaron Sorkin

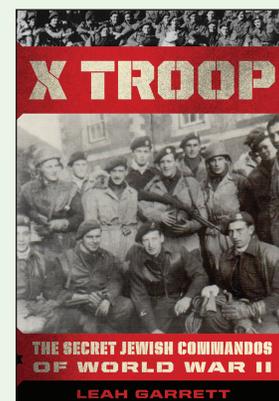
Wednesday, November 3

Leah Garrett • *X Troop*



June 1942. The shadow of the Third Reich has fallen across the European continent. In desperation, Winston Churchill and his chief of staff form an unusual plan: a new commando unit made up of Jewish refugees who have escaped to Britain. The resulting volunteers are a motley group of intellectuals, artists and athletes, most from Germany and Austria. Many have been interned as enemy aliens and have lost their whole worlds. Trained in counterintelligence and advanced combat, this top-secret unit becomes known as X Troop. Drawing on extensive original research, Leah Garrett follows this unique band of brothers from Germany to England and back, to British internment camps, the beaches of Normandy, the battlefields of Italy and Holland, and the hellscape of Terezin concentration camp, the scene of one of the most dramatic rescues of the war. *X Troop* tells the astonishing story of these secret shock troops and their devastating blows against the Nazis.

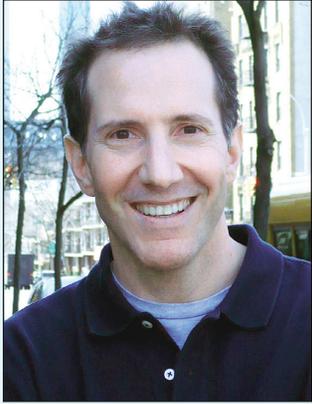
Leah Garrett is a professor at Hunter College. Her last book, *Young Lions: How Jewish Authors Reinvented the American War Novel*, won and was short-listed for several major literary awards.



"Part history and part mystery, X Troop tells a compelling and little-known story about an improbable group of 'British' soldiers who made an important contribution to the war effort." – Deborah E. Lipstadt

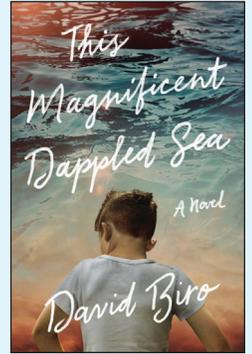
Monday, November 22

David Biro • *This Magnificent Dappled Sea*



In a small Italian village, nine-year-old Luca Taviano catches a stubborn cold and is subsequently diagnosed with leukemia. After an exhaustive search, a match turns up 3,000 miles away in the form of an unlikely donor: Joseph Neiman, a rabbi in Brooklyn, New York, who is suffering from a debilitating crisis of faith. As Luca's young nurse risks her career and races against time to help save the spirited redheaded boy, she uncovers terrible secrets from World War II – secrets that reveal how a Catholic boy could have Jewish genes. Can inheritance be transcended by accidents of love? That is the question at the heart of *This Magnificent Dappled Sea*, a novel that challenges the idea of identity and celebrates the ties that bind us together.

David Biro has a medical degree from Columbia University and a doctorate in Literature from Oxford University. He is a Professor of Dermatology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center where he also teaches medical humanities. He has written two highly acclaimed books: *One Hundred Days: My Unexpected Journey from Doctor to Patient* (2000) and *The Language of Pain: Finding Words, Compassion and Relief* (2010).



“Physician and author Biro examines the secrets that people carry and how they shape and distort the ways one sees the world. A story of interconnection and the boundaries that too often keep us apart.” – Booklist

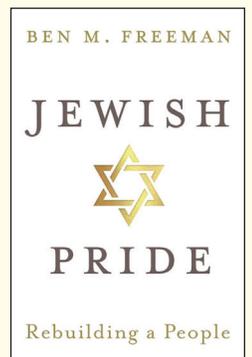
Wednesday, December 8

Ben M. Freeman • *Jewish Pride: Rebuilding a People*



Jewish Pride: Rebuilding a People, by Ben M. Freeman, an internationally renowned educator, is inspired by his experiences with LGBTQ+ pride. In it, Ben aims to educate, inspire and empower Jewish people to reject the shame of antisemitism imposed on Jews by the non-Jewish world as well as non-Jewish perceptions of what it means to be a Jew – ultimately, enabling them to begin the process of defining their own identities as proud Jews through Jewish experience, Jewish history and Jewish tradition.

Ben M. Freeman is a Jewish leader, a Jewish thinker and a Jewish educator. Born in Scotland, Ben is a gay Jewish author and an educator focusing on Jewish identity, combating antisemitism and raising awareness of the Holocaust.



