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**48 HOURS  
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Book Release: *Further Up The Path*

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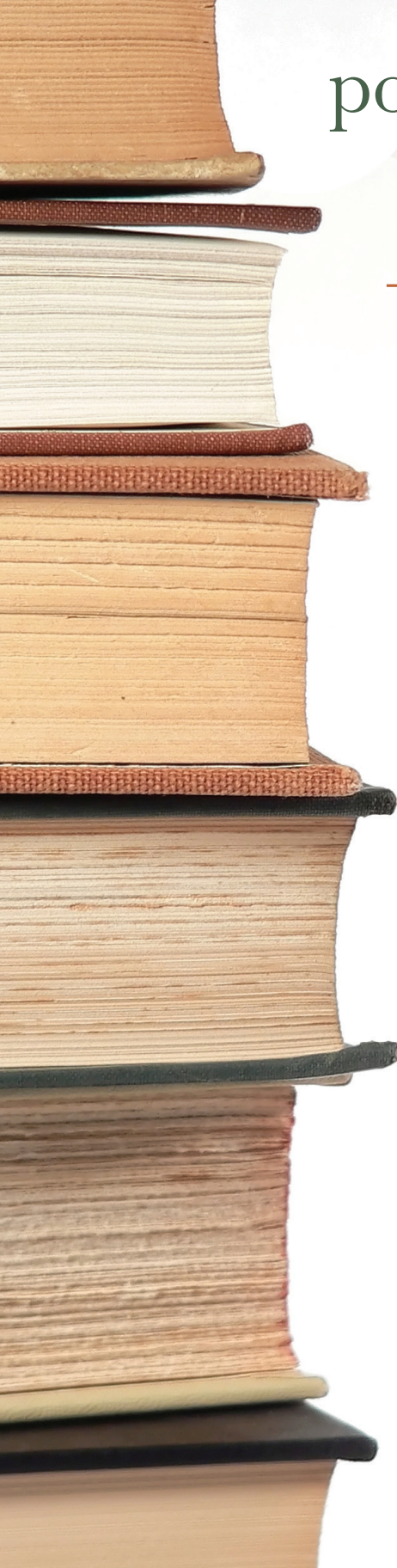
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**A MARVEL-ous DAY**

Stan Lee Tribute, Superhero Meet & Greet







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## EDITORS' NOTE

Welcome to the 27<sup>th</sup> JCC Lane Dworkin Rochester Jewish Book Festival celebrating all things literary. This year we remember fondly Barbara S. Lane who, along with her husband, Sheldon A. Lane of blessed memory, established the JCC Lane Dworkin Rochester Jewish Book Festival in 1992. Barbara adored this festival. With great enthusiasm and humor, she helped plan events down to the fine details, making every attendee, author, book buyer, and volunteer feel like family. Her passion, smarts, and *joie de vivre* will be missed by all who knew her. She would have been particularly pleased with this year's festival with its wide variety of topics—history, humor, health—and the new centerpiece, 48 HOURS OF FOOD. We dedicate this year's festival to her and extend our gratitude to her family for carrying on her devotion to this event. May her memory be for a blessing.



Stacey Freed and Steven Levitsky, RJBF Co-Chairs

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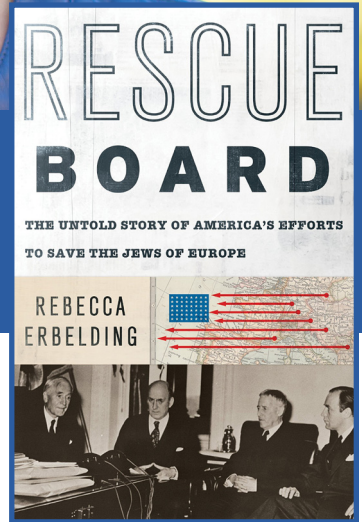
10am | JCC Hart Theater

## **Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe**

(Penguin Random House, 2018)

America has long been criticized for refusing to give harbor to Jews during World War II as Hitler and the Nazis closed in. *Rescue Board* tells the extraordinary, unknown story of the War Refugee Board, FDR's unpublicized effort late in the war to save the remaining Jews.

Author Rebecca Erbeling is an archivist, curator, and historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and a native Rochesterian.



