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JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2018
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October 21-31
Sunday-Thursday: 10am - 5pm
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Additional hours during evening events: 6:30-9pm

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Join us for casual conversations with leaders from our community.

12-1pm | JCC Festival Bookstore Café | FREE | All are welcome
Bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at the JCC.

Monday, 10/22  Rabbi Alan Katz, Temple Sinai
Topic: A Visit to Italy: How Many Jews Were Saved During the War?

Tuesday, 10/23  Rabbi Peter Stein, Temple B’rith Kodesh
Topic: Social Justice and Sacred Text: If Not Now, When?

Wednesday, 10/24  Rabbi Leonardo Bitran, Temple Beth El
Topic: How Do We Live a Meaningful Life in an Age of Global Uncertainty?

Thursday, 10/25  Rishi Hein, Chabad of Pittsford
Topic: Challah: Nourishment for Body & Soul

Monday, 10/29  Rabbi Danny Goldstein, Talmudical Institute of Upstate New York
Topic: Political Leaders: A Jewish Perspective

Tuesday, 10/30  Dr. Dennis Kessler, Professor, University of Rochester Simon Business School and Rami Katz, Chief Operating Officer, Excell Partners
Topic: A Report from Israel: Simon Business School Goes High Tech

Wednesday, 10/31  Rabbi Avi Kilimnick, Congregation Beth Sholom
Topic: Israel, the Beautiful

Thursday, 11/1  Rabbi Michael Silbert, Temple Beth David
Topic: Young Jews and the Future of American Jewish Life

Friday, 11/2  Rabbi Avi Mammon, Congregation Light of Israel
Topic: The Untold Truth About Spirituality and Judaism

Wednesday, 11/14  Meredith Dragon, Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester
Topic: Direct from the General Assembly in Israel: An Update

Save the Date!
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

MICHAEL SOLOMONOV & STEVEN COOK

Generously underwritten by Lewis Norry
GET CURIOUS 2-4PM
Meet Curious George and explore all things “curious” with hands-on science activities, arts and crafts, games and storytimes. Spend the afternoon being curious and having fun.

Storytime 2pm & 3pm
Children of all ages are invited to hear classic Curious George stories by Hans and Margaret Rey. George will be happy to take a selfie with you!

Kids Helping Kids - Tikkun Olam Project
Bring along your gently used books to donate!

SNACKS! BANANAS of course!
(And a few more monkey treats.)

DIVE-IN MOVIE 5-7PM
Watch Curious George while you swim in the JCC Bobry Family Pool
Curious George
Director: Matthew O’Callaghan | 2006 | Rated G | 87 min.
An oddball museum employee looks after his pet monkey whose enthusiasm often gets the best of him.

FILM SCREENING (For grown-ups)
7pm; JCC Hart Theater
Monkey Business:
The Adventures of Curious George’s Creators
Director: Ema Ryan Yamazaki | USA | 2017 | 81 min. | English
A new documentary about Hans and Margaret Rey, who fled Nazi Germany carrying the yet-to-be-published manuscript with them. Narrated by Sam Waterston.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
JENNA BLUM

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater

The Lost Family
(Harper, 2018)

The New York Times bestselling author of Those Who Save Us creates a vivid portrait of marriage, family, and the haunting grief of World War II in her third novel, The Lost Family, an emotionally charged, beautifully rendered story that spans generations. Jenna Blum artfully brings to the page a husband devastated by a grief he cannot name, a frustrated wife struggling to compete with a ghost she cannot banish, and a daughter sensitive to the pain of both her own family and another lost before she was born. Blum’s debut novel, Those Who Saved Us, was the winner of the 2005 Ribalow Prize and a perennial book club favorite. Her second novel, The Stormchasers, followed to critical acclaim. She was voted one of the favorite contemporary women writers by Oprah.com readers. Blum is based in Boston where she teaches writing and is working on her fourth novel.

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Dessert Celebration
Underwritten by the Lane Dworkin Family
PJ OUR WAY
Graphic Novel Workshop

Thursday, October 25
4-5:30pm
Aud B

3rd - 6th grade

Have you ever wanted to create your own graphic novel? Join PJ Our Way and learn how to storyboard, write, and illustrate your own graphic novel. Learn about PJOW graphic novelists such as Steve Sheinken (The Rabbi Harvey Series), Barry Deutsch (Hereville) as well as Dr. Ruth Westheimer who created her own graphic novel at age 90 called Roller-Coaster Grandma.

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by contacting Biffy Borg at bborg@jewishrochester.org

Kosher pizza dinner will be provided.

NOTE: CenterStage Theatre’s production of Becoming Dr. Ruth runs October, 6-21. (See page 17 for details.)
Unconditional Love:  
A Guide to Navigating the Joys and Challenges of Being a Grandparent Today  
(Harper, 2018)

Wonderfully intimate, psychologically astute and always humorous, Jane Isay’s Unconditional Love is an emotional blueprint to one of life’s greatest joys. Isay explores the realities of today’s multigenerational families, offering a wealth of practical advice on when to get involved, when to stay away, and how to foster a strong relationship when you’re separated by long distance. Isay is the author of three previous books: Secrets and Lies, about family secrets and revelations; Walking on Eggshells, about parents and their adult children; and Mom Still Likes You Best, about adult siblings. As a book editor for nearly 40 years, she discovered Mary Pipher’s Reviving Ophelia, commissioned Rachel Simmons’ Odd Girl Out and edited Praying for Sheetrock and Friday Night Lights. She lives in New York City.

