

**OCTOBER 23–30, 2022**

**Cooking with Eitan Bernath**

**Family Fun with PJ Library**

**Comedy at the Carlson**

**Film Festival Favorites**

**Festival Bookstore**

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**Cooking Demo with Eitan +  
Opening Night Celebration!**

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All the JCC staff and volunteers who continue to make our events possible!



# OPENING DAY

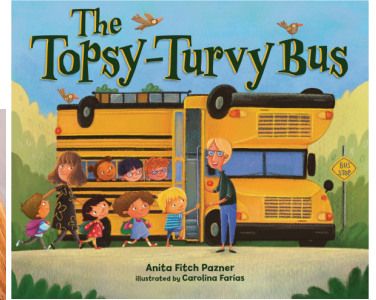
## FAMILY FUN ECOFEST

Sunday, October 23, 2pm; JCC Auditoriums  
FREE, Registration Required

### Anita Fitch Pazner

#### *The Topsy-Turvy Bus*

Children: The Earth needs you! It's a brave new world of worms and veggie-oil-powered buses, organic gardening, and composting. Young people are on the cutting edge of changing the environment with one fresh idea at a time. In *The Topsy-Turvy Bus*, Anita Fitch Pazner celebrates those great ideas and provides hope that young people can repair the world. Join Pazner and local organizations to get your hands dirty and learn about how to save the world one worm, one can, one bottle at a time!



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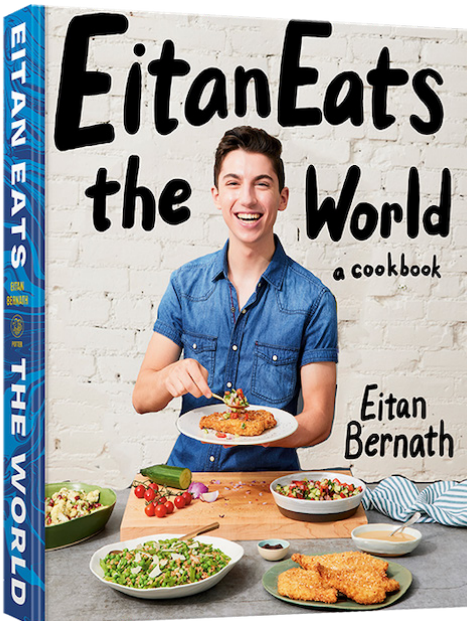


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## COOKING WITH EITAN

Sunday, October 23, 7:30pm; Temple Beth El  
139 Winton Road, Rochester, NY 14610  
JCC Member: \$12, Non-Member \$15



### Eitan Bernath

#### *Eitan Eats the World, A Cookbook*

You've seen him on The Food Network and Instagram, in *The New York Times* and *Oprah* magazine. He's just 20, but Bernath has been wowing the food world since appearing on the first kids' episode of *Chopped* in 2009. Now he's the principal culinary contributor for CBS's *The Drew Barrymore Show* and a contributor to *Saveur*, *Delish*, *The Kitchn*, and *Food52*. An activist and entrepreneur, Bernath will dish it up as he demonstrates a recipe from his new kosher cookbook, already a *New York Times* bestseller.

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Join us for a **chef's dessert samples party** after the event!

# OPENING NIGHT CELEBRATION

# WINE + CHOCOLATE + FICTION

Monday, October 24, 7:30pm; Hart Theater  
JCC Member: \$12, Non-Member \$15

## Linda Cohen Loigman

### *The Matchmaker's Gift*

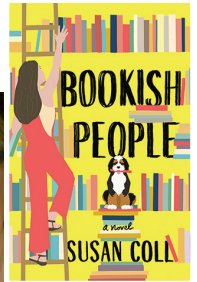
From the author of *Wartime Sisters*, which *Real Simple* cited as one of 2019's best books, *The Matchmaker's Gift* relies on the compelling perspectives of two women – a Jewish woman with an unusual career and her granddaughter – in this magical and heartfelt story, which will open your eyes to the possibility of finding soulmates in unexpected places.



## Susan Coll

### *Bookish People*

Part meet-cute rom-com, part screwball comedy, Coll's latest features an intergenerational cast of quirky characters. It's a wonderful book about love and the love of books. Coll has the inside scoop: she's part of the events team at Washington, D.C.'s beloved Politics and Prose bookstore and the president of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation.



Join us for this moderated fiction panel with Rochester's own **Pam Sherman**, writer, actor, leadership consultant and recovering lawyer.

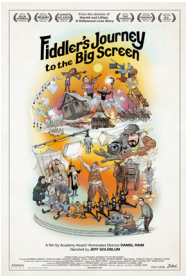


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# FILM FESTIVAL FAVORITES

Tuesday, October 25, 6pm/8pm; Hart Theater  
JCC Member: \$12, Non-Member \$15 (each)

Winners of the Carl Lasky Audience Favorite Awards, as voted by attendees of the 2022 JCC Ames Amzalak Rochester Jewish Film Festival.