“Fascinating, inspiring and heartbreaking, a cultural and historical survey of Jewishness in the perilous intolerant new world of the 21st century that is both exuberant and optimistic, and tragic and worrying.” – Simon Sebag Montefiore, author of Jerusalem: The Biography

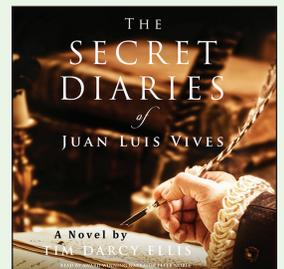
Tuesday, December 21

Tim Darcy Ellis • *The Secret Diaries of Juan Luis Vives*



The Secret Diaries of Juan Luis Vives brings back to life the epoch-making life and adventures of one of the great men of the Renaissance. It is 1522, in the Spanish Netherlands. Vives, a renowned academic, has fled the Inquisition; yet even here he is not safe. Under the watchful eyes and ears of the king of Spain, he is eventually incarcerated along with other Nuevo Cristianos. When England's Sir Thomas More offers him a lifeline as the role of tutor to Mary, daughter of Catherine of Aragon and Henry VIII, he eagerly accepts. Once in England, Vives is quickly drawn into the secretive and dangerous world of London's underground Jewish community. At the Tudor court, the king and queen separately seek Vives' assistance to support their opposed demands. He must betray one to help the other, knowing his decision could cost him his life. Not only his survival but that of his family and his entire people hang in the balance.

Tim Darcy Ellis (BA, BSc, MHSc) is a writer and wellness-business owner. He was formerly a professional archaeologist. Tim majored in Medieval Archaeology at the University of York. He has worked for the Museum of London as a field archaeologist, and the British Museum as a tour guide.



“Eloquent and accessible for all readers – an impressive balance that makes reading Ellis' novel a richly rewarding escape.” – The Independent Review of Books

Wednesday, January 5

James McAuley • *The House of Fragile Things*



In the dramatic years between 1870 and the end of World War II, a number of prominent French Jews invested their fortunes in France's cultural artifacts, sacrificed their sons to the country's army, and were ultimately rewarded by seeing their collections plundered and their families deported to concentration camps. James McAuley explores the central role of art in the assimilation and identity of French Jews in the fin de siècle. Based on previously unexploited private archives, the book tells the story of an interconnected set of families: the Camondos, the Rothschilds, the Reinachs, the Cahens d'Anvers. McAuley shows how Jewish art collectors contended with a powerful strain of antisemitism between the Dreyfus Affair and the Holocaust. They were often accused of "invading" France's cultural patrimony. The collections these families left behind – many ultimately donated to the French state – were their response, tragic attempts to celebrate a nation that later betrayed them.

James McAuley is a European affairs columnist for *The Washington Post*. He recently completed his doctorate in modern history at the University of Oxford, where he was a Marshall scholar.



"A comprehensive and accessible account of one of the great communal acts of generosity – and then betrayal – in modern history." – Nicholas Wroe, The Guardian

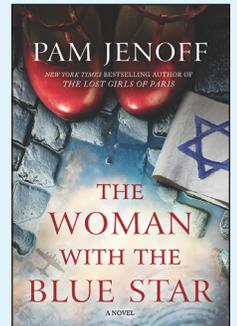
Wednesday, February 2

Pam Jenoff • *The Woman with the Blue Star*



Sadie is 18 and living with her parents amid the horrors of the Kraków Ghetto during World War II. When the Nazis liquidate the ghetto, Sadie and her pregnant mother are forced to seek refuge in the sewers beneath the city. Ella is an affluent Polish girl living a life of relative ease with her stepmother, who has developed close alliances with the occupying Germans. Scorned by her friends and longing for her fiancé, who has gone off to war, Ella wanders Kraków restlessly. While on an errand, she catches a glimpse of something moving beneath a grate in the street. Upon closer inspection, she realizes it's a girl hiding. Ella begins to aid Sadie and the two become close. But as the dangers of the war worsen, their lives are set on a collision course that will test them in the face of overwhelming odds.

Pam Jenoff is the author of several books of historical fiction. Her novels are inspired by her experiences working at the Pentagon and as a diplomat for the State Department handling Holocaust issues in Poland.



"Pam Jenoff's meticulously researched account of an unlikely and dangerous friendship during WWII... It will leave you gasping at the end." – Jodi Picoult

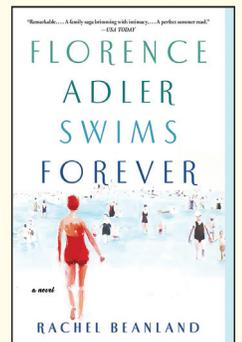
Thursday, February 17

Rachel Beanland • *Florence Adler Swims Forever*



Atlantic City, 1934. Every summer, Esther and Joseph Adler rent their house to vacationers and move into the small apartment above their bakery. Their first daughter, Fannie, pregnant again after recently miscarrying, is on bedrest for the duration of her pregnancy. Their second daughter, Florence, returns from college for the summer and resolves to spend her time training to swim the English Channel. After Joseph insists they take in a mysterious young woman whom he recently helped emigrate from Nazi Germany, the apartment is bursting at the seams. When tragedy strikes, Esther makes the shocking decision to hide the truth, at least until Fannie's baby is born, and pulls the family into an elaborate web of secret-keeping and lies, bringing long-buried tensions to the surface that reveal how quickly the act of protecting those we love can turn into betrayal.

