COMING THIS DECEMBER

Michael Solomonov & Steven Cook
Cookbook Author Appearance & Book Signing
Thursday, December 13 • 7pm • Mandel JCC
5200 S. Woodland Road
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

Following their wildly successful cookbook Zahav, Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook embrace the informal, varied, boisterous, and simple food of a nation in Israeli Soul: Easy, Essential, Delicious. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to meet these James Beard Award winners in person!

VIP Reception • 5:30 pm
$200/PERSON • LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Includes author meet-and-greet, hors d'oeuvres, autographed book, reserved seating and admission to the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Israel: Then & Now Exhibit

Co-Sponsored by: Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

Mandel Jewish Community Center
5200 S. Woodland Road
Beachwood, Ohio 44122
Alexandra Silber

Grammy-Nominated Broadway Actress & Author

Sat, Nov 10 • 7 pm • Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium

26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD

$20 MANDEL JCC MEMBERS • $25 COMMUNITY • GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

The world knows well the tale of Tevye, Golde, and their five daughters, but what happened to those remarkable characters after the curtain fell? In *After Anatevka*, Alexandra Silber picks up where *Fiddler on the Roof* left off. Second-eldest daughter Hodel takes center stage as she attempts to join her Socialist-leaning fiancé Perchik to the outer reaches of a Siberian work camp. But before Hodel and Perchik can finally be together, they both face extraordinary hurdles and adversaries both personal and political, attempting to keep them apart at all costs.

In a special hybrid of reading and performance, Alexandra will address the cultural meaning of *Fiddler on the Roof*, her own personal connection with the show, and the process of writing her novel. She will also reference her newest publication, *White Hot Grief Parade*. Accompanied by her pianist, Alexandra will present a fully dramatized mini piece of theatre including musical performances.

Sponsored by: Friends of Jewish Lifelong Learning, now a part of the Laura and Alvin Siegal College of Judaic Studies Educational Foundation and The Iris Bialosky Zahler Lecture Series of the Mandel JCC

Reservations required • Light refreshments
Yossi Klein Halevi
Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor

Wednesday, October 24 • 7:30 pm
John Carroll University
Dolan Auditorium

Yossi Klein Halevi yearns for a meaningful conversation with a Palestinian counterpart who is willing to read, listen respectfully, and respond. He hopes to determine whether two peoples can share a land while maintaining their separate contiguous states. The voice in the letters is filled with empathy, hope, and a bit of despair. It has an inviting, embracing, and winsome lyricism, as well as dignity and resolve—the perfect pitch for its colossal purpose.

Yossi Klein Halevi is a senior fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute, where he codirects, together with Imam Abdullah Antepli, the Muslim Leadership Initiative. His most recent book, \textit{Like Dreamers}, won the 2013 Jewish Book Council’s Everett Book of the Year Award. He lives in Jerusalem.

Sally Kohn
The Opposite of Hate:
A Field Guide to Repairing Our Humanity

Sunday, November 4 • 7 pm
Park Synagogue East
27500 SHAKER BLVD, PEPPER PIKE
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Sally Kohn has made a career out of bridging political differences, and learning how to talk civilly to people whose views she disagrees with passionately. In \textit{The Opposite of Hate}, Kohn talks to leading scientists and researchers, investigating the evolutionary and cultural roots of hate and how simple incivility can be a gateway to much worse. She travels to Rwanda, the Middle East, and across the United States, introducing us to terrorists, white supremacists, and even some of her own Twitter trolls, drawing surprising lessons from these dramatic examples, including inspiring stories of those who left hate behind.

Sally Kohn is a writer, activist, CNN political commentator and host of the \textit{State of Resistance} podcast. Before that, she worked for over 15 years as a community organizer, and then as a Fox News contributor. Her TED talks have garnered over 3 million views.
Be a part of the live audience for the taping of Unorthodox – an edgy contemporary weekly podcast produced by Tablet Magazine, an online Jewish source for news and editorials. The podcast is a smart, fresh, fun weekly take on Jewish news and culture hosted by a self-proclaimed “panel of Jewish experts”: Tablet magazine’s editor-at-large and New York Times religion writer, Mark Oppenheimer, Senior Writer Liel Leibovitz and Deputy Editor Stephanie Butnick will all be here – live!

