



Welcome

This year, we celebrate our 23rd annual JCC Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival with expanded cultural arts programs throughout the year. We bring you exceptional, award-winning authors and news correspondents with topics ranging from world events, finance, historical fiction, rock 'n' roll, comedy, romance and more. Also, check out our live webcast of 92Y Live events! Books by our featured authors will be available in the book store during events or at the JCC Main Desk. We look forward to seeing you!

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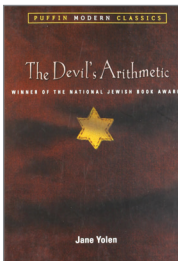
OPENING DAY FOR YOUNG READERS

Sunday, November 8, 10am, JCC Hart Theater

JANE YOLEN

The Devil's Arithmetic and *Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts* (with Heidi Stemple)

Jane Yolen, a prolific author known for her *Dinosaur* books, *Commander Toad* series, and other publications, is joined by her daughter Heidi Stemple for a presentation geared to teens and younger kids alike. *The Devil's Arithmetic* won the Sydney Taylor Book Award for Jewish children's and teen literature. Yolen has written novels and picture books with Jewish themes, and has collaborated with her daughter Heidi Stemple on *Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts*, a literary cookbook that pairs Jewish folklore with recipes and anecdotes. Yolen has more than 350 books to her name, including fantasy, science fiction, poetry and children's fiction.



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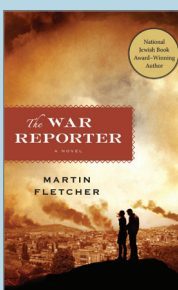
OPENING NIGHT - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

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MARTIN FLETCHER

The War Reporter

Former Tel Aviv bureau chief for NBC News, Martin Fletcher, is one of the most respected television news correspondents, and he is rapidly gaining an equally impressive reputation as a novelist. In Fletcher's latest book, the year is 1994 and Tom Layne, a famous American television journalist, and his crew are reporting in Sarajevo. Usually Tom is good at avoiding trouble, but this time he and his young cameraman—and a ravishing interpreter named Anna—get waylaid by rebel forces and bad things happen. Driven by the need for catharsis, Tom and a reluctant Anna team up again to pursue their enemy, who is still protected by Serb fighters.



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Dessert reception to follow!

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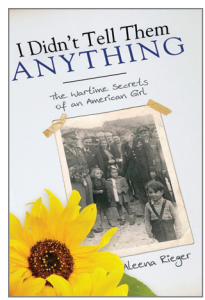
Lane Dworkin Family

A MEMOIR

Tuesday, November 10, 7pm, JCC Hart Theater

ALEENA RIEGER / *I Didn't Tell Them Anything*

Aleena Rieger grew up knowing there were certain things she wasn't allowed to talk about: where she was born; her family's experiences during World War II; her mother's illness. Rieger's quest leads her to uncover her parents' "missing pieces," including their flight from Poland, forced labor in Siberia, refuge in Kazakhstan, and long journey to America. She captures universal themes of hope, survival, and the tenacity of the human spirit.



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BEER, BOOKS & ROCK 'N' ROLL

Wednesday, November 11, Open bar at 6pm, Event at 7pm, Irondequoit Country Club, 4045 East Avenue

STEVE KATZ In Concert

Blood, Sweat, and My Rock 'n' Roll Years

Steve Katz was a founding member of The Blues Project and Blood, Sweat & Tears. He played at Woodstock and the Monterey Pop Festival, jammed with artists like Mose Allison and Jimi Hendrix, and is also a record producer. His memoir is filled with resigned existentialism and decidedly Jewish humor. Come hear his entertaining personal account of the rock 'n' roll world and enjoy him performing in concert.



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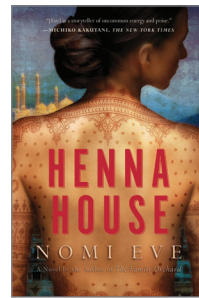
- Open bar, appetizers and live music
- Craft beers provided by local breweries

HISTORY & HENNA

Thursday, November 12, 7pm, JCC Hart Theater

NOMI EVE *Henna House*

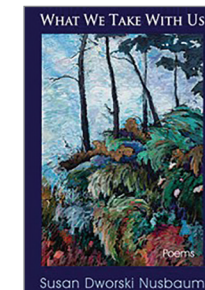
Prize-winning author Nomi Eve has woven a magical and fascinating story, set in an obscure corner of history. This captivating novel interweaves the traditions of Yemenite Jews and the secret mission known as both Operation on the Wings of Eagles and as Operation Magic Carpet, which transported 49,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel in 1949 and 1950. Eve's first novel, *The Family Orchard*, was nominated for a National Jewish Book Award and was a Book of the Month Club main selection.



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A local henna artist will be available.

