



J C C L A N E D W O R K I N



JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

November 5 - 19, 2017



Reflections on 25 years ...

"The Jewish Book Festival has introduced to Rochester hundreds of authors both well-known and newly published. For example, during my years as chair, JCC audiences enthusiastically welcomed humorists Jack Klugman and Judith Viorst, novelists Naomi Ragen and Tova Mirvis and historians Aaron Lansky and Jonathan Sarna. Festival devotees could add many more names of notable speakers through the years. Congratulations to volunteers and JCC staff for their leadership and success."

Sarah F. Liebschutz, Chair, 2004-2005

"There is nothing more gratifying than bringing the community together, and expanding it, through the discussion of ideas and dialogue prompted by great books. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful and passionate people in leading this mission to build community."

Lori Harter, Director, 2011-2017

"When people heard that Betty Friedan would speak at the 1993 Jewish Book Festival, there was a huge demand for tickets. The crowd was so big that we moved the event to the auditorium and provided a raised platform with steps to accommodate her 5-foot stature. But Friedan, despite our cajoling, refused to use the platform, instead delivering her speech from the floor. A good quarter of the crowd who had come to see this feminist pioneer was on its feet to do so, some voicing their displeasure at whoever was in charge. That happened to be me and Randy Morgenstern. I won't forget that evening!"

Patricia Chadwick, Chair, 1993-1994

"What sticks with me about my time with the Festival is a sense of community. Each year, people of every age and background come together to be entertained, to learn, and maybe even to laugh a little."

Rachel Rosner, Director, 2006-2007

"I have kept in touch with many of 'our' authors and often hear that Rochester was a highlight of their book tours. Most had never traveled here before, but all set aside their preconceptions about 'upstate' and vow to return once they see how smart and engaged our audiences are. I was thrilled when we introduced Rochester readers to debut authors and emerging talent, especially when so many went on to win national acclaim. The fiction panel is always a highlight of my year, and I love getting to talk shop with other writers."

Ellen Comisar, Chair, 2013-2015

"When the lights are lowered and an author walks out onto the stage, it's a moment of magic. For 25 years, the Jewish Book Festival has represented learning, thoughtful discussion, and a touch of magic. For us, chairing the Festival was wonderful. It is one of the best volunteer projects we've ever done."

Lisa and Joel Elliot, Chairs, 1999

"The Jewish Book Festival is a kaleidoscope of Jewish culture, tradition, and humanity. It is a unique opportunity for the Rochester community to hear and interact with people who shape history and influence thought. Particularly memorable for us was time spent with Rabbi Harold Kushner and Ambassadors Dennis Ross and Michael Oren. Congratulations to the JCC and the Lane Dworkin Book Festival on the 25th anniversary!"

John and Paula Liebschutz, Chairs, 2006-2007

"From cover to cover... face to face, we have truly celebrated 'The People of the Book.' Whatever your book bag, this remarkable festival continues to present a world of authors, issues and inspiration. I am so very proud to have been part of the initial visionary chapter of this enriching legacy."

Randy K. Morgenstern, Director, 1993-1997

"Jewish Book Council is proud to recognize the Rochester Jewish Book Festival on the occasion of its 25th anniversary – an incredible milestone. We feel fortunate to have such a wonderful partner in the field that is engaging the community around Jewish literature and the important thinkers of our day, creating a space for ideas and conversation. The Jewish Book Festival is a vital part of Jewish life and we look forward to another 25 years of meaningful and creative programming from the JCC."

Naomi Firestone-Teeter, Executive Director, Jewish Book Council

"How lucky we've all been over these 25 years. To think that Chaim Potok came to us near the end of his career, while Jonathan Safran Foer came just as his was beginning. We cooked with Joan Nathan, we sang with Theodore Bikel, and more than a few times we learned with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Our lives are more informed, our community far richer, and our bookshelves much more intimate (and crowded) because this book festival, our book festival, exists. Support it, attend it, enjoy it. Happy 25th!"

Andrea Miller, Director, 1999-2005, 2008-2011

Thank you to all the committee members, past chairs and directors for all their dedicated hard work to help make the past 25 years of the Jewish Book Festival so successful. Their commitment to bringing current Jewish literature to the Rochester community has set the foundation for another exciting 25 years!

Chairs: Patricia Chadwick (1993-94), Rhoda Goldstein^{z"l} (1995-96), Jeffrey Cantor (1997-98), Lisa and Joel Elliot (1999), Wendy and David Dworkin (2000), Ruth^{z"l} and Lou Siegel (2001), Gail and Jim^{z"l} Biben (2002-03), Sarah F. Liebschutz (2004-05), Paula and John Liebschutz (2006-07), Karen Zivan^{z"l} (2011-12), Ellen Comisar (2013-15), Ronny Frishman (2016-17), Sharon Kovalsky (2016-17), Judy Blaustein (2017)

Directors: Randy K. Morgenstern (1993-97), Ruth Siegel^{z"l} (1998), Andrea Miller (1999-2005, 2008-11), Rachel Rosner (2006-07), Lori Harter (2011-17)

Thank you!