Annual Luncheon
Kosher lunch provided by The Exotic Kitchen - Lesley Zaretsky

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
JANE ISAY

12pm | JCC Hart Theater
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27
NATHAN ENGLANDER

8pm | JCC Hart Theater

Dinner at the Center of the Earth
(Vintage Books, September 2018)

After 20 years, Pulitzer Prize finalist Nathan Englander returns to Rochester with his latest novel, Dinner at the Center of the Earth—a political thriller that unfolds in the highly charged territory of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and pivots on the complex relationship between a secret prisoner and his guard. Who is right, who is wrong—who is the guard, who is truly the prisoner? This novel is a tour de force from one of America’s most acclaimed voices in contemporary fiction. Englander is the author of the novel The Ministry of Special Cases, and the story collections For the Relief of Unbearable Urges and What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Englander’s play, The Twenty-Seventh Man, premiered at The Public Theater in 2012. He is Distinguished Writer-in-Residence at New York University and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. with his family.

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ADAM FRANK

Light of the Stars: Alien Worlds and the Fate of the Earth
(W.W. Norton & Co., 2018)

Thrilling science at the grandest of scales, Light of the Stars: Alien Worlds and the Fate of the Earth tells the story of humanity’s coming of age as we awaken to the possibilities of life on other worlds and their sudden relevance to our fate on Earth. Astrophysicist Adam Frank traces the question of alien life and intelligence from the ancient Greeks to the leading thinkers of our own time. Frank is a professor of astrophysics at the University of Rochester. He is a co-founder of NPR’s 13.7: Cosmos and Culture blog and an on-air commentator for All Things Considered.

PETER LOVENHEIM

The Attachment Effect: Exploring the Powerful Ways Our Earliest Bond Shapes Our Relationships and Lives (TarcherPerigee, 2018)

Part journalism, part memoir, part psychological guide, The Attachment Effect is a powerful read that shows how we can improve our relationships. Drawing on his own Jewish sensibility, award-winning journalist and author Peter Lovenheim explores how our earliest bond shapes our entire lives. Lovenheim has written five previous books and his writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other distinguished publications. He teaches writing in the Washington, D.C. area and splits his time between that city and his hometown of Rochester, N.Y.

JOANNE SERLING

Good Neighbors (Twelve, 2018)

Rochester native Joanne Serling’s debut novel, Good Neighbors, is set in an idyllic suburb where four families—two Jewish, two Catholic—form a neighborhood clique. When one of the neighbors is suspected of mistreating her newly adopted child, the group’s loyalty and morality are shaken. Good Neighbors asks readers to wrestle with their own ideas about community and family. Serling’s fiction has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and has appeared in New Ohio Review and North American Review. She lives outside of New York City with her family and is working on her second book.
- ENCORE SCREENINGS -

2018 Carl Lasky Audience Favorite Award Winners

**Best Narrative**

**A BAG OF MARBLES**
Director: Christian Duguay | Narrative
Canada, Czech Republic, France | 2017
108 min. | French, German, Russian, Yiddish (w/ subtitles)
This heartwarming adaptation of French author Joseph Joffo's enduring memoir tells the story of two Jewish boys struggling to survive on their own. More than anything, it's their brotherly bond that gets them through their ordeals.

**Best Documentary**

**ITZHAK**
Director: Alison Chernick | Documentary
USA | 2017 | 83 min. | English
Itzhak Perlman’s violin playing transcends mere performance to evoke the celebrations and struggles of real life. Director Alison Chernick's enchanting documentary is a portrait of musical virtuosity seamlessly enclosed in warmth, humor and, above all, love.

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2019 Rochester Jewish Film Festival Dates
July 7-14
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

NORMAN ORNSTEIN

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater

One Nation After Trump:
A Guide for the Perplexed, the Disillusioned, the Desperate, and the Not-Yet Deported
(St. Martin’s Press, 2017)

Norman Ornstein is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a conservative think tank in Washington, D.C., where he studies politics, elections, and the U.S. Congress. He is the co-author of the New York Times bestseller, It’s Even Worse Than It Looks. His latest book, One Nation After Trump, is a call to action from three of Washington’s premier political scholar-journalists. Co-authored with E.J. Dionne and Thomas E. Mann, the award-winning authors explain Trump’s rise, offer encouragement to the millions of Americans now experiencing a new sense of citizenship and engagement, and argue that our nation needs a unifying alternative. One Nation After Trump is the essential book for our era and an inspiring roadmap for how we can reclaim the future. Ornstein is a co-host of AEI’s Election Watch series, a contributing editor and columnist for National Journal and The Atlantic, a BBC News election analyst, and the chairman of the Campaign Legal Center.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30
AVI JORISCH