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In conversation with:



Eli Rubin



Michael Wexler

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 PHILIP WEXLER

2pm | JCC Auditoriums

## **Social Vision: The Lubavitcher Rebbe's Transformative Paradigm for the World**

(Herder & Herder, 2019)

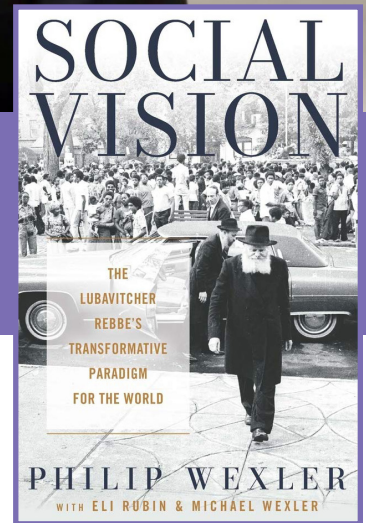
Insightful and compelling, *Social Vision: The Lubavitcher Rebbe's Transformative Paradigm for the World* examines the life and work of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, one of the most influential personalities of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the only rabbi ever awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. *Social Vision* explores his social ideas and activism charting a practical path for the universal repair of society.

Philip Wexler is the author of 18 books. He is the executive director of the Institute of Jewish Spirituality and Society, and emeritus Professor of Sociology of Education and Unterberg Chair in Jewish Social and Educational History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Formerly, he was founding dean of the Warner Graduate School at the University of Rochester.

Eli Rubin is an editor and research writer at Chabad.org.

Michael Wexler is the author of six books of both fiction and non-fiction, including the acclaimed young-adult fantasy series *The Seems*.

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OPENING NIGHT

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# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 ALAN ZWEIBEL

7:30pm | Comedy at the Carlson

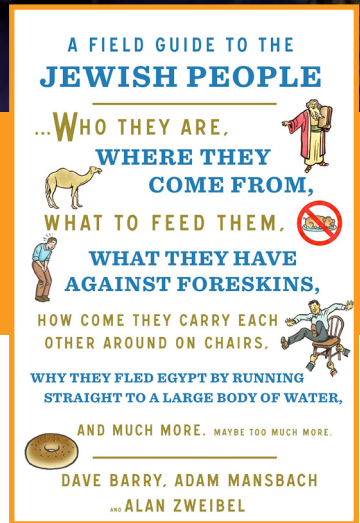
50 Carlson Road, Rochester, NY 14610

**A Field Guide to the Jewish People:  
Who They Are, Where They Come From, What to  
Feed Them...and Much More. Maybe Too Much More**  
(Flatiron Books, 2019)

Why are yarmulkes round? Who was the first Jewish comedian? What's with "the Golem?" These baffling questions and many more are answered by comedy legends Dave Barry, Adam Mansbach, and Alan Zweibel, two thirds of whom are Jewish. Combining the sweetness of an apricot rugelach with the wisdom of a matzoh ball, this is the last book on Judaism that you will ever need. So gather up your chosen ones, open a bottle of Manischewitz, and get ready to laugh as you finally begin to understand the inner workings of Judaism.

Note: Comedy at the Carlson will be open for dinner and drinks before and during the event. Ample parking is available.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
JONATHAN WEISMAN

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater

**(((SEMITISM)))**

**Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump**

(St. Martin's Press, 2018)

In *(((Semitism)))*, veteran Washington journalist Jonathan Weisman catalogues what American Jews need to understand about the alt-right and its use of the Internet, and offers a range of responses for dealing with these emboldened purveyors of hatred and discord. Weisman, like many other Jewish writers and artists, has even co-opted the *(((echo)))*, the triple parentheses that the alt-right uses online to identify Jewish individuals and/or organizations that it thinks are run by Jews. As Jane Eisner, editor-in-chief of *The Forward* wrote in her *Washington Post* review, "Weisman rightly ponders when and how a minority's hateful views can infiltrate the mainstream."

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"An urgent and compelling report on the clear and present danger of proto-fascism in the U.S." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

**(((SEMITISM)))**

*Being Jewish in America  
in the Age of Trump*

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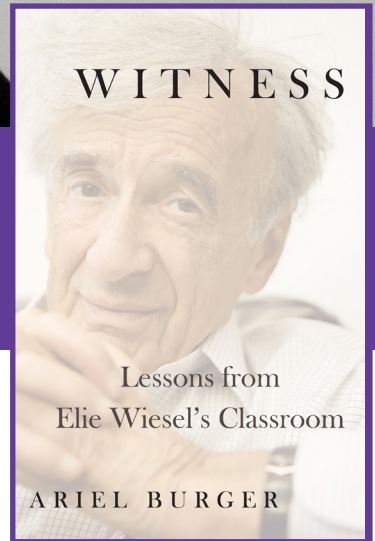
# TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 RABBI ARIEL BURGER

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater

## **Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018)

Elie Wiesel was a towering presence on the world stage—a Nobel Laureate, activist, adviser to world leaders, and the author of more than 40 books. But when asked, Wiesel always said, "I am a teacher first." In fact, he taught at Boston University for nearly four decades and, with this book, Rabbi Ariel Burger—devoted protégé, apprentice, and friend—takes us into the sacred space of Wiesel's classroom.