FESTIVAL CO-CHAIRS

Judy Blaustein
Ronny Frishman
Sharon Kovalsky

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Valerie Alhart
Barbara Appelbaum
Maxine Bittker
Peggy Cherkasky
Ellen Comisar*
David Dworkin*
Wendy Lane Dworkin*
Stacey Freed
Rachel Hall
Beth Hornak
Jerry Jacobs
Mona Friedman Kolko
Caroline Korn
Barbara Lane
Steven Levitsky
Barbara Mendler
Joy Ryen Plotnik
*Past Chair

INTERIM

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR
Bill Donahue

ARTS DEPARTMENT
ADMIN. ASSISTANT
Marc Cataldi

JCC PRESIDENT
Richard Gray

JCC EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
Arnie Sohinki

PRESENTED BY



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.

Celebrating 25 Years



The Jewish Book Festival has been bringing distinguished authors to Rochester for 25 years, and we take great pride in knowing that we have introduced the community to a wide range of literary voices. The outstanding writers joining us this year will no doubt continue to inspire, move and educate audiences, as the festival has done since its inception.

The Lane Dworkin Family

Thank you to our generous supporters!

BESTSELLER: \$10,000+

Wendy and David Dworkin
Max and Marian Farash
Charitable Foundation
William and Sheila Konar Foundation
Barbara Lane
Sheldon A. Lane Book Festival Fund

PUBLISHER: \$2,500+

Ames Amzalak Memorial Trust
Ellen and David Comisar *in memory of Karen Doner Zivan*
Andrea Miller and Dennis Kessler
Mona Friedman Kolko
Drs. Dawn and Jacques^z Lipson
Enhancing Life Fund
Lewis Norry Family
Pinnacle Investments LLC
St. John's

NOVELIST: \$1,500+

Deborah Goldman
Carol and Mike Hirsh
Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester
Oppenheimer Rochester®
Municipal Bond Funds
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP

Community
Partner



This list reflects contributions received as of September 8, 2017.

EDITOR: \$500+

Anonymous
Barbara and E. David Appelbaum
Judith and Norm Blaustein
Harold and Terri Bobry
Brighton Securities: Robert Kravetz
Class Action LLC/
Marc Frankel - Constable
Dr. Eric M. Dreyfuss
Roberta and David Feldman
Mike and Heidi Fishman
Ronny and Alan Frishman
Generation 4 Recycling Group
Essie Germanow
Barbara, Michael, and Susan Hellman
in memory of Esther Hasson Hellman
Sharon Kovalsky and Jerry Jacobs
Diane Morse and Mark Winsberg
Maxine and Jerry Rosen
Joyce and Charlie Schachter
Marcia Stern
Robin and Michael Weintraub
LP Wolch, CPA's P.C.: Lorraine Wolch and Donald Onimus

READER: \$360+

Stuart and Betsy Bobry
Seth and Roberta Borg
Lenore and Marshall Lesser
in memory of Karen Doner Zivan
Sarah F. Liebschutz *in memory of Sanford J. Liebschutz*
Bud and Joan Rusitzky
Dr. Morris Shapiro Fund
Elise and Joseph Wojciechowski

Special thanks to:

Lane Dworkin Family, Andrea Miller, Lori Harter, Curt Dengler, Jerry Smith, JCC Main Desk staff, Writers & Books, and all of the dedicated volunteers and staff who have made this Festival possible over the past 25 years.

Opening Night

Sunday, November 5 at 7pm

MICHAEL CHABON

Moonglow: A Novel

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Michael Chabon, who won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction with *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, further cements his legacy with *Moonglow*, a novel of truth and lies, family legends, and existential adventure—and the forces that work to connect us and destroy us.



In 1989, fresh from the breakout success of his debut novel, *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh*, Chabon traveled to Oakland, California, to visit his dying grandfather. Tongue loosened by powerful painkillers, memory stirred by the imminence of death, Chabon's grandfather shared recollections and told stories that the younger man had never heard, uncovering a long-buried and nearly forgotten history. That dreamlike week of revelations is the basis of *Moonglow*, Chabon's latest feat of literary magic.

ASL Interpreter will be provided.



In discussion with
**Kyle Semmel, Executive Director
of Writers & Books**

Underwritten by the

William and Sheila Konar Foundation

**DESSERT
RECEPTION
TO FOLLOW**

Underwritten by the
Lane Dworkin Family



Looking back
at more than
200 authors!