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater

Thou Shalt Innovate:
How Israeli Ingenuity Repairs the World
(Gefen Publishing House, 2018)

Thou Shalt Innovate profiles wondrous Israeli innovations that are collectively changing the lives of billions of people around the world and explores why Israeli innovators feel compelled to make the world better. This is the story of how Israelis, in the spirit of tikkun olam (repairing the world), are helping to feed the hungry, cure the sick, protect the defenseless, and make the desert bloom. Jorisch is an entrepreneur and Middle East expert. He is a Senior Fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council and founder of IMS, a merchant processing company. A thought leader in exploring global innovation trends, the Arab world, counterterrorism, and illicit finance, Jorisch previously served in the U.S. Departments of Treasury and Defense. Jorisch is the author of five books. His articles have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and other distinguished publications.

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12-5pm | Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue
Jewish Heritage Celebration at MAG
Art, activities, storytelling, live music and more!

2pm Bernice Steinhardt
*Memories of Survival* (Art and Remembrance, Inc., 2010)

In 1942, at the age of 15, Esther Nisenthal Krinitz left her family and escaped the Nazis. In an effort to remember, and to heal, Esther embroidered her story into fabric panels. In *Memories of Survival*, her daughter Bernice Steinhardt adds insightful narrative to each panel.

$5/SUGGESTED DONATION PER FAMILY, INCLUDES MUSEUM ADMISSION

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**YOSEF MENDELEVICH**

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater


Yosef Mendelevich, born in Latvia in 1947, was a leader of the Russian Jewish revival in the 1960s. Arrested in 1970 for attempting to hijack a Russian airplane to escape, he served 11 years in the Soviet gulag for his Jewish activism. *Unbroken Spirit* is the inspirational story of one man’s resistance against tyranny, and his daily struggle to retain his Jewishness and his humanity in a system built to extinguish both. Mendelevich lives in Israel.

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Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor

Yossi Klein Halevi

7:30pm | JCC Hart Theater

Lyrical and evocative, the New York Times bestseller Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor is one Israeli’s powerful attempt to reach beyond the wall that separates Israelis and Palestinians. In this taut and provocative book, Yossi Klein Halevi endeavors to untangle the ideological and emotional knot that has defined the conflict for nearly a century. Using history and personal experience as his guides, he unravels the complex strands of faith, pride, anger, and anguish he feels as a Jew living in Israel. Halevi’s letters speak not only to his anonymous Palestinian neighbor but to all concerned global citizens, helping us understand the painful choices confronting Israelis and Palestinians that will ultimately help determine the fate of the region. Halevi is a senior fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute, where he co-directs the Muslim Leadership Initiative. His last book, Like Dreamers, won the 2013 Jewish Book Council’s Everett Book of the Year Award. He lives with his family in Jerusalem.

A partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester Israel Speaker Series.
Josh Warshawsky’s music is a mainstay at Ramah camps and religious schools throughout the United States. Warshawsky has made a name for himself as a musician, artist, and all-around Jewish advocate.

This past February, seven Rochester teenagers attended the annual Songleader Bootcamp in St. Louis, Mo., where Josh is a faculty member. (Find out more at songleaderbootcamp.com.) They are excited to reunite and perform with him here in Rochester!

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**Ticket information:**
$7 | $5 JCC Members
Call 461-2000
OCTOBER 6-21

Becoming Dr. Ruth

by Mark St. Germain

AREA PREMIERE - Long before Dr. Ruth Westheimer became America’s favorite radio and television sex therapist, Karola Ruth Siegel escaped the Nazis on the Kindertransport, became a sniper in Jerusalem, and was a struggling single mother in America. Filled with humor, hope and life-affirming spirit, Becoming Dr. Ruth is the untold story of a remarkable woman who refuses to accept the status quo.

LIVE ON STAGE!
This coolest-ever rock ‘n’ roll romp captures the droll humor and whimsy of the famous picture book series. Promoting tolerance of others, eco-consciousness and even earth science, this witty new production is a joyful and hip musical exploration of the world outside.

Based on the books Diary of a Worm, Diary of a Spider and Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Harry Bliss.
Book, music, and lyrics by Joan Cushing.

Best enjoyed by children ages 3 and up.

For tickets visit jcccenterstage.org or call (585) 461-2000

November 10-18

Diary of a Worm, a Spider, & a Fly
**ORDER TICKETS**

In Person: JCC Main Desk   |   Online: www.rjbf.org (A small convenience fee will apply.)
Phone: (585) 461-2000   |   Mail: JCC Jewish Book Festival | 1200 Edgewood Avenue | Rochester, NY 14618

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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 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.

TICKET INFORMATION: *Advance purchase of tickets is encouraged.*
Walk-In: JCC Main Desk  Online: www.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.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

FOOD: All food served at the festival is in strict observance of the laws of kashrut.

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 or call 354-4495 (voice) or 286-2355 (videophone).

QUESTIONS: For additional information, please call (585) 461-2000, ext. 237, or visit rjbf.org.

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