*Witness* serves as a primer on educating against indifference, the urgency of individual responsibility, and the role of literature, music, and art in making the world a more compassionate place. Burger gives us a front-row seat to Wiesel's remarkable exchanges in and out of the classroom.



**This event is free and made possible in part by Morris and Rebecca Wortman, the Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information at the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, and Michael and Karen Dobkowski**

# Community Kristallnacht Event



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# 48 HOURS OF FOOD

November 6 & 7

**CHANIE APFELBAUM**  
*Millennial Kosher*

**MICHAEL SOLOMONOV  
& STEVEN COOK**  
*Israeli Soul*

Lunches with  
**DR. MICHAEL ROIZEN**

**NAFTALI HANAU  
& MITCH GRUBER**

**ROC KOSHER FOOD TOUR**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
with Foodlink and  
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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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by October 30.

### DR. MICHAEL ROIZEN

12pm | JCC Auditoriums

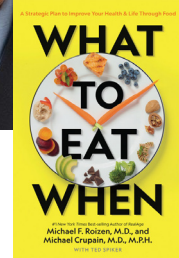
#### What to Eat When:

**A Strategic Plan to Improve Your Health & Life Through Food**  
(National Geographic, 2019)

Dr. Michael Roizen reveals how the food choices you make each day—and when you make them—can affect your health, energy, sex life, waistline, attitude, and the way you age. What if eating two cups of blueberries a day could prevent cancer? When is the right time of day to eat that chocolate chip cookie? And would you actually drink that glass of water if it meant skipping the gym? This revolutionary guide reveals how to use food to enhance your personal and professional lives—and increase longevity to boot.



**Chief Wellness  
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Cleveland Clinic;  
Chief Medical  
Consultant,  
The Dr. Oz Show**



**LUNCH MENU:** Really healthy salads! (Dairy)

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## FREE FOOD CLASSES

Wednesday, November 6  
2pm | JCC Auditoriums

### NORA RUBEL

Jane and Alan Batkin Professor in Jewish Studies  
Chair, Department of Religion & Classics

#### Become a Cookbook Connoisseur

Nora Rubel will examine Jewish cookbooks throughout American history, from charitable community cookbooks to best-selling commercial cookbooks, and discuss questions of Americanization and Jewish identity.

Check out Rochester's local kosher cookbook selection in the pop-up bookstore!

Thursday, November 7  
2pm | JCC Auditoriums

### RABBI NECHEMIA VOGEL

Co-Director, Kessler Family Chabad Center

#### The Kabbalah of Kosher:

#### The Mysticism of the Menu and Why It Matters

We smile knowingly when people mistakenly assume that "kosher" means that a rabbi blessed the chickens. But how do we react to those who believe it's no longer relevant today? This presentation will unveil the profound mystical truth of kosher.



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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

# CHANIE APFELBAUM

7:30pm | Temple Beth El

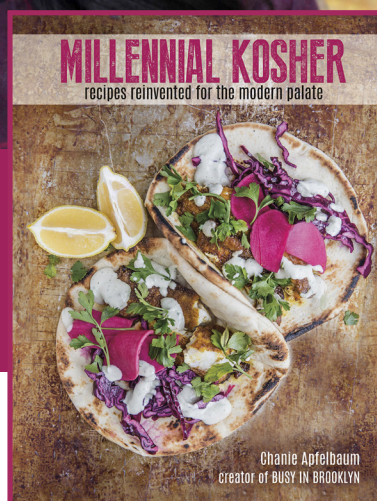
139 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14610

### **Millennial Kosher: Recipes Reinvented for the Modern Palate** (Mesorah Publications, 2018)

Chanie Apfelbaum, creator of world-renowned kosher food blog *Busy in Brooklyn*, makes her cookbook debut with a collection of dishes that reflect her passion for reinventing traditional foods with a millennial vibe. Yesterday's margarine is today's coconut oil, bone broth is the new chicken soup, and the onion soup mix of our youth is replaced with umami-rich porcini mushroom powder. Today, kosher food is bolder than the food we grew up eating. There's an emphasis on fresh and seasonal ingredients. It's food that's influenced by cultural cuisine and not limited to, but inspired by, kosher guidelines. There is still a place for the kosher comfort foods, but now, it's time for *Millennial Kosher*.