### BEST DOCUMENTARY

## Fiddler's Journey to the Big Screen

**6pm** - An extraordinarily entertaining look at how the beloved film *Fiddler on the Roof* got made. Narrated by Jeff Goldblum.  
**88 min.** | English  
Director: Daniel Raim



### BEST NARRATIVE

## Persian Lessons

**8pm** - Young Gilles avoids death in a concentration camp by pretending he's Persian. Ever resourceful, he creates a fake language to teach to an officer.  
**127 min.** | German, French, Persian (w/ subtitles)  
Director: Vadim Perelman



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# CELEBRATING ISRAEL

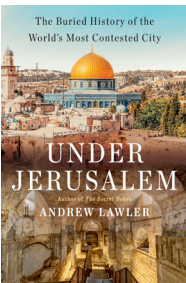
Wednesday, October 26, 7:30pm; Hart Theater  
JCC Member: \$12, Non-Member \$15

## Andrew Lawler

### *Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City*

Join Lawler for a tour of the tombs, tunnels, and trenches of the holy city as he narrates a saga of biblical treasures, intrepid explorers, and political upheaval – all of which helped give rise to Zionism, create the State of Israel, and define the conflict over modern Jerusalem.

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# LUNCH WITH LETTY

Thursday, October 27, 12pm; JCC Auditoriums  
 JCC Member: \$20, Non-Member \$25 (Box lunch included)



## Letty Cottin Pogrebin

*Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy*

In her new book *Shanda*, Pogrebin – a co-founder of Ms. Magazine, the Ms. Foundation for Women, and the National Women's Political Caucus – delves into the fiercely guarded secrets of her extended family. Her family's narrative, like those of so many Jews worldwide, is one of trying to fit into society without losing its passions, courage, and beliefs.

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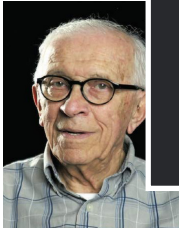
# ROCHESTER'S OWN

Thursday, October 27, 7:30pm; Hart Theater  
 Member: \$12, Non-Member \$15

## Sam Rind

*A Tribute to Mom, We Survived Together*

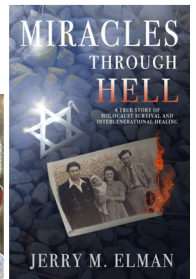
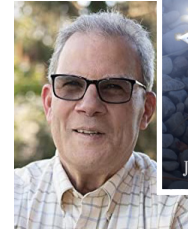
Sam Rind, a child survivor from Poland, tells his story about fleeing Poland to the Ukraine. He and his mother made their way across Europe after liberation to join family in Bolivia where Sam, at 10, could regain his childhood.



## Jerry Elman

*Miracles Through Hell*

Jerry Elman, a child of survivors, relates how he uncovered the amazing details of his parents' survival as he comes to terms with the emotional scars they passed onto him by their silence.



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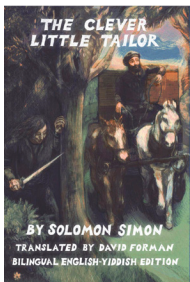
The Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester



Rind and Elman will be in conversation with **Ron Newman**, a psychologist and teacher. He is a past president of Temple Sinai and a member of the Jewish Federation's CHAI Committee, which works to provide Holocaust education.

# CLOSING DAY

Sunday, October 30, 2pm; JCC Auditoriums  
 JCC Member: \$12, Non-Member: \$15



## David Forman

*The Clever Little Tailor*

David Forman makes Jewish folktales come alive through his English translation of *The Clever Little Tailor*. David's grandfather, Solomon Simon, storyteller, scholar and author of the popular version of the *Wise Men of Helm* stories, wrote the clever tailor stories in Yiddish but they were never translated into English until now. Forman will share his journey into the wonderful, expressive world of Yiddish.

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Stay for *freilich* Klezmer music by **Maury Rosenberg and the New York Klezmer Orchestra**. Maybe a little dancing, and, of course, a nosh.



Rochester Yiddish Leyenkrayz

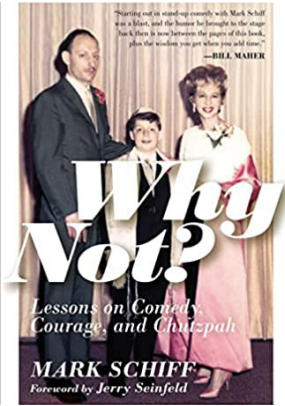


# COMEDY NIGHT

A Special Post-Festival Event!



Sunday, November 6, 7:30pm; Comedy at the Carlson  
50 Carlson Road, Rochester, NY 14610  
JCC Members: \$18, Non-Members: \$20



## Mark Schiff

*Why Not? Lessons on Comedy, Courage, and Chutzpah*

Come for the stand-up, stay for the inside scoop with Mark Schiff, long-time touring partner of Jerry Seinfeld and author of *Why Not? Lessons on Comedy, Courage, and Chutzpah*. You'll laugh, you'll cry as Schiff shares stories about his 50-year career as a standup comic, actor, and writer; his upbringing in the outer boroughs of New York; and his hard-won lessons about what it takes to be a comedian.

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# festival bookstore

Open October 23–30

Location: JCC's Yiddish Center

Hours:

**Sunday–Thursday** 10am–3pm, 5–8pm

**Friday** 10am–3pm

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## With Fond Memories of Sheldon A. Lane

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.

Join the conversation on social media!



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**November  
12-20**



TYKES' 18th season opens with **Llama, Llama Red Pajama**, inspired by the bestselling series of picture books by the late Anna Dewdney. It's been a big first day of school, and Llama is ready for bed – wearing his favorite red pajamas. After his bedtime story, Mama Llama tucks him in and pops downstairs. Llama's toys try to help him relax, but he's too wiggly. Fun and chaos quickly ensue in this new musical that will have everyone doing the Bedtime Dance!

Best enjoyed by kids ages 3+

Details and tickets at [tykestheatre.org](http://tykestheatre.org)