1993

Michael Bar-Zohar
Jyl Lynn Felman
Betty Friedan
Anita Hirsh
Rabbi Harold Kushner
Jack Nelson
Robert Rockaway
Marilyn Rosen
Roseanne Rosen
Sara Rosen
Barry Schwartz
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Albert Vorspan

1994

Eva Fogelman
Glenn Frankel
David Halberstam
Jason Kingsley
Madeleine Kunin
Michael Lerner
Mitchell Levitz
Syd Lieberman
Faye Moskowitz
Naomi Ragen
Yoran Svoray
Laurence Mordekhai
Thomas
Alan Zweibel

1995

Moshe Arens
Daniel Gordis
Robin Hirsch
Mollie Katzen
Faye Kellerman
Eric Kimmel
Tamir and Amos Oz
Dennis Prager
Marilyn Rosen
Naomi Rosenblatt
Lawrence Sutin
Randi L. Winterman
Lois Wyse

Sunday, November 5 at 10am

Rochester's Own
MARK SHULMAN
Scrawl



Tod Munn is a bully. He's tough, but times are even tougher. The wimps have stopped coughing up their lunch money. The administration is cracking down. Then to make things worse, Tod and his friends get busted doing something bad. Something really bad. Can a no-nonsense guidance counselor help Tod stop before he turns into a real bully?

A Rochester native – and former Camp Seneca Lake counselor – Shulman has written more than 150 books for children and teens. His novel *Scrawl* is included on the list of Best Fiction for Young Adults by the American Library Association.

FREE - Tickets Required

1997

David Aaron
Joan Borysenko
Alan Dershowitz
Yehuda Fine
Leonard Garment
David Gleicher
Yitta Halberstam
Ester Hautzig
Erica Jong
Judith Leventhal
Gil Mann
Liz Rosenberg
Dvorah Telushkin
Isabel Vincent
Sol Wachtler

1998

Mitch Albom
W. Michael Blumenthal
Rich Cohen
Lynne Feldman
David Kertzer
Julius Lester
Sarah F. Liebschutz
Belleruth Naparstek
Naomi Ragen
Jack Ruda
Danny Siegel

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

25th Anniversary

Bookstore

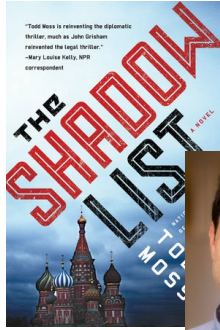
Located in Room 2 behind the JCC Main Desk.
Books by our featured authors will also
be available at each event!

Books provided by

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS
www.bn.com

Monday, November 6 at 7pm

Rochester's Own TODD MOSS *The Shadow List*



Scam e-mails that promise a windfall are not a laughing matter for Moss's recurring protagonist, State Department crisis manager Judd Ryker. In fact, they represent a deadly part of one of the world's biggest organized crime rackets. A young American disappears in London, sending Ryker into the heart of a Nigerian corruption scandal. Meanwhile, his CIA agent wife finds herself chasing a Russian master criminal. What they don't know is that they are pulling opposite ends of the same lethal thread.

Moss, who hails from Rochester, is chief operating officer and senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, a Washington, D.C. think tank. He served with the George W. Bush administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and chief U.S. diplomat for West Africa.

Underwritten by **Drs. Dawn and Jacques²¹ Lipson Enhancing Life Fund**

Wednesday, November 8 at 7pm

27th ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT PROGRAM *Holocaust Denial: From the Classroom to the Courtroom*

Featuring historian and author Deborah E. Lipstadt, Ph.D., Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies, Emory University, whose true story inspired the film *Denial* (2016).

Event will be held at Monroe Community College
Warshof Conference Center, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, Monroe A & B
1000 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623

Sponsored in partnership with MCC's Global Education and International Services, the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, and the Louis S. Wolk Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester



Tickets available at www.monroetickets.com, the Flynn Campus Center Service Desk and the Downtown Campus Bookstore.
FREE and open to the public. Parking available in Lot M.