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**COOKING  
DEMO**

**AND TASTING**



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Tickets must be purchased by October 30.

### NAFTALI HANAU & MITCH GRUBER in conversation

12pm | JCC Auditoriums

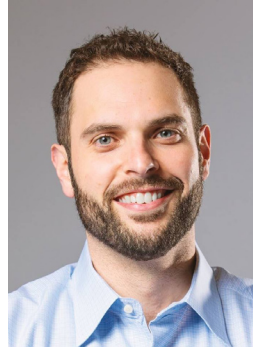


CEO,  
Grow & Behold



Naftali Hanau is the CEO of Grow & Behold, the

Brooklyn-based purveyor of fine kosher-pastured meats raised on family farms with no hormones or antibiotics. He has developed a line of provisions (sausages, deli meats, salami, etc.) using his own spice blends. A *shochet* and *menaker*, Naftali has learned with experts across the country. He currently lives in Brooklyn with his family. He is a proud graduate of Hillel Community Day School.



Chief Strategy  
Officer, Foodlink



Mitch Gruber is the Chief Strategy Officer at Foodlink, Rochester's regional food bank, and a member of Rochester's City Council. He completed a PhD

in history at the UofR, tracing the history of food retail in urban America. His work in academia, non-profit, and government all aims to build more just, equitable food systems in Rochester. For this, he was appointed to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Council on Hunger and Food Policy. He and his wife, Amy, live in Rochester. He is a proud graduate of Hillel Community Day School.

**LUNCH MENU:** Deli sandwiches.

Dessert created by little chefs from the Hillel Community Day School and Derech HaTorah.

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## Join Us for an Unforgettable Israeli Culinary Experience



EXCLUSIVE  
EVENT

Dinner with Michael Solomonov & Steven Cook

5:30pm | Radio Social | 20 Carlson Road, Rochester, NY 14610

- Executive Chef Steve Eakins of Restaurant Ophira at Radio Social invites you to a multi-course vegetarian feast inspired by *Israeli Soul*
- Kosher Israeli wine pairing and signature cocktail
- Copy of *Israeli Soul: Easy, Essential, Delicious*
- \$25 Gift Card to Restaurant Ophira at Radio Social
- Ticket to the 7:30pm event with reserved seating
- Limited to 50 people

at



JCC Member: \$180 Non-Member: \$200 All Festival Passes not valid for this event.

This meal is vegetarian but not under kashrut supervision. Supervised meals available upon request.



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 MICHAEL SOLOMONOV & STEVEN COOK in conversation

7:30pm | Temple Beth El

139 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14610

### **Israeli Soul: Easy, Essential, Delicious**

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018)

For their first major book since the trailblazing *Zahav*, Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook go straight to the food of the people—the great dishes that are the soul of Israeli cuisine. To find the best versions, the authors scoured bustling cities like Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa, and sleepy towns on mountaintops, visiting bakeries, juice carts, beaches, and even weddings. Solomonov has perfected and adapted every recipe for the home kitchen.

Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook opened their sixth restaurant this summer and will open two more this fall, all in Philadelphia.



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# 48 HOURS OF FOOD

## ROC KOSHER FOOD TOUR



Support Local Kosher! On Wednesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 7, stop into these participating locations to enjoy samples and specials! Take a selfie on your tour and post with #rjbf19. Great after-school activity! (Samples are meat or pareve.)

-  **BOULDER COFFEE at the JCC**  
1200 Edgewood Avenue
-  **BROWNSTEIN'S DELI & BAKERY**  
1862 Monroe Avenue
-  **LIPMAN'S KOSHER MARKET**  
1482 Monroe Avenue
-  **MALEK'S BRIGHTON BAKERY**  
1795 Monroe Avenue
-  **RITA'S ITALIAN ICE** (Thurs. only)  
1900 South Clinton Avenue
-  **SABRA GRILL**  
1855 Monroe Avenue
-  **BRIGHTON FOOD CUPBOARD**  
A Program of Jewish Family Service  
220 Idlewood Road  
Make BFC a stop on your tour with non-perishables in hand.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Find out more during  
48 HOURS OF FOOD  
at the JCC.