Shtefan is a Mischling and one of the thousands of German citizens of Jewish descent who have avoided the death camps by concealing themselves in the ranks of the German army. Working closely with Colonel Himmel, Shtefan knows that Germany will soon be defeated. As Himmel plans his own escape plan, Shtefan plots to rob Himmel to save himself. The Soul of a Thief captures the turbulent emotional rush of those caught behind the lines of occupied France, where one false step could spell death, and every day brings a new struggle to survive.

Steven Hartov is the co-author of the New York Times bestseller In the Company of Heroes, as well as The Night Stalkers and Afghanistan on the Bounce. He served as Editor-in-Chief of Special Operations Report and has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, FOX, and the History Channel’s Secret Armies. A former Merchant Marine sailor, Israeli Defense Forces paratrooper and special operator, he is currently a Task Force Commander in the New York Guard.
Marc Agronin, MD

The End of Old Age:
Living a Longer, More Purposeful Life

Wednesday, November 7 • 7 pm
The Temple-Tifereth Israel
26000 SHAKER BLVD, BEACHWOOD
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

In his new book, The End of Old Age: Living a Longer, More Purposeful Life, Dr. Marc Agronin presents a hopeful view of the aging process, casting it as a developmental force that brings unique strengths, including wisdom, purpose and creativity. These strengths are portrayed in the inspiring stories of a Holocaust survivor who journeys back to Auschwitz each year with young Jewish students, a famous aging artist who reinvented himself after nearly dying, and other individuals whom Dr. Agronin has encountered in his work.

Marc Agronin, MD is a renowned geriatric psychiatrist who directs the memory center and research program at Miami Jewish Health. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the Yale School of Medicine, and trained in psychiatry at Harvard’s McLean Hospital and Minneapolis VA Medical Center. He has written for the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

Rachel Kadish
The Weight of Ink

Sunday, November 11 • 2 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

The Weight of Ink is the interwoven tale of two London women of remarkable intellect. Ester Velasquez is a 17th century migrant who works as a scribe for a blind rabbi. Helen Watt is an ailing historian in the 21st century with a love of Jewish history. Helen is summoned by a former student to view a cache of old Jewish documents newly discovered in his home. Enlisting the help of Aaron Levy, an American graduate student, Helen must race against another team of historians to determine the identity of the documents’ scribe, the elusive “Aleph.”

Rachel Kadish is the award-winning author of the novels From a Sealed Room and Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story, and the novella I Was Here. Her work has appeared on NPR and in the New York Times, Ploughshares, and Tin House. She lives in Newtonville, Massachusetts.
Millennials are the largest living generation in the U.S., weighing in at an astonishing 92 million people. By 2025, Millennials will make up 40% of eligible voters and 75% of the global workforce. Their sheer size and unprecedented influence have disrupted every status quo impacting the world around us including every major industry for everyone and everything. The Millennialization of Everything-delves into this new phenomenon and offers tips and techniques for how we can effectively engage, motivate and empower the most important generation in history.

Jeremy K. Balkin is regarded as an international thought leader on ethics in banking, fintech innovation and Millennial expert. He is a multi-award-winning author and serves as Head of Innovation for the world’s largest retail bank based in New York. Balkin was named in the Top 35 Millennial Influencers in the USA and the Jewish Week 36 Under 36.

The Millennialization of Everything: How to Win When Millennials Rule the World

Tuesday, November 13 • 7:45 am
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
$12 MEMBERS • $15 COMMUNITY
Group discounts available

Reservations required • Breakfast will be served

Rabbi John Rosove
Why Judaism Matters:
Letters of a Liberal Rabbi to His Children and the Millennial Generation

Wednesday, November 14 • 7 pm
Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple
23737 FAIRMOUNT BLVD, BEACHWOOD
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

A common-sense guide and road map, Why Judaism Matters is for a new generation of young men and women who find Jewish orthodoxy, tradition, issues and beliefs impenetrable in 21st century society. By illustrating how the tenets of Judaism still apply in our modern world, Rabbi John Rosove gives heartfelt direction to the sons and daughter of Reform Jews everywhere.