1999

Anita Diamant
Stephen Dubner
Nathan Englander
Max Frankel
Joza Karas
Dan Kurzman
Rabbi Alan Lew
Elaine Mazlish
Joan Nathan
Lev Raphael
Arthur Yorinks

2000

Nomi Eve
Sam Freeman
Myla Goldberg
Elyse Goldstein
Ruth Gruber
David Horowitz
David Liss
Tova Mirvis
Chaim Potok
Barry Scheck
James Shapiro
Mimi Sheraton
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

2001

Edwin Black
Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins
Bruce Feiler
Rabbi Marc Gafni
Yossi Klein Halevi
Karen Kushner
Michael Lerner
Lev Raphael
Linda Richman
Madeline Rosten-Lee

Fiction Panel Luncheon: Mystery Edition

Friday, November 10 at 12pm

2002

Lisa Belkin
Ira Berkow
Robert Clary
Martin Goldsmith
Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch
Karin Kasdin
Rabbi Harold Kushner
Peter Lovenheim
Alan Morinis
Iddo Netanyahu
Michael Oren
Rabbi Yosef Reinman
Jonathan Safran Foer
Rachel Simmons
Debra Trione
Larry Tye

2003

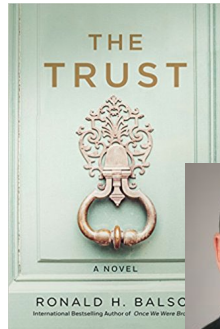
Theodore Bikel
Phyllis Chesler
Paula Marantz Cohen
Leonard Felder
Sue Fishkoff
Dara Horn
Rodger Kamenetz
Ari L. Goldman
Rabbi Alan Lew
Marvin Rubinstein
Joel Siegel
Jonathan Wilson
David Zurawik

2004

Joshua Braff
Connie Glaser
Rabbi Harold Kushner
Aaron Lansky
Tova Mirvis
Deborah Dash Moore
Bryan Mark Rigg
Jonathan Rosen
Dennis Ross
Jonathan Sarna
Amy Sohn

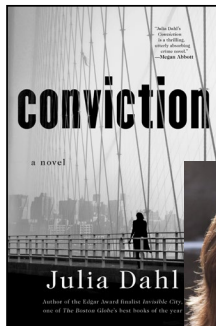
2005

Joel Berkowitz
Avery Corman
Harry Freund
Matthew Goodman
Jack Klugman
Daniel Libeskind
Naomi Ragen
Rabbi Shlomo Riskin
Edward Schwarzschild
Stephen Spector
Ilan Stavans
Judith Viorst
Alan Zweibel



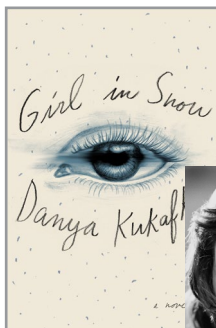
RONALD BALSON *The Trust*

In *The Trust*, the acclaimed author of *Once We Were Brothers*, *Saving Sophie* and *Karolina's Twins* turns the spotlight on his fictional private eye, Liam Taggart, who returns to Northern Ireland for his uncle's funeral. There, he learns that his uncle was shot to death and had apparently anticipated his own murder. Further, Uncle Fergus has placed his estate in a secret trust, directing that no distributions be made until the killer is found. Like Balson, a trial attorney, Liam is soon on the case.



JULIA DAHL *Conviction*

A year after the Brooklyn riots between black and Jewish residents, a black family is brutally murdered at home. A teenager is quickly convicted, and the justice system moves on. Twenty-two years later, tabloid journalist Rebekah Roberts, the heroine of Dahl's first two books, gets a letter: "I didn't do it." She starts to dig, but witnesses are missing, memories have faded, and almost no one wants to talk. *Conviction* examines the power and cost of community, loyalty and denial. Dahl's debut novel *Invisible City* was named one of the Best Books of 2014 by *The Boston Globe* and has been optioned by actress Toni Collette.



DANYA KUKAFKA *Girl in Snow*

When Lucinda Hayes, a beloved high school student, is found murdered, no one in her sleepy Colorado suburb is untouched—not the boy who loved her too much, the girl who wanted her perfect life, or the officer assigned to investigate. These three indelible characters, Cameron, Jade and Russ, must confront their darkest secrets. Debut novelist Kukafka employs crystalline prose as she explores identity and the razor-sharp line between love and obsession, watching and seeing, memory and truth.



Moderated by
Ellen Comisar

Underwritten by

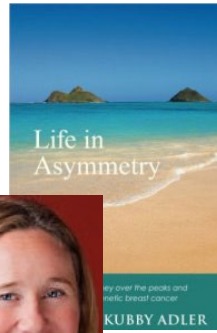


Sunday, November 12 at 11am

RAYCHEL KUBBY ADLER

Life in Asymmetry: A Hopeful Journey Over the Peaks and Valleys of Genetic Breast Cancer

From the “flatlands” of puberty, across the “boobie mountains” of parenthood, and traversing the “landmines” of genetic breast cancer, Adler illuminates what it means to live with genetic cancer and to be a “previvor.” In this memoir, Adler looks at the interplay of genetics, personal choice, and chance that shapes our lives and asks us to explore the course of actions we might take when offered a unique glimpse into our possible futures.