### Holiday Food Basket Project

As a commitment to raising awareness about food insecurity in our community, Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester Women's Philanthropy, in partnership with Jewish Family Service and Brighton Food Cupboard, invites you to make a difference by providing holiday food baskets to local families in need. Call Esti Kilimnick at 585.271.5355 or visit [jfsrochester.org](http://jfsrochester.org).



Donate funds to sponsor baskets



Shop and/or assemble baskets



Deliver completed baskets

### Give Back with the J

Wednesday, November 6, 2-5pm

Spend an afternoon volunteering at Foodlink to help alleviate poverty and hunger in our area.


Please register by contacting Jen Fox at [jfox@jccrochester.org](mailto:jfox@jccrochester.org), or 585.461.2000 ext. 214. Thank you!




## WHAT'S ON YOUR TABLE?

Tablescapes on display at the JCC and Temple Beth El, courtesy of Parkleigh featuring MacKenzie-Childs, Windsor Cottage, Brighton Food Cupboard, and more.



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 @ArmandoCorrea



 @JennCodyEpstein

# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 HISTORICAL FICTION PANEL LUNCHEON

12pm | JCC Auditoriums

Moderated by Ellen Comisar  
Tickets must be purchased by October 30.

## RACHEL BARENBAUM

***A Bend in the Stars*** (Grand Central Publishing, 2019)

As the Czar tightens his grip on the Jewish community and Russia's war with Germany looms, siblings Miri and Vanya must decide whether to flee or pursue their ambitions. *A Bend in the Stars* captures the chaos of World War I in a narrative filled with harrowing journeys, scientific discovery, an epic love story, and the solar eclipse of 1914. *The New York Times* praises debut novelist Rachel Barenbaum, who "carves a fresh story from some of the period's most evocative and disturbing details."



## ARMANDO LUCAS CORREA

***The Daughter's Tale*** (Atria Books/Simon & Schuster, 2019)

Seven decades of secrets unravel in *The Daughter's Tale*, the second historical novel by internationally best-selling author Armando Lucas Correa (*The German Girl*). Based on true events, this sweeping novel transports readers from 1939 Berlin to 2015 New York. *The New York Journal of Books* calls *The Daughter's Tale* "a brilliant, engrossing, immersive novel" about the rise of nationalism, and Correa has been lauded for creating "terrified yet strong female characters," notably a mother who is relentless in her efforts to save her daughters.



## JENNIFER CODY EPSTEIN

***Wunderland*** (Crown, 2019)

A mother's ashes and a trove of unsent letters that arrive in the East Village in 1989 set *Wunderland* in motion. Jennifer Cody Epstein (*The Painter from Shanghai*, *The Gods of Heavenly Punishment*) explores the estrangement between Ilse and Renata, childhood friends in 1933 Berlin, and between Ilse and Ava, the daughter she placed in a German orphanage. Epstein's family drama—with its unflinching look at how the Hitler Youth movement and the Nuremberg Laws changed lives in prewar Germany—is "a devastating tale bound for the bestseller lists," according to *Publishers Weekly*.



**LUNCH MENU:** A selection of wraps, sandwiches, and salad. (Dairy)

**Generously underwritten by Sharon Kovalsky and Jerry Jacobs**



# MARVEL -ous Day

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Events from 2-4pm | JCC Auditoriums

**FREE for All Ages!**

## Storytime with Superheroes: 2pm & 3pm

Hear awesome stories and take a selfie with your favorite superheroes, live & in person.

## Be a Tikkun Olam Hero

Bring along your gently used books (and comics!) to donate.

## Super Snacks

Charge up your super strength with surprise snacks.

## Super Activities

Crafts, games, and more! Costumes strongly encouraged!



### Remembering Stan Lee (1922-2018)

Stan Lee was a Jewish-American comic book writer, editor, and publisher, and the former president and chairman of Marvel Comics. The son of Romanian Jewish immigrants, Lee's work demonstrates the influence of Jewish culture and thought on some of the most enduring characters he helped create over his nearly 80-year career.

