



# Welcome,

Our premiere literary event, the 22nd annual JCC Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival, takes on a new format with expanded cultural arts programs throughout the year. This fall features an exciting lineup of exceptional authors including Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, Ari Shavit, and playwright and filmmaker Wendy Kout. The festival continues into the winter and spring with national and local authors, concluding in March with Gail Sheehy!

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you!

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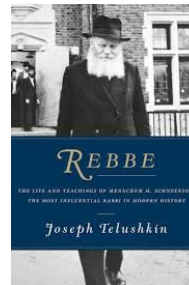
## OPENING NIGHT!

Sunday, November 2, 7pm, \$15/\$18, JCC Hart Theater

### RABBI JOSEPH TELUSHKIN

*Rebbe: The Life and Teachings of Menachem M. Schneerson, the Most Influential Rabbi in Modern History* (HarperWave, 2014)

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, a prominent scholar and spiritual leader and the author of many best-selling books, is one of the 50 best speakers in the United States, according to *Talk* magazine. His latest book, *Rebbe*, explores the leadership and devotion of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who transformed the Chabad-Lubavitch movement into one of the largest and most dynamic Jewish organizations in the world today.



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Opening Night dessert reception sponsored by the Lane Dworkin Family

## ISRAEL NIGHT presented with Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

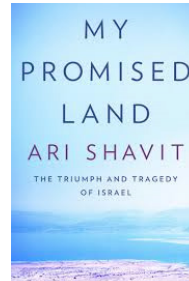
Thursday, November 6, 7pm, \$7/\$9

Temple Beth El, 139 S. Winton Road

### ARI SHAVIT

*My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* (Spiegel & Grau, 2013)

Author Ari Shavit provides a history of Israel that is at once sobering and hopeful in the best-selling *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*. An Israeli journalist, columnist for *Haaretz*, and popular Israeli television commentator, Shavit draws on interviews, historical documents, and his own family's experience to form his assessments of Israel from the early Kibbutzim to situations that vex the Jewish state today. *My Promised Land* won the 2013 National Jewish Book Award and the first Natan Book Award.



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## FICTION PANEL LUNCHEON

Friday, November 7, noon, \$18/\$21, JCC Auditorium

### PAM JENOFF

*The Winter Guest* (Harlequin Mira, 2014)

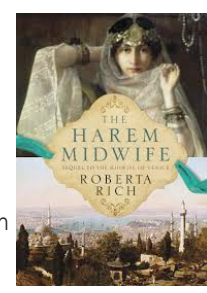
Pam Jenoff has received international acclaim as a best-selling author of six novels about World War II and its terrible effects on ordinary people. In *The Winter Guest*, she returns to 1940s Poland, the setting of her bestseller *The Kommandant's Girl* where twins Helena and Ruth are living with their younger siblings as the Nazis seize control.



### ROBERTA RICH

*The Harem Midwife* (Gallery Book, 2014)

The best-selling author of *The Midwife of Venice* turns her attention to the Ottoman Empire and the Jewish woman who tends to the sultan's harem. With a proven gift for historical fiction, Roberta Rich creates memorable Jewish and Muslim characters and a vivid tale involving levirate marriage and polygamy.



With special thanks to Gail Drew and



## SPECIAL GUEST: WENDY KOUT COMES TO ROCHESTER!

### - FILM -

Saturday, November 8, 7pm, \$12\*/\$15, JCC Hart Theater  
**DORFMAN IN LOVE**  
Post-film discussion and reception with playwright and filmmaker Wendy Kout (Run time: 91 minutes)

In this award-winning comedy indie film, starring Sara Rue and Elliott Gould, a young single woman, unknowingly trapped in her role as caretaker of her unappreciative family, desperately needs to get her own life. When she volunteers to cat-sit at her unrequited love's downtown L.A. loft, her world changes forever.