In discussion with

Holly Anderson, Executive Director of the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester, and Dr. Rachel Farkas, M.D., FACS

-
- 2006**
 Ruth Andrew Ellenson
 Dara Horn
 Rabbi Irwin Kula
 Rabbi Harold Kushner
 Michael Lasser
 Liel Leibovitz
 David Margolick
 Scott Miller
 Shira Nayman
 Norm Ornstein
 Devyani Saltman
 Ann Weiss
 Michael Wex
 Laura Zigman
-

Tuesday, November 14
 Tastings at 6pm, Event at 7pm

Beer & Books

ALAN ZWEIBEL

For This We Left Egypt?

Co-written with Dave Barry and Adam Mansbach



Has there ever been a Seder without that one guest who asks if the festive meal will last longer than our wandering in the desert? Or, a household that couldn't use more Jewish humor? Zweibel's parody of a Haggadah adapts the Passover observance with plenty of humor and a strong dose of irreverence.

An original *Saturday Night Live* writer, Alan Zweibel has won numerous Emmy Awards for his work in television, which also includes *It's Garry Shandling's Show*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. He collaborated with Billy Crystal on the Tony Award-winning play *700 Sundays*, and he won the Thurber Prize for his novel *The Other Shulman*.

Underwritten by **Andrea Miller and Dennis Kessler**

-
- 2007**
 Diane Ackerman
 Jon Entine
 Ashley Kahn
 Iris Krasnow
 Philip Lerman
 Michael Lowenthal
 Peter Melman
 Alana Newhouse
 Michael Oren
 Victoria Redel
 Dennis Ross
-

-
- 2008**
 Anne Marie Asher
 Roger Bennett
 Thomas Cathcart
 Ronnie Fein
 Martin Fletcher
 Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
 Daniel Klein
 Madeleine Kunin
 Ruth Lempert
 Peter Manseau
 Richard Michelson
 Rosemarie Molser
 Bob Morris
 Judge Richard Rosenbaum
 Diana Spechler
 Art Spiegelman
 Darin Strauss
-

Venue: Irondequoit Country Club, 4045 East Avenue
 Local wine, beer and spirits tasting and light food 6-7pm

Thursday, November 16 at 7pm

LESLIE BENNETTS

Last Girl Before Freeway: The Life, Loves, Losses, and Liberation of Joan Rivers



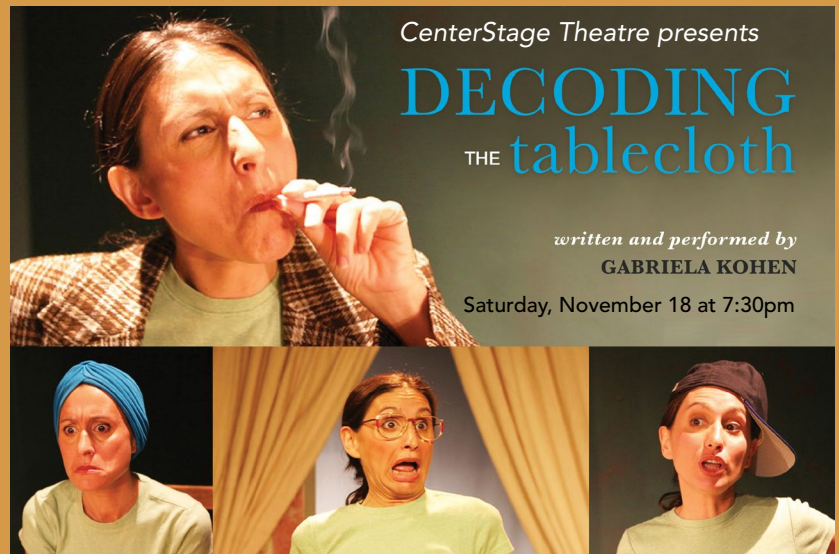
More than a legendary comedian, Joan Rivers was an icon and a role model to millions. She was a fearless pioneer who faced triumphant highs and devastating lows: her husband's suicide, a feud with Johnny Carson, an estrangement from her daughter, a ferocious ambition, many plastic surgeries and massive insecurities. As this juicy and smart biography reveals, Joan Rivers provides lessons for anyone facing barriers, trying to breach long-established boundaries, or periodically seeing America's cultural history as an obstacle.

Bennetts, a former *New York Times* reporter and *Vanity Fair* writer, is author of the national bestseller *The Feminine Mistake*. Like Rivers, Bennetts blazed trails, too: She was the first woman to cover a presidential campaign for *The New York Times*.