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# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 DANIEL OZ

7:30pm | Dryden Theatre

George Eastman Museum | 900 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

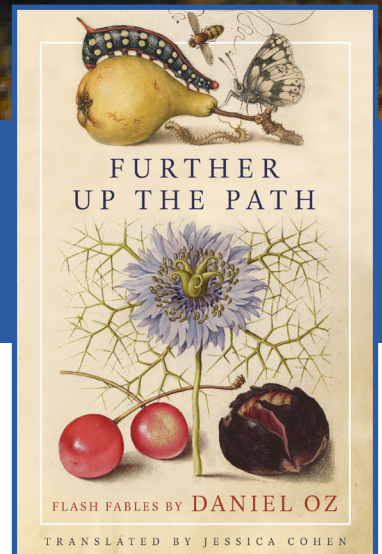
## Further Up the Path

(BOA Editions, 2019)

The new collection by Daniel Oz, Israeli-born musician and the author of four books of Hebrew poetry and micro-fiction, is published by Rochester's BOA Editions. Presented bilingually with a new English translation by Man Booker Prize-winning translator **Jessica Cohen**, these brief fables engage with vast concepts about human nature. *Further Up the Path* offers no answers, moralizing, or conclusion: only an uneasy bewilderment with the paradoxes of the human—and animal—condition.

Moderator **Aviya Kushner** is a translator, poet, and author of highly praised *The Grammar of God*. She is *The Forward's* language columnist and associate professor at Columbia College Chicago.

This event is made possible by a grant from the  
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In conversation with  
**Jessica Cohen & Aviya Kushner**

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# VETERANS DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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## ROBERT KRAVETZ

12pm | JCC Auditoriums

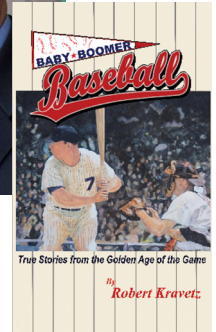
### **Baby Boomer Baseball: True Stories from the Golden Age of the Game**

(University of Rochester Press, 2019)

Did you grow up loving baseball in the 1950s and 1960s? Who was your guy? Was he Mantle, Mays, Koufax, Aaron, or another icon? *Baby Boomer Baseball* will take you back, capturing the "Golden Era" of baseball, when the fences were deeper, the ball was softer, the strike zone was larger, and the mound was higher.

Robert Kravetz became a passionate baseball fan at age 5, when he watched Willie Mays make his famous catch in the 1954 World Series. Proceeds from this book are donated to charitable organizations. Kravetz's books are on the shelves in the Abner Doubleday Library at the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

**Please feel free to bring your lunch.**



## MICHAEL LASSER

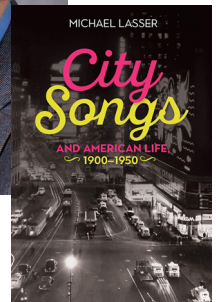
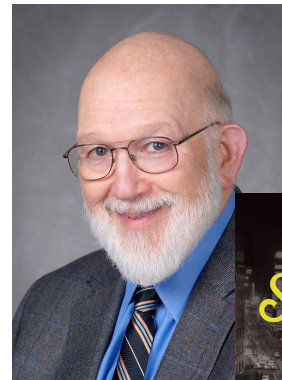
2pm | JCC Hart Theater

### **City Songs and American Life, 1900-1950**

(University of Rochester Press, 2019)

The Great American Songbook flourished between 1900 and 1950 when such songwriters as Irving Berlin, the Gershwins, and Cole Porter were at the height of their powers. In *City Songs and American Life, 1900-1950*, author, theatre critic, and broadcaster Michael Lasser offers an evocative and probing account of the popular songs that America heard, sang, and danced to during the turbulent first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Lasser's deftly written book demonstrates how the soul of city life—as echoed in the nation's songs—developed and changed in tandem with economic, social, and political currents in America as a whole.

This program includes live music featuring Michael Lasser as narrator; Cindy Miller, vocalist; and Alan Jones, vocalist/accompanist.



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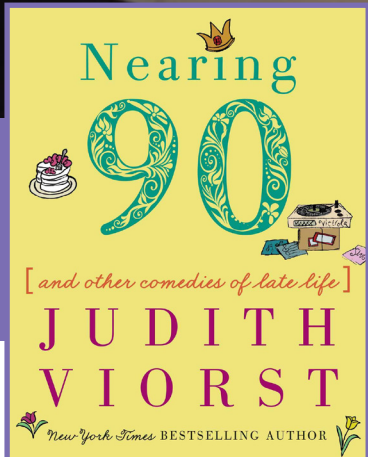
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# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 JUDITH VIORST

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater  
**Nearing 90**  
**(And Other Comedies of Late Life)**  
(Simon & Schuster, 2019)

Judith Viorst is the author of 40 books for adults and children, including the beloved *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Her newest book, *Nearing 90*, is the latest in her "decade" series, which began with *It's Hard to Be Hip Over 30*. Accompanied by Laura Gibson's whimsical illustrations, *Nearing 90* explores, with Viorst's signature savvy and humor, what it means to be an impending nonagenarian. While she struggles to stay up to midnight on New Year's Eve, while she's starting to hear more eulogies than symphonies, while she'll forever be disheartened by what she weighs (and forever unable to stop weighing herself), there is plenty to cherish at 90: playing a relentless game of Scrabble with friends and still sleeping tush-to-tush with the same man to whom she's been married for 60 years.