Rabbi John Rosove is Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel of Hollywood where he established a Reform Day School, an active social justice program, and revitalized synagogue and Jewish communal life in the greater Hollywood area. He writes a regular blog at the Los Angeles Jewish Journal.

Reservations required • Light refreshments
President Carter details the Middle East Peace Process with interviews with participants from the U.S., Israel, and Egypt. Eizenstat profiles Rabin, Begin, Sadat, and Carter, and analyzes the dramatic change in Israeli politics ushered in by Begin’s 1977 election. Through exploration of the Cold War and the Soviet Union, Eizenstat discusses the White House’s effect on the Soviet Jewish Movement, as well as the Iranian Revolution and the Embassy hostage crisis.

Stuart E. Eizenstat was President Carter’s Chief White House Domestic Policy Adviser. He served President Clinton as Ambassador to the European Union, Under Secretary of Commerce, Under Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Special Representative of the President on Holocaust-Era Issues. In the Obama Administration he was Special Representative of the Secretary of State on Holocaust Issues.

Stuart Eizenstat
President Carter: The White House Years

Thursday, November 15 • 7 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Kids Day
Character Breakfast with Pete the Cat

Sunday, November 18 • 9:30 – 11:30 am
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
$20 FAMILY PASS - PARENTS & KIDS
$25 EXTENDED FAMILY PASS - PARENTS, KIDS & GRANDPARENTS

Come enjoy a jam-packed morning with Pete the Cat and fun activities for the whole family!
9:30 – 9:45 am
Story Time session with PJ Library
9:45 – 10:30 am
Music and Dancing with Mr. Jesse
10:30 – 11:30 am
Balloon Art with Balloon Bender Dave
Ongoing:
Arts and Crafts
Book Walk
Yogurt Parfait Bar
& Much More!

Dietary laws observed
Light breakfast and snacks provided by:
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Cleveland’s Own
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J.D. Blackrose
The Soul Wars

J.D. Blackrose has published The Soul Wars series and the Monster Hunter Mom series, as well as numerous short stories. Her Monster Hunter Mom, Jess Friedman, is a Jewish mom of three who lives in Shaker Heights, OH and kills monsters for the Vatican.

Beth Ricanati, M.D.
Braided: A Journey of a Thousand Challahs

Beth Ricanati, M.D.'s debut book chronicles her journey of a thousand challahs and one woman’s quest for wellness and peace. Her writings have appeared in peer-reviewed medical journals and many lifestyle blogs.

Joseph Baskin
Exit Strategy

Joseph Baskin is a staff psychiatrist at The Cleveland Clinic. Exit Strategy tells the story of Archibald Wendt, a tortured soul who seeks to start anew in a small Ohio town. Archie becomes embroiled in family politics and things quickly become unraveled.

Cathryn Siegal-Bergman
Going Back

Cathryn Siegal-Bergman is a Cleveland-based German to English translator. Going Back, by Andrea von Treuenfeld, profiles German women who fled during WWII, and ultimately returned back to Germany.

David Eden
My Pashtun Rabbi

David Eden is an Emmy Award-winning producer at Cleveland’s CBS TV station. My Pashtun Rabbi chronicles his time spent teaching in the United Arab Emirates from 2008-2009.

Jean Loeb Lettofsky
Studies in Judaism and Jewish Education

Jean Loeb Lettofsky is a co-author of the collection of essays, which honors Lifsa Schachter, an emeritus professor at Siegal College. The essays encompass Dr. Schachter's commitment to thoughtful reflection and competent and creative implementation.