Underwritten by **Mona Friedman Kolko**

2009
Erin Arvedlund
Amy Bach
Gabriel Cohen
Benjamin Cohen
Iziaslav Darakhovkiy
Matthew Aaron
Goodman
A.J. Jacobs
Edward Klein
Lily Koppel
Rabbi Harold Kushner
Carol Leifer
Daniel Levin
Margaret A.
Oppenheimer
David Plotz
S.J. Rozen
Pam Sherman
Lenore Skenazy
Joanna Smith Rakoff
Jonathan Tropper

2010
Susan Baruch
Marilyn Berger
Amy Bloom
Benjamin Cohen
Elizabeth Cohen
Sue Fishkoff
Jennifer Gilmore
Lisa Grunberger
Annabelle Gurwitch
A.J. Jacobs
Jeff Kahn
Karin Kasdin
Peter Lovenheim
Joan Nathan
David Plotz
Elizabeth Rosner
Nora Rubel
Joseph Skibell
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Judith Viorst



CenterStage Theatre presents

DECODING THE tablecloth

written and performed by
GABRIELA KOHEN

Saturday, November 18 at 7:30pm

Written and performed by Gabriela Kohen and directed by Connie Grappo, *Decoding the Tablecloth* explores the psychological impact of trauma over five generations in Kohen's family as well as her experiences as an immigrant girl growing up Jewish and Latina in New York.



Visit jcccenterstage.org or call the JCC at 461-2000.

Sunday, November 19 at 11am

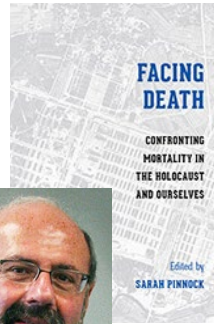
Rochester's Own

MICHAEL DOBKOWSKI

Facing Death: Confronting Mortality in the Holocaust and Ourselves

This book features essays that explore whether Holocaust survivors and their children have a particular approach to mortality and death, given their Holocaust experiences. It has a unique format in that it includes an internal dialogue among the authors on the issues raised in the book. Dobkowski has an essay in the book and comments on two other essays that deal with the controversy around the Sonderkommando, the Jewish work units in the concentration camps that dealt with the disposal of gas chamber victims.

Dobkowski is a professor of religious studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and a scholar of Holocaust studies and anti-Semitism.



2011

Eldred Chimowitz
Peter Cole
Myla Goldberg
Adina Hoffman
Wayne Hoffman
Kostya Kennedy
Leah Koenig
Cynthia Kolko
Steven Levy
Sarah F. Liebschutz
Robert Lipsyte
Judge Karen Morris
Sharon Pomerantz
Steve Roberts
Adam Schwartz
Rabbi Simcha Weinstein
Jessica Vance Schuster

2012

Karen Bergreen
Bernard Birnbaum
Jayne Cohen
Randy Cohen
Erika Dreifus
Delia Ephron
Bruce Ferber
Daniel Gordis
David Javerbaum
Jillian Medoff
Jay Michaelson
Marissa Moss
Rachel Sherman
Debra Spark
Rabbi Shais Taub
Dan Zevin

Sunday, November 19 at 1pm

Rochester's Own

ALAN SINGER

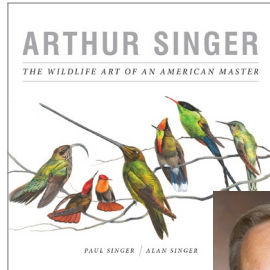
Arthur Singer: The Wildlife Art of an American Master

Co-written with Paul Singer

Arthur B. Singer was an American wildlife artist specializing in bird illustration. In a career spanning five decades, he illustrated more than 20 books, including his masterpiece, *Birds of the World*.

During the 1980s, assisted by his son Alan, Singer's paintings of state birds were seen by millions when the U.S. Postal Service issued the "State Birds & Flowers" postage stamps. The stamps became one of the largest selling commemoratives in U.S. postal history.

Alan Singer worked with his father on painting revisions to both of his field guides to birds. Alan is a professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology and a prolific printmaker, painter, and author.



2013

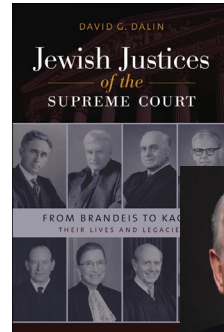
Jack Garner
Marion Grodin
Joshua Henkin
Sheila Konar
Leslie Maitland
Ilan Mochari
Letty Cottin Pogrebin
Rabbi Aaron Raskin
David Oliver Relin
Liz Rosenberg
John Rosengren
Leigh Rubin
John Schwartz
Judge Anthony Sciolino
Francesca Segal
Henry Silberstern
Marianne Langner Zeitlin

Sunday, November 19 at 7pm

DAVID DALIN

Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court: From Brandeis to Kagan

With a historian's eye and a rabbi's perspective, Dalin examines the lives, legal careers, and legacies of the eight Jewish Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court: Louis D. Brandeis, Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur Goldberg, Abe Fortas, and current Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer and Elena Kagan.



