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Bob Mankoff

Have I Got a Cartoon for You!
The Moment Magazine Book of Jewish Cartoons

Thursday, Nov. 7 • 7:30 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
$20 MEMBERS • $25 COMMUNITY

Bob Mankoff has been the driving force of comedy and satire at some of the most honored publications in America. Join us for an evening of insight, inspiration and humor.

Through a compilation of his favorite Jewish cartoons, Bob Mankoff discusses how his Jewish heritage helped him to become a successful cartoonist. He also examines the place of cartoons in the vibrant history of Jewish humor.

Bob Mankoff is the Cartoon and Humor Editor for Esquire and the former New Yorker Cartoon Editor where he has published over 950 cartoons. In addition, his 2014 memoir was a New York Times Bestseller.

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No large purses or backpacks permitted.
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Ronald Balson
The Girl From Berlin

Sunday, Nov. 3 • 7:30 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
$12 MEMBERS • $15 COMMUNITY

An old friend calls Catherine Lockhart and Liam Taggart to his famous Italian restaurant to enlist their help. His aunt is being evicted from her home in the Tuscan hills by a powerful corporation claiming they own the deeds, even though she can produce her own set of deeds to the land. Catherine and Liam’s only clue is a bound, handwritten manuscript, entirely in German. As they dig through the layers of lies, corruption, and human evil, Catherine and Liam uncover an unfinished story of heart, redemption, and hope – the ending of which is yet to be written.

Ronald Balson is a Chicago trial attorney, educator, and writer. He is the author of The New York Times Bestsellers Karolina’s Twins, Saving Sophie and Once We Were Brothers.

Stephen Koch
Hitler’s Pawn
The Boy Assassin and the Holocaust

Monday, Nov. 4 • 11 am
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
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FREE TO ACTIVE MEN’S CLUB MEMBERS

After learning about Nazi persecution of his family, Herschel Grynszpan bought a small handgun. On November 7, 1938, he went to the German embassy and shot a German diplomat, creating the pretext for the anti-semitic terror known as Kristallnacht. This is still seen by many as an initiating event of the Holocaust. After a wild chase, the Nazis captured Grynszpan and flew him to Berlin with plans to use him as a massive show-trial to blame “The Jews” for starting the Second World War. Grasping Hitler’s intentions, Grynszpan waged a battle of wits to sabotage the trial.

Stephen Koch is the author of two novels and many non-fiction books ranging from Andy Warhol to WWII. Koch is currently the Director of the Peter Jujar