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PROUDLY PRESENTS

Dani Shapiro

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 at 7:30pm

Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road, Naples

Tickets: \$18 in advance • \$25 at the door

- Call the Federation office with your credit card number at 239.263.4205; or mail your check (\$18 per person), payable to Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, to JFGN, Attn: Renee', 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 2201, Naples, FL 34109.
- Tickets will not be mailed. Your name will be placed on a reservation list that will be checked at the door.
- Please call Renee' if you'd like to be a Patron of this event. Patrons receive dinner with Dani Shapiro, a copy of her book and VIP seating at the event.



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Dani Shapiro is the author of the instant *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Inheritance*, which was published in January 2019 by Knopf. Her other books include the memoirs *Hourglass*, *Still Writing*, *Devotion* and *Slow Motion*, and five novels including *Black & White* and *Family History*.

Along with teaching writing workshops around the world, Dani has taught at Columbia and New York University, and is the co-founder of the Sirenland Writers Conference in Positano, Italy.

In February 2019, Dani launched an original podcast, *Family Secrets*, in collaboration with iHeartMedia. An iTunes Top 10 podcast, the series features stories from guests who – like Dani – have uncovered life-altering and long-hidden secrets from their families' past.

What makes us who we are? What combination of memory, history, biology, experience and that ineffable thing called the soul defines us?

In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA for analysis, Dani Shapiro received the stunning news that her father was not her biological father. She woke up one morning and her entire history – the life she had lived – crumbled beneath her.

Inheritance is a book about secrets – secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love. It is the story of a woman's urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity, a story that has been scrupulously hidden from her for more than 50 years, years she had spent writing brilliantly, and compulsively, on themes of identity and family history. It is a book about the extraordinary moment we live in – a moment in which science and technology have outpaced not only medical ethics but also the capacities of the human heart to contend with the consequences of what we discover.