Did they encounter anti-Semitism as they navigated the legal profession? What kinds of relationships did they have with the presidents who appointed them? What political debates arose during their nominations?

Dalin, a rabbi and scholar of American Jewish studies, has taught at numerous universities and formerly was a Taube Research Fellow at Stanford. He has written, co-authored and edited 11 books.

Underwritten by **Ames Amzalak Memorial Trust**

2015

Nomi Eve
Martin Fletcher
Jessamyn Hope
Rabbi Simon Jacobson
Steve Katz
Dani Klein Modisett
Todd Moss
Susan Dworski Nusbaum
Aleena Rieger
Sigal Samuel
Judith Viorst
Jane Yolen

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Monday, March 5 at 2pm

DANA AND JACOB ATTIAS

The Jewish Cookbook

Dana was raised in London and Jerusalem while Jacob grew up in Cleveland. Thanks to their inclinations to walk the road less travelled, they met at university in Israel. Only six months after their wedding, Dana and Jacob Attias created *Jewish*, a video series that amassed more than 100 million views on social media.



In *The Jewish Cookbook*, they highlight the diversity of Jewish cuisine with recipes that span across the world and through the ages. Containing recipes such as Za'atar and Olive Stuffed Challah, Boyos de Espinaca, Vegetarian Chopped Liver and Dairy-Free Chocolate Chip Cookies, this book is a playful explosion of color and flavor.

Venue:
St. John's Brickstone
1325 Elmwood Avenue

Underwritten by
Ellen and David and
Comisar


St John's
Embrace Living

2014

Julie Smutko Daugherty
Joshua Dubler
Judith Frank
Oliver Horovitz
Aaron Hughes
Pam Jenoff
Hinda Mandell
Thelma Reese
Roberta Rich
Nora Rubel
Ari Shavit
Gail Sheehy
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Wendy Vigdor-Hess
Jerry Witkovsky

2015

Nomi Eve
Martin Fletcher
Jessamyn Hope
Rabbi Simon Jacobson
Steve Katz
Dani Klein Modisett
Todd Moss
Susan Dworski Nusbaum
Aleena Rieger
Sigal Samuel
Judith Viorst
Jane Yolen

2016

Judy Batalion
Peter Behrens
Shulem Deen
Liane Kupferberg Carter
Rabbi David Eliezrie
Jessica Fechter
Rachel Hall
Affinity Konar
Betsy Lerner
Ron Lieber
Idra Novey
Lynn Rosen
Dennis Ross
Mike Silver

BEYOND THE BOOK FEST ...

Theatre, Photography, Politics,
Family and more at the JCC!

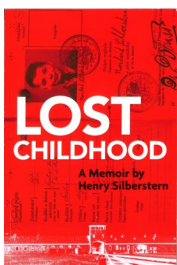
For more information, visit jccrochester.org or call (585) 461-2000.



JCC's Holocaust Remembrance Exhibit

Sunday, October 29, 4pm, JCC Auditoriums

Featuring survivors' voices, stories and photographs on a dedicated touch-screen computer facing the JCC's Holocaust Memorial Courtyard



- Photo Exhibit: *Prague and Terezin: Sharp Contrasts* by Louis Ryen
- Publication of the second edition of *Lost Childhood: A Memoir* by Henry Silberstern
- Guest Speaker: Jonathan Silver, Senior Director, Educational Programming and Publishing at the Tikvah Fund and the grandson of Henry Silberstern

FREE and open to the community. Reception following the program.

Sponsored by JCC's Rochester Holocaust Survivors' Committee and the Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHA) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester



Celebrating Israel

Israel @ 70: An Evening with Neil Lazarus

Monday, October 30, 7pm, JCC Hart Theater

Join us for the kickoff of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester's "Israel @ 70" series with Neil Lazarus, internationally acclaimed expert on the Middle East, Israeli politics, and public diplomacy. Author of the book *The New Five Rules of Effective Israel Advocacy*, Lazarus delivers a dynamic multimedia presentation that informs and challenges a wide range of audiences with a style that is consistently interesting, engaging, and fun.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester is proud to partner with the Louis S. Wolk JCC of Greater Rochester in bringing you the "Israel @ 70" series.





TYKEs (Theatre Young Kids Enjoy) presents

Guess How Much I Love You

November 18 - 19

Based on the award-winning classic book from author Sam McBratney and illustrator Anita Jeram. Best enjoyed by boys and girls ages 3 and up. A Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia production.



41st Subscription Series

A season of firsts ...