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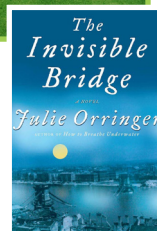
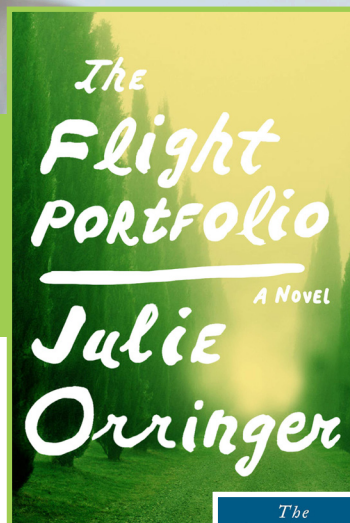
7:30m | JCC Hart Theater

**The Flight Portfolio** (Alfred A. Knopf, 2019)

With \$3,000 in his pocket, American journalist Varian Fry launched a remarkable rescue network that helped thousands of Jewish and anti-Nazi refugees escape 1940s' Vichy France. Part thriller, part love story, *The Flight Portfolio* dives headlong into Fry's perilous mission to save the lives and work of some of Europe's leading artists, writers, and thinkers. Fry is credited with rescuing such luminaries as Hannah Arendt, Marc Chagall, Marcel Duchamp, Max Ernst, and more. In a starred review, *Publishers Weekly* raves: "Brilliantly conceived, impeccably crafted, and showcasing Orringer's extraordinary gifts, this is destined to become a classic." Orringer's collection of short stories, *How to Breathe Underwater*, was named the *San Francisco Chronicle's* Best Book of the Year and a *New York Times* Notable Book in 2003. Her debut novel, *The Invisible Bridge*, was long-listed for the Orange Prize in 2011.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | JCC HART THEATER

There will be a short intermission between films.

**BEST DOCUMENTARY**



6:45pm

**WITNESS THEATER**

Director: Oren Rudavsky | Documentary  
USA | 2018 | 74 min. | English

Now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year in New York, Witness Theater is an innovative intergenerational program bringing together Holocaust survivors and high school students to elicit, expose, and memorialize the moving stories of survival.

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**BEST NARRATIVE**



8:30pm

**THE BODY COLLECTOR**

Director: Tim Oliehoek | Narrative  
Netherlands | 2016 | 130 min. | Dutch (w/ subtitles)

*The Body Collector* is the dramatized true story of Dutch journalist Hans Knoop who discovered that powerful industrialist and art collector Pieter Menten had personally murdered Polish Jews during the war.

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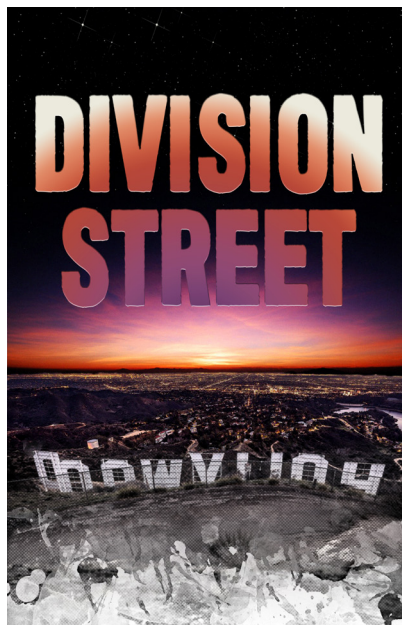


NOVEMBER 2-17

## DIVISION STREET

by Jason Odell Williams

AREA PREMIERE - A Hollywood couple's interracial marriage is put to the test when one of them is nominated for a Golden Globe for playing a racist cop. A fresh look at media influence and cultural appropriation from the author of *Church & State*.