Best Feature: Hollywood Int'l Film Festival, Best Comedy: L.A. Jewish Film Festival

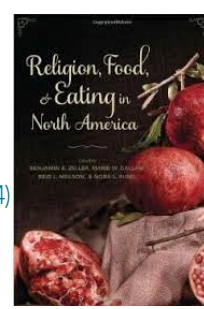
## ROCHESTER'S OWN

Sunday, November 9, 9:30am, \$5/\$7, JCC Auditorium

### NORA RUBEL

*Religion, Food, and Eating in North America* (Columbia University Press, 2014)

Moving beyond the simple notion of "you are what you eat," University of Rochester's Nora Rubel and her co-editors shed light on the role of "food practices" among people of faith: Jews, Christians, Muslims and Buddhists, as well as members of new religious movements, Afro-Caribbean religions, interfaith families, and individuals who consider food itself a religion.

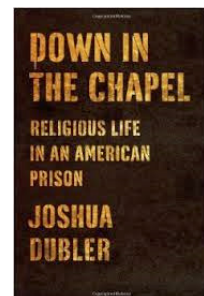


Sunday, November 9, 11am, \$5/\$7, JCC Auditorium

### JOSHUA DUBLER

*Down in the Chapel* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013)

Get to know two prison guards, five chaplains, 15 prisoner-workers, 20 volunteers, one secular professor of religion, and hundreds of [different] religious followers. *Publishers Weekly* praised this "important book" for starting a critical American conversation about religious life amid repressive circumstances. *The New York Journal of Books* declared it an "epic undertaking."



## REMEMBRANCE

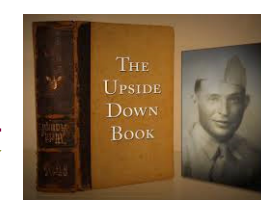
Sunday, November 9, 2pm, \$8/\$11, JCC Auditorium

### HINDA MANDELL

*The Upside Down Book*

Post-film discussion with journalist Hinda Mandell and director/producer Matthew White (Run time: 51 minutes)

Everyone in the family knew how Uncle Eddie came home from the war with a copy of *Mein Kampf*...or so they thought. Hitler's book – always upside down on a shelf – elicited visceral reactions as explored in this documentary by husband and wife team Hinda Mandell and Matthew White.



This event is presented in remembrance of the 76th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Wine and cheese reception following film screening and discussion sponsored by The Center for Holocaust Awareness & Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester.

## COMMUNITY READ

Monday, November 10, 7:30pm, \$8\*/\$11, JCC Hart Theater

### JUDITH FRANK

*All I Love and Know* (William Morrow, 2014)

When his twin brother and sister-in-law die tragically, Daniel, his parents, his non-Jewish partner Matt, and his brother's Israeli in-laws struggle not only with their grief but also with the news that Daniel and Matt have been designated as the guardians of his brother's children. Judith Frank, an Amherst College professor, explores what happens when a family's diversity becomes the source of tension and when a couple's plans for themselves suddenly change.



### Join the Read!

Book clubs, individuals, couples, and ad hoc groups are encouraged to join this "read." Check out rjbfb.org to download reading guides and more.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** Book and lecture ticket for \$22\*/\$25. Books are now available for purchase at the JCC.

Presented in partnership with **writers & BOOKS**  
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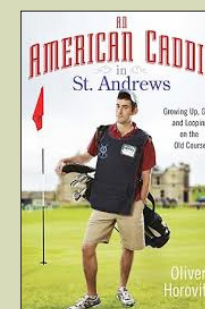
## BEER 'N' BOOKS at the Genesee Valley Club

Thursday, November 13, 6pm, \$25/\$28, Genesee Valley Club, 421 East Avenue

### OLIVER HOROVITZ

*An American Caddie in St. Andrews* (Gotham Books, 2014)

Deferred by Harvard, Oliver Horowitz – brother of Beastie Boy Adam Horowitz and son of playwright Israel Horowitz – headed to Scotland, joined the St. Andrews golf team (with a 1.8 handicap) and became a caddie on the famed Old Course. This coming-of-age story includes anecdotes about Larry David, Huey Lewis, Michael Douglas and golf champion Rory McIlroy, whose bags he has carried, and about the joy of walking the course with amateur golfers who are "having the best four hours of their lives."