Shira Atik & Alice Kiderman
Stone Words

Shira Atik is an award-winning poet and a Hebrew-English literary translator. Alice Kiderman is a Russian born sculptor. After meeting at the Mandel JCC’s Jewish Arts and Culture Lab, Atik and Kiderman decided to collaborate on Stone Words which features a collection of sculptures by Kiderman accompanied by poetic reflections by Atik.

In January 1944, a young Treasury lawyer named John Pehle went to a meeting with the president to argue for the relief funds needed to help Jews escape Nazi territory. Within days, FDR created the War Refugee Board. Over the next twenty months, Pehle pulled together D.C. bureaucrats, international relief workers, smugglers, diplomats, millionaires, and rabble-rousers to forge identity papers, maneuver food and medicine into concentration camps, recruit spies, launder money, and negotiated ransoms. Altogether, the War Refugee Board saved tens of thousands of lives.

Rebecca Erbelding
Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America’s Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe

Monday, November 19 • 11 am
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
$12 MEMBERS • $15 COMMUNITY
FREE TO ACTIVE MEN’S CLUB MEMBERS

Rebecca Erbelding is an archivist, curator, and historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. She has a Ph.D. in American history from George Mason University. She and her work have been profiled in The Washington Post, The New York Times, The New Yorker, the History Channel, NPR, and other outlets.
**Tickets**

Reservations are required for all events.

**To purchase a ticket:**
[mandeljcc.org/bookfestival](http://mandeljcc.org/bookfestival)

**Handling fee will be added.**

**Tickets can also be purchased at:**
Mandel JCC Membership Desk – No Friday evening, Saturday or Jewish holiday ticket sales and no phone sales.

**Day of the event:**
Tickets will go on sale, if available, 30 minutes before each event.

**Groups:**
Discount tickets available at mandeljcc.org/bookfestival for groups of 10 or more.

For more information contact Jan at (216) 831-0700, ext. 1348 or jrutsky@mandeljcc.org.

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**Book Festival at a Glance**

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7:30 pm / John Carroll University
FREE & open to the community

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
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FREE & open to the community

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5**
Unorthodox Podcast Taping
7 pm / Mandel JCC
$25 Members • $30 Community

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**
Steven Hartov
12 pm / Cleveland Public Library
FREE & open to the community

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**Community Read Discussion**

**Wednesday, October 17 at 1 pm**
**Monday, October 29 at 7:30 pm**

Cuyahoga County Public Library – Beachwood Branch
25501 SHAKER BLVD, BEACHWOOD, OH 44122
Led by Beachwood Branch Manager, Aimee Lurie

To register call the library’s Beachwood Branch at (216) 831-6868
Free and open to the community

REBECCA ERBELDING EVENT
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Sun, Feb 3
10 - 11:30 am
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BOOK FOLDING CLASS
Darby Steiger will be leading a class on Book Folding, a fun way to fold the pages of a book into a unique three dimensional design. Those attending will be able to complete a project to take home. If you wish to participate, please bring a hard cover book that you don't mind folding the pages of. It should be a minimum of 200 pages long. Come try your hand at book folding or just learn about a relaxing new pastime.

Sun, Feb 3
12:30 - 2 pm
Mandel JCC
AN IN-DEPTH LOOK IN THE SUN ALSO RISES
Professor Debby Rosenthal, from John Carroll University, will be teaching a one time intensive course on The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway. Professor Rosenthal will provide an in- depth book in to the themes, characters, and sensation of the American Classic. Attendees are asked to read the book before attending the class.

Mon, Feb 4
7 pm
B’nai Jeshurun
IN BROAD DAYLIGHT:
THE SECRET PROCEDURES BEHIND THE HOLOCAUST BY BULLETS
BY FATHER PATRICK DESBOIS
Desbois’s latest book documents mass killings in seven countries formerly part of the Soviet Union that were invaded by Nazi Germany. The account shows how these murders followed a template that were invaded by Nazi Germany. The account shows how these murders followed a template that

Thurs, Feb 7
7 pm
Suburban Temple Kol Ami
THE LOST FAMILY: JENNA BLUM
Spanning three cinematic decades, The Lost Family tells the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by the story of a husband devastated by

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