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NOVEMBER 23-24

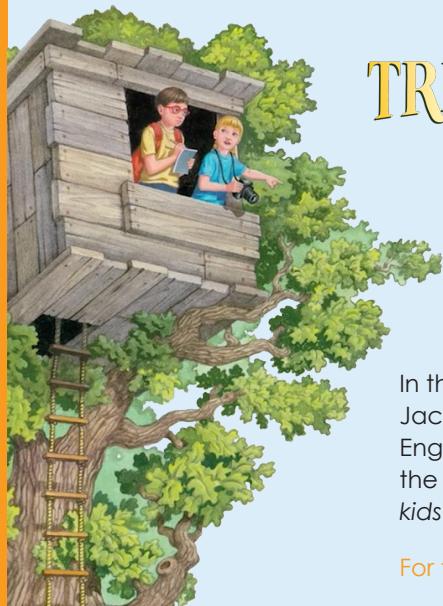
## MAGIC TREE HOUSE



## Showtime with Shakespeare

In this musical version of *Stage Fright on a Summer Night*, Jack and Annie are transported back to Elizabethan England to meet Shakespeare himself and learn that the show must go on—no matter what! *Best enjoyed by kids ages 6 and up.*

For tickets visit [tykestheatre.org](http://tykestheatre.org) or call 585.461.2000.



# ORDER TICKETS

TICKETS	DATE	TIME	JCC MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	# OF TICKETS	SUB-TOTAL
Rebecca Erbeling	Sun. 11/3	10am	\$15	\$18		
Philip Wexler	Sun. 11/3	2pm	\$15	\$18		
Alan Zweibel	Sun. 11/3	7:30pm	\$15	\$18		
Jonathan Weisman	Mon. 11/4	7:30pm	\$15	\$18		
Rabbi Ariel Burger	Tues. 11/5	7:30pm	FREE, Tickets Required			
Michael Roizen (Lunch)*	Wed. 11/6	12pm	\$20	\$25		
Chanie Apfelbaum	Wed. 11/6	7:30pm	\$18	\$20		
Hanau & Gruber (Lunch)*	Thurs. 11/7	12pm	\$20	\$25		
Solomonov & Cook (Dinner)*	Thurs. 11/7	5pm	\$180	\$200		
Solomonov & Cook	Thurs. 11/7	7:30pm	\$25	\$28		
Solomonov & Cook (+ Book)	Thurs. 11/7	7:30pm	\$50	\$53		
Fiction Panel (Lunch)*	Fri. 11/8	12pm	\$20	\$25		
Daniel Oz	Sun. 11/10	7:30pm	\$15	\$18		
Robert Kravetz	Mon. 11/11	12pm	\$8	\$10		
Michael Lasser	Mon. 11/11	2pm	\$8	\$10		
Judith Viorst	Mon. 11/11	7:30pm	\$15	\$18		
Julie Orringer	Tues. 11/12	7:30pm	\$15	\$18		
Witness Theater	Wed. 11/13	6:45pm	\$8	\$10		
The Body Collector	Wed. 11/13	8:30pm	\$8	\$10		
<b>ALL FESTIVAL PASS</b> (Excludes lunches on November 6, 7, and 8.)			\$100	\$120		
<b>ADD SOMETHING EXTRA! (\$18/\$36/\$72/\$118) Thank you!</b>						
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\*Ticket purchase required by October 30 for all food events.

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The JCC Lane Dworkin Rochester 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.

## RJBF thanks JBC!

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](http://jewishbookcouncil.org) for more information.



## JCC Lane Dworkin Rochester Jewish Book Festival Mission Statement

The JCC Lane Dworkin Rochester 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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**TICKET INFORMATION:** Advance purchase of tickets is encouraged.

**WALK-IN:** JCC Main Desk      Online: [rjbf.org](http://rjbf.org)      Phone: 585.461.2000

**MAIL:** JCC Jewish Book Festival | 1200 Edgewood Avenue | 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.

## ALL FESTIVAL PASSES:

Access to all RJBF events November 3 -13 excluding dinner on November 7 and lunch events on November 6, 7, and 8. General seating. Passes will be available for pickup at the JCC Main Desk starting October 15, or at the first event you attend.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**FOOD:** All food served at the festival is in strict observance of kashrut unless otherwise indicated.

**SEATING:** Seating is general admission except for 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.

For sign language interpreter service, e-mail [asl@jewishrochester.org](mailto:asl@jewishrochester.org) or call 354.4495 (voice) or 286.2355 (videophone).



**QUESTIONS:** For additional information, please call 585.461.2000 or visit [rjbf.org](http://rjbf.org).

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