### SPECIAL EVENT DETAILS

\* Business attire \* Jacket required \* Advanced tickets required \* Open bar before and after presentation

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## ROCHESTER'S OWN

Sunday, November 16, 9:30am, \$5/\$7, JCC Auditorium

### AARON HUGHES

*Abrahamic Religions: On the Uses and Abuses of History* (Oxford Press, 2012)

Abraham is often seen as the common denominator of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He is also the historical figure with which to start an interfaith dialogue in an age marked by religious divisiveness. Aaron Hughes, the Philip S. Bernstein Chair of Jewish Studies at the University of Rochester, helps us explore Abraham's role in these three religions.

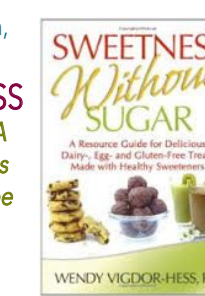


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### WENDY VIGDOR-HESS

*Sweetness Without Sugar: A Resource Guide for Delicious Dairy-, Egg-, and Gluten-Free Treats Made with Healthy Sweeteners* (SolThea Press, 2011)

Nutritionist and former Rochesterian Wendy Vigdor-Hess has spent years motivating her clients to break their emotional connection to sugar and reduce their appetite for dairy products, eggs, wheat, soy and gluten. She offers tips for reading food labels, solutions for re-creating favorite sweet treats, and more than 60 terrific recipes that are healthy and simple to prepare.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Sunday, November 16, 3pm, FREE, JCC Auditorium

### Shalom Sammy Spider: Sammy Spider Journeys Through the Jewish Year

Join Sammy Spider on a journey through the Jewish year at this station-based program featuring the colorful Sammy Spider series by author Sylvia Rous. Participate in a variety of hands-on and holiday-related activities, listen to a story, craft a mitzvah project, and browse the Festival Bookstore for the latest and greatest in Jewish-themed children's literature.



PJ Library is brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester and the Jewish Community Center with a generous grant from the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation.

## ORDER FORM

### WALK IN | MAIL | ONLINE

Walk-In: JCC Main Desk

By Mail: JCC Jewish Book Festival, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

Online: www.rjfb.org By Phone: 585-461-2000 By Fax: 585-461-0805

Note: Sunday morning events include coffee and bagels.

Patrons interested in donating to the 2014 Jewish Book Festival are asked to contact Lori Harter at lharter@jccrochester.org or call 461-2000, ext. 237.

## RESERVE YOUR TICKETS

I'D LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS:	DATE	TIME	JCC MEMB.	NON-MEMB.	# TIX	SUBTOTAL
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin	11/2	7pm	\$15	\$18		
Ari Shavit	11/6	7pm	\$7	\$9		
Fiction Panel Luncheon	11/7	noon	\$18	\$21		
Wendy Kout - <i>Dorfman in Love</i>	11/8	7pm	\$12	\$15		
Nora Rubel	11/9	9:30am	\$5	\$7		
Joshua Dubler	11/9	11am	\$5	\$7		
Hinda Mandell	11/9	2pm	\$8	\$11		
Judith Frank	11/10	7:30pm	\$8	\$11		
Special offer: Book and Lecture			\$22	\$25		
Jerry Witkovsky	11/13	11am	\$8	\$11		
Oliver Horowitz "Beer 'n' Books"	11/13	6pm	\$25	\$28		
Aaron Hughes	11/16	9:30am	\$5	\$7		
Wendy Vigdor-Hess	11/16	11am	\$5	\$7		
PJ Library - Sammy Spider	11/16	3pm	Free/Tickets not required			
<b>THE FESTIVAL CONTINUES:</b>						
Thelma Reese	1/27	2pm	\$8	\$11		
Julie Smutko Daugherty	2/1	11am	\$5	\$7		
Gail Sheehy	3/1	2pm	\$8	\$11		

Please consider giving a gift to the Book Festival.