Rachel Beanland is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and earned her MFA in creative writing from Virginia Commonwealth University. *Florence Adler Swims Forever* is her first novel and won the 2020 National Jewish Book Award for debut fiction.



"Beanland beautifully handles the depiction of loss and rebuilding life without a loved one, describing moments that are by turns painful and moving. The thick emotional tension will please fans of character-driven historicals." – Publishers Weekly

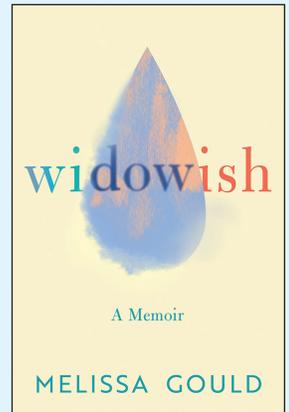
Tuesday, March 22

Melissa Gould • *Widowish*



When Melissa Gould’s husband Joel was unexpectedly hospitalized, she could not imagine how her life was about to change. Overwhelmed with uncertainty as Joel’s condition tragically worsened, she offered him the only thing she could: her love and devotion. Her dedication didn’t end with his death. Left to resume life without her beloved husband and raise their young daughter on her own, Melissa soon realized that her and Joel’s love lived on. Melissa found she didn’t fit the typical mold of widowhood or meet the expectations of mourning. She didn’t look like a widow or act like a widow, but she felt like one. Melissa was widowish.

Melissa Gould’s essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Huffington Post*, *Buzzfeed* and more. She’s an award-winning screenwriter whose credits include *Bill Nye, the Science Guy*; *Party of Five*; *Beverly Hills, 90210*; and *Lizzie McGuire*. As a “mompreneur” she appeared on the *Rachael Ray Show*, *Access Hollywood* and other “infotainment” programs.



“No one gets through this life without suffering some kind of loss, and Melissa Gould shares her journey with honesty, humor and surprising insights. I read it straight through and now want regular updates on her life. Widowish is going to break your heart in the best way possible. I love this book!” – Annabelle Gurwitch

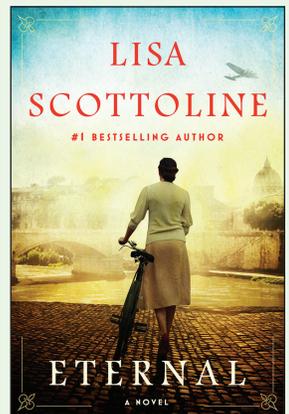
Wednesday, April 20

Lisa Scottoline • *Eternal*



Eternal is the culmination of a lifetime of Lisa Scottoline’s work. She has been researching the Italian Holocaust since her undergraduate days when she took a yearlong seminar at the University of Pennsylvania led by Philip Roth called “The Literature of the Holocaust.” Elisabetta, Marco and Sandro grow up as the best of friends despite their differences. Elisabetta dreams of becoming a novelist; Marco is the brash and athletic son in a family of professional cyclists; and Sandro is a kind-hearted Jewish mathematics prodigy. Their friendship blossoms to love, with both Sandro and Marco hoping to win Elisabetta’s heart. As antisemitism takes legal root and World War II erupts, they realize Mussolini was only the beginning. The Nazis invade Rome, and with their occupation come new atrocities against the city’s Jews, culminating in a final, horrific betrayal. *Eternal* is a heartbreaking story of both the best and the worst that the world has to offer.

Lisa Scottoline is a *New York Times* bestselling author of 32 novels. She has 30 million copies of her books in print in the United States and has been published in 35 countries.



“Make a plate of fettuccine, pour a glass of red wine and settle in with this captivating tale. You will cry tears of sadness and joy. Scottoline’s Italian heritage combined with all her research will keep this story in readers’ hearts.” – Library Journal

The Fine Print:

- ▶ Physical tickets will not be issued. If you’re attending in person, check in at the door. For Zoom events, log in via the Zoom link.
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- Tuesday, February 8 – Eddie Shapiro: *A Wonderful Guy*
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- Saturday, February 19 – Laraine Newman: *May You Live In Interesting Times**
- Tuesday, March 22 – Melissa Gould: *Widowish*
- Thursday, March 24 – Annelise Heinz: *Mahjong*
- Wednesday, April 6 – Wayne Federman: *The History of Stand-Up*
- Wednesday, April 20 – Lisa Scottoline: *Eternal*
- Tuesday, May 3 – Dr. Michael Roizen: *The Great Age Reboot*

* *Only available on Audible*

All books other than Laraine Newman's will be available at the Barnes & Noble stores located at 4010 S. Tamiami Trail and University Town Center, 200 N. Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota.

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