BAGELS 'N' BOOKS with Rochester's Own



Sunday, November 15, 10am, JCC

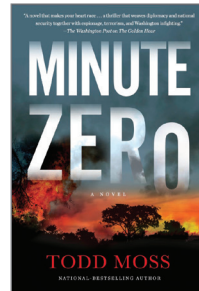
SUSAN DWORSKI NUSBAUM

What We Take With Us
A former Rochesterian, Susan Dworski Nusbaum returns for a morning of poetry. Through the prisms of love and loss, memory and individual narratives, her collection of poems celebrates the bounty of life. She describes ordinary human experiences as acts of profound discovery.

Sunday, November 15, 11:15am, JCC

TODD MOSS

Minute Zero
Rochesterian Todd Moss returns with his latest book in the Judd Ryker thriller series. As a former top American diplomat in West Africa, he draws on his experiences inside the U.S. government, bringing to life the exhilaration and frustrations of modern-day foreign policymaking. In the life of every country, during a national disruption, comes a time of uncertainty. That is *Minute Zero*.



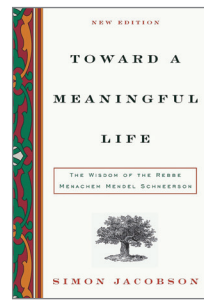
JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

Sunday, November 15, 7pm, JCC Hart Theater

RABBI SIMON JACOBSON

Toward a Meaningful Life

Rabbi Simon Jacobson has deeply affected diverse audiences in all continents with his dynamic approach and keen insights into the human condition. He applies Torah thought to contemporary life, in a cutting-edge voice that is rooted in the timeless teachings of Judaism, while being profoundly timely and relevant. His unique style of teaching methodology has introduced laymen and scholars alike to a new approach for presenting traditional ideas with warmth and psychological relevance.



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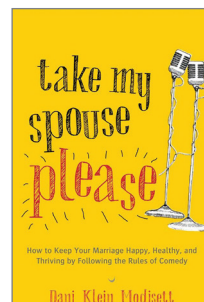
MARRIAGE, COMEDY & WINE

Monday, November 16, 7pm, JCC Hart Theater

DANI KLEIN MODISSETT

Take My Spouse, Please: How to Keep Your Marriage Happy, Healthy, and Thriving by Following the Rules of Comedy

Dani Klein Modisett has interviewed comedians, marriage counselors and comic writers to deliver unique marriage "material." Her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Huffington Post*, *Parents Magazine*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. In love as in comedy, timing is everything. One bad night doesn't mean it's time to quit. Have patience: Great marriages, like a career as a comedian, take time. With her trademark humor and sharp writing, Modisett provides a map for navigating your marriage through rough patches, bad jokes, and even nights when you bomb. Her wisdom reminds us that in successful relationships, humor matters.

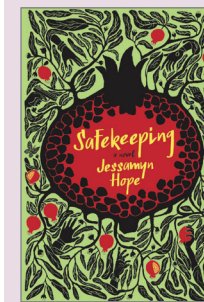


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Wine bar available before presentation

FICTION PANEL LUNCHEON

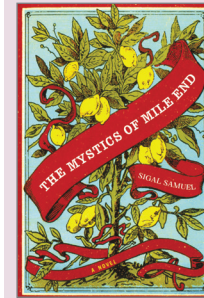
Friday, November 20, noon, JCC Auditorium



JESSAMYN HOPE

Safekeeping

Jessamyn Hope's fiction and memoirs have been published in numerous literary magazines. Her powerful debut novel draws on her experiences living in Israel in its depiction of a secluded kibbutz community. Set against the backdrop of Jewish history, *Safekeeping* is an extraordinary novel about love, loss, and the courage it takes to keep starting over. At its heart stands a sapphire brooch with a perilous backstory spanning three continents and seven countries.



SIGAL SAMUEL

The Mystics of Mile End

Sigal Samuel's debut novel is an imaginative story that delves into the heart of Jewish mysticism, faith, and family. In the half-Hasidic, half-hipster Montreal neighborhood of Mile End, 11-year-old Lev Meyer discovers that there may be a place for Judaism in his life. He has a fairly typical childhood except that his neighbor Mr. Katz is trying to recreate the biblical Tree of Knowledge out of plucked leaves, toilet paper rolls, and dental floss.

Ice cream provided by



THE FESTIVAL CONTINUES...

FILM AND FASHION



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Monday, February 8, 2pm, St. John's Brickstone, 1325 Elmwood Ave.