TOTAL DUE:

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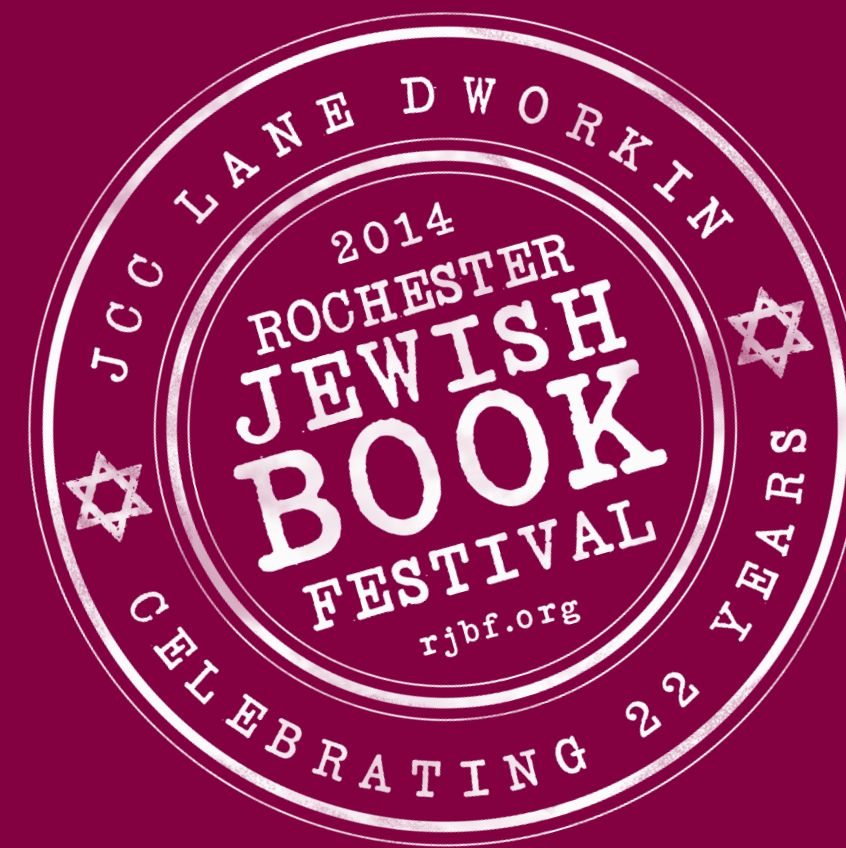
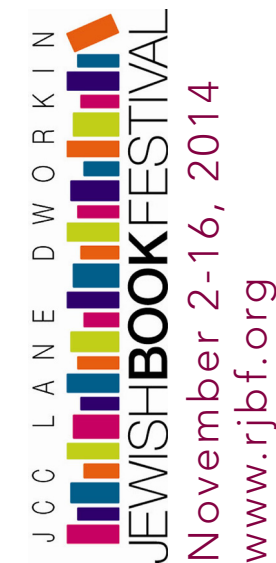


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# What are YOU Reading?

November 2-16, 2014  
www.rjbf.org



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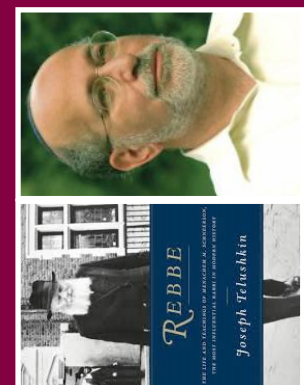
**FILM & THEATRE**  
WENDY KOUT  
Saturday, November 8



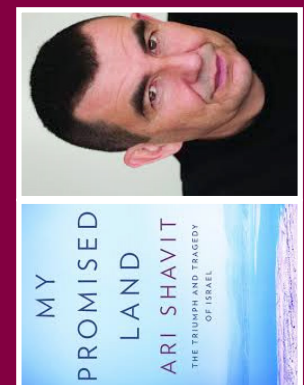
**SPECIAL EVENT**  
GAIL SHEEHY  
Sunday, March 1



**OPENING NIGHT**  
RABBI JOSEPH TELUSHKIN  
Sunday, November 2



**ISRAEL NIGHT**  
ARI SHAVIT  
Thursday, November 6



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## THE FESTIVAL CONTINUES...



Wednesday, October 29, 7:30pm, FREE, JCC Auditorium  
**NEIL LAZARUS** Special Pre-Festival Event  
*Is There a Light at the End of the Tunnel? What Now for the Middle East?*  
Neil Lazarus, internationally acclaimed expert on Middle East politics and diplomacy, speaks about the current situation in Israel and the Middle East through a dynamic, multimedia presentation.