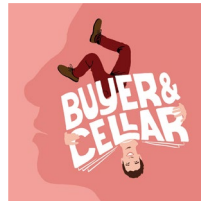
Oct. 5-29



Dec. 2-17



Feb. 3-18



March 10-25



May 5-20

Our 41st theatre season is one for the record books. It features an unprecedented four musicals and the much-anticipated area premieres of three recent NYC hits.

This is a literary season as well, with *Buyer & Cellar*, inspired by Barbra Streisand's coffee table book, *My Passion for Design*, and *The Bridges of Madison County*, based on the novel by Robert James Waller. We are also thrilled to have the return of home-grown favorites, *The Calamari Sisters*, and an all-new edition of our beloved series, *The Hit Makers*.

Tickets and subscription packages are available now!

ORDER TICKETS



Walk-In: JCC Main Desk
Mail: JCC Jewish Book Festival
 1200 Edgewood Avenue
 Rochester, NY 14618
Online: www.rjbf.org
Phone: (585) 461-2000

Please consider becoming a JCC Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival supporter. Contact Debra Walker at 585-461-2000, ext. 258, or dwalker@jccrochester.org for more information. *Thank you!*

AUTHOR/EVENT	DATE	TIME	JCC MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	STUDENT	# OF TICKETS	SUB-TOTAL
2017 FESTIVAL EVENTS							
Mark Shulman	11/5	10am	FREE - Tickets Required				
Michael Chabon	11/5	7pm	\$18	\$20	\$5		
Todd Moss	11/6	7pm	\$8	\$10	\$5		
Fiction Panel Luncheon	11/10	12pm	\$20	\$25	\$5		
Raychel Kubby Adler	11/12	11am	\$8	\$10	\$5		
Alan Zweibel	11/14	6pm	\$20	\$25	\$5		
Leslie Bennetts	11/16	7pm	\$8	\$10	\$5		
Michael Dobkowski	11/19	11am	\$8	\$10	\$5		
Alan Singer	11/19	1pm	\$8	\$10	\$5		
David Dalin	11/19	7pm	\$8	\$10	\$5		
Dana and Jacob Attias	3/5/18	2pm	\$8	\$10	\$5		
ADD A \$25 (OR MORE) DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR 25th YEAR!							
TOTAL DUE:							

Friends of St. John's and members of Writers & Books receive the JCC Member rate on all book festival tickets. For tickets to TYKEs and CenterStage shows, call 461-2000 or visit jccrochester.org

PAYMENT FORM:

Check: Check enclosed made payable to **JCC Jewish Book Festival**
 Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express
 Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Card Code: _____
 Authorized Signature: _____
 Name (Please Print): _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

TICKET INFORMATION: *Advance purchase of tickets is encouraged.*

Online: rjbf.org

Mail: JCC Jewish Book Festival

Phone: (585) 461-2000

1200 Edgewood Avenue

Walk-in: JCC Main Desk

Rochester, NY 14618

WALK-INS DAY OF EVENT: Walk-in tickets may be available 30 minutes prior to the event. We strongly encourage you to purchase tickets in advance.

STUDENT DISCOUNTS: Student tickets are available for \$5 with valid student ID.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

FOOD: All food served at the JCC is in strict observance of the laws of kashrut. At off-site events, a kosher alternative will be available.

SEATING: Seating is general admission except for Book Festival underwriters, who have reserved seating. Reserved seating is held until 15 minutes prior to the event and is not guaranteed for late arrivals.

REFUNDS: Due to circumstances beyond our control, speakers may be canceled or rescheduled without prior notice. Refunds may be available for canceled or rescheduled programs only.

ACCESSIBILITY: All Festival venues are handicapped accessible.

ASL Interpreters are available upon request. Please give 2 weeks' advance notice.



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 Debra Walker at (585) 461-2000, ext. 258, or dwalker@jccrochester.org for more information.

JCC LANE DWORKIN JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL MISSION STATEMENT

The JCC 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.



The Jewish Book Council is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1943 to promote the publishing, writing and reading of books of Jewish interest. Visit jewishbookcouncil.org for more information.

The views expressed in any of the authors' publications and presentations do not necessarily reflect the views of the Louis S. Wolk Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester.



NOT A JCC MEMBER...YET?
Mention this ad (RJBFPASS)
and try us **FREE** for a day!

CALL OR STOP IN FOR A TOUR | 461-2000 | JCCROCHESTER.ORG



Louis S. Wolk JCC of Greater Rochester
The William and Mildred Levine Building
1200 Edgewood Avenue
Rochester, New York 14618
jccrochester.org

Non-Profit Org.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Rochester, NY
Permit No. 965

#RJB F25

Follow us on social media!

Share memories, post pictures, tweet with authors. Use the hashtag #RJB F25 and help us celebrate our 25th year.



rjbf.org



Comedy writer for *SNL*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and more!

Alan Zweibel