ADVANCED STYLE

Advanced Style examines the lives of seven unique New Yorkers whose eclectic personal style and vital spirit have guided their approach to aging. Based on Ari Seth Cohen's famed blog of the same name, this film paints intimate and colorful portraits of independent, stylish women aged 62 to 95 who are challenging conventional ideas about beauty, aging, and Western culture's increasing obsession with youth. (Film run time: 72 minutes)

Post-film discussion with Fashion Consultant, Monica Flaum



FINANCE AND PARENTING

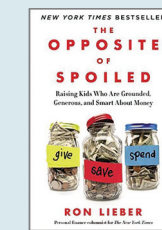
Sunday, March 6, 7pm, JCC Hart Theater

RON LIEBER

The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money

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THE OPPOSITE OF SPOILED
Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money
Ron Lieber

New York Times financial columnist and best-selling author Ron Lieber provides a practical guidebook for parents who want to use conversations about money to imprint good values. Children have scores of questions about money that we often do not answer or answer well. Lieber delivers dozens of smart, practical tips for turning conversations about money into lessons about living. If you've got kids, want kids — or heck, have been a kid — read this book.



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AUTHOR, JOURNALIST AND POET

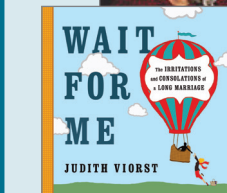


Sunday, March 20, 2pm, Atkin Center of the Jewish Home, 2021 S. Winton Road

JUDITH VIORST

Wait For Me: And Other Poems About the Irritations and Consolations of a Long Marriage

The legendary author of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* turns her attention to marriage in a collection of poems that explores the peevish and pleasures of a long marriage and what a couple must inevitably confront together. Enriched by Stephen Campbell's charming full-color illustrations, this touching, wise, and funny book will surely bring a smile of recognition to anyone who has been in a long marriage. A wonderful gift for a parent, a grandparent, or your own eternal someone, *Wait for Me* is a celebration of the lasting power of married love.



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

Online: www.rjbf.org By Phone: 585-461-2000

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CHOOSE YOUR EVENTS

I'D LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS:	DATE	TIME	JCC MEMB.	NON-MEMB.	# TIX	SUBTOTAL
Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple	11/8	10am	\$5	\$7		
Martin Fletcher	11/8	7pm	\$18	\$21		
Aleena Rieger	11/10	7pm	\$8	\$11		
Steve Katz "Beer 'n' Books"	11/11	6pm	\$30	\$35		
Nomi Eve	11/12	7pm	\$8	\$11		
Susan Dworski Nusbaum	11/15	10am	\$5	\$7		
Todd Moss	11/15	11:15am	\$5	\$7		
Rabbi Simon Jacobson	11/15	7pm	\$8	\$11		
Dani Klein Modisett	11/16	7pm	\$10	\$12		
Fiction Panel Luncheon	11/20	noon	\$20	\$25		
THE FESTIVAL CONTINUES:						
<i>Advanced Style</i>	2/8	2pm	\$8	\$11		
Ron Lieber	3/6	7pm	\$8	\$11		
Judith Viorst	3/20	2pm	\$8	\$11		
92Y LIVE:						
Dennis Ross & Alan Dershowitz	10/19	8pm	\$7	\$9		
Peggy Noonan	11/4	7:30pm	\$7	\$9		
David Gregory & Erica Brown	12/16	8:15pm	\$7	\$9		
CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS						
Shalom Chaver	11/3	7pm	FREE			
<i>The Outrageous Sophie Tucker</i>	11/14	7:30pm	\$10	\$12		
Knishes and a Concert	11/22	3pm	\$5	\$7		
<i>Judy Gold's 25 Questions for a Jewish Mother</i> , visit jcccenterstage.org or call 461-2000.						
Please consider adding a donation to support the Book Festival.						
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 By Phone: 585-461-2000
 Online: 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.

DONOR OPPORTUNITIES:

Ticket sales alone do not support the Festival. Please consider becoming a Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival supporter. Contact Lori Harter at 585-461-2000 ext. 237 or lharter@jccrochester.org 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.

WITH FOND MEMORIES OF SHELDON A. LANE

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.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Books by our featured authors will be available in our Festival bookstore during events and at the JCC Main Desk throughout the Festival.

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CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS!

A RABIN TRIBUTE AND FILM



Tuesday, November 3, 7pm, JCC Hart Theater
SHALOM CHAVER: Yitzhak Rabin, Twenty Years Later
 A tribute to Yitzhak Rabin on the eve of the 20th anniversary of his assassination. Join us for a screening of *My So-Called Enemy*, an RIJFF favorite film in which Israeli and Palestinian teens meet to share their stories. Screening preceded by a short tribute to Rabin's legacy and unwavering commitment to peace.
 (Film run time: 89 minutes with English subtitles)

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

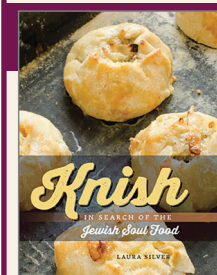
Saturday, November 14, 7:30pm, JCC Hart Theater

THE OUTRAGEOUS SOPHIE TUCKER

Post-film discussion with biographers and screenwriters **Susan and Lloyd Ecker** (Film run time: 96 minutes)
 Before Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Madonna, Bette Midler, Marilyn Monroe, and Mae West, Sophie Tucker infatuated her audiences with a bold, bawdy and brassy style unlike any other. Using more than 400 of the recently rediscovered personal scrapbooks, "The Last of the Red Hot Mamas," authors Susan and Lloyd Ecker take you on their 8-year journey retracing Tucker's 60-year career in show business from rags to riches. Sophie Tucker, an iconic superstar, ruled the worlds of vaudeville, Broadway, radio, television, and Hollywood throughout the 20th Century.



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KNISHES AND A CONCERT

Sunday, November 22, 3pm, JCC Auditorium

CONCERT AND KNISH TASTING

A concert and knish tasting! *Knish: In Search of the Jewish Soul Food* by Laura Silver. **Featuring Bonnie Abrams & Allen Hopkins.**

Community partner Sabra Grill

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Saturday, January 10, 2pm & 6:30pm, JCC Hart Theater

JUDY GOLD

25 Questions for a Jewish Mother

Emmy-winning actress/comedienne Judy Gold's critically acclaimed play, *25 Questions for a Jewish Mother* makes its Rochester premiere at JCC CenterStage after sold out runs Off-Broadway and around the country. A Drama Desk nominee for Outstanding Solo Performance and GLAAD Award-Winner for Outstanding New York Theater, this heartfelt and hilarious play is Gold's personal journey about becoming a parent, while learning to be a daughter to a nagging Jewish mother of her own. Gold seamlessly weaves anecdotes from her own life with snippets from interviews conducted with 50 Jewish mothers across the United States.



Gold's book will be on sale in our annual book store.

For more information and tickets, visit jcccenterstage.org or call 461-2000



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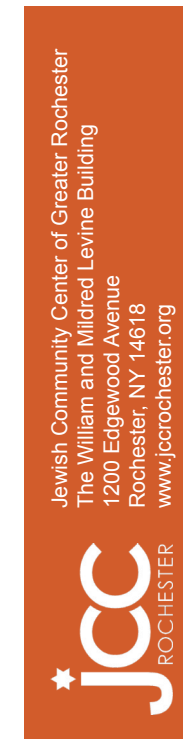
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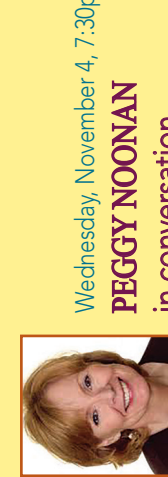


92Y LIVE

Programs broadcast live via satellite. \$11.8, JCC Hart Theater

Monday, October 19, 8pm

DENNIS ROSS and ALAN DERSHOWITZ
 with **ETHAN BRONNER:**
 The U.S.-Israel relationship, from Truman to Obama



Wednesday, November 4, 7:30pm
PEGGY NOONAN
 in conversation

Wednesday, December 16, 8:15pm

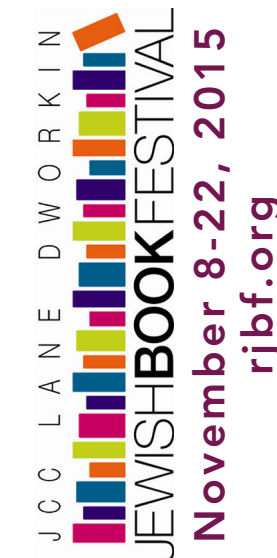
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 with **RABBI PETER J. RUBINSTEIN**



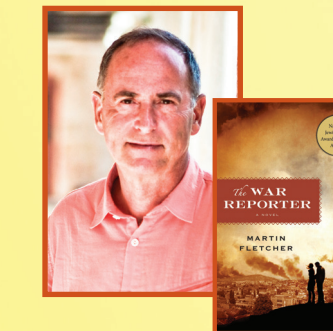
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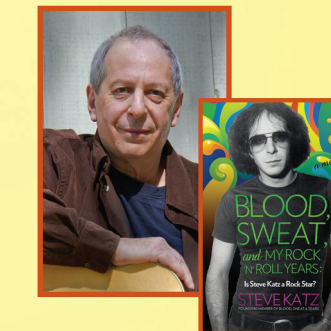
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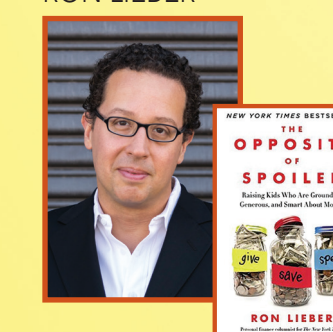
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