Underwritten by Alan Cohen and Nancy Bloom, in loving memory of Bruce Newman



Tuesday, January 27, 2pm, \$8/\$11, St. John's, \_\_\_\_\_  
**THELMA REESE**  
*The New Senior Woman: Reinventing the Years Beyond Mid-Life*  
(Rowman & Littlefield, 2013)  
Retired college professors Drs. Thelma Reese and Barbara Fleisher set out to be "ElderChicks," conducting research, gathering stories and blogging about the fastest growing segment of the population: senior women in the 21st century, all of whom are doing things their mothers (and fathers) couldn't have imagined. Women of all ages will be encouraged and inspired by their vibrant stories.

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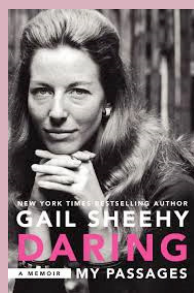


Sunday, February 1, 11am, \$5/\$7, JCC Auditorium  
**JULIE SMUTKO DAUGHERTY** *The Corner Stone*  
(CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013)  
Two diamond-obsessed college students – Asher and Brooke – are on a collision course with romance. Asher's introverted manner and tense family dynamic threatens to derail their chances at happiness at nearly every turn. While helping Brooke with her master's project, he stumbles upon an exciting scientific theory about diamonds that could change the world — would this change be for the better?

## SPECIAL EVENT!



Sunday, March 1, 2pm, \$8/\$11, JCC Auditorium  
**GAIL SHEEHY**  
*Daring: My Passages*  
(William Morrow, HarperCollins, 2014)  
The author of the classic *New York Times* best seller *Passages* returns with her inspiring memoir: a chronicle of her trials and triumphs as a groundbreaking "girl" journalist in the 1960s and one of the premiere political profilers of modern times.



Sheehy reflects on desire, ambition, and wanting it all — career, love, children, friends, social significance — and lays bare her major life passages: false starts and surprise successes; the shock of failures and inner crises; betrayal in a first marriage; life as a single mother; flings of an ardent, liberated young woman; her adoption of a second daughter from a refugee camp; marriage to the love of her life, and their ensuing years of happiness even in the shadow of illness.

Generously underwritten by Jewish Senior Life Foundation



## SOME INFORMATION about the FESTIVAL

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Advance purchase of tickets is encouraged.  
Walk-In: JCC Main Desk  
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By Phone: 585-461-2000  
By Fax: 585-461-0805  
Online: [rjbf.org](http://rjbf.org) (A convenience fee will apply.) Online sales end one hour before each event.  
**WALK-INS DAY OF SHOW:** Walk-in tickets may be available 30 minutes prior to the event. We strongly encourage you to purchase tickets in advance.  
**STUDENT DISCOUNTS:** \$1 off with valid student ID. (Applies to advance ticket sales only. No discounts for walk-ins.)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**  
**FOOD:** All foods served at the Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival are in strict observance of the laws of kashrut.  
**SEATING:** Seating is general admission except for Book Festival donors, who have reserved seating. Reserved seating is held until 15 minutes prior to the event. Reserved seating is not guaranteed for late arrivals.  
**REFUNDS:** Refunds may be available for canceled or rescheduled programs only. Due to circumstances beyond our control, speakers may be canceled or rescheduled without prior notice.  
**ACCESSIBILITY:** All Festival venues are handicap accessible.  
**QUESTIONS:** For additional information, please call 585-461-2000, ext. 237, or visit [rjbf.org](http://rjbf.org).

**DONOR OPPORTUNITIES:**  
Ticket sales alone do not support the Festival. Please consider becoming a Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival supporter. Contact Lori M. Harter at 585-461-2000 ext. 237 for more information.

## LANE DWORKIN JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL MISSION STATEMENT

The Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival exists to create a showcase for Jewish authors and/or books of Jewish content. In so doing, the Festival promotes awareness, appreciation, and pride in the diversity of the Jewish people; strengthens community consciousness of Jewish identity, history, and culture; and provides a community forum to stimulate dynamic and provocative dialogue.

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The Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival is presented in memory of Sheldon A. Lane. His vision for the Jewish Book Festival continues through the support of his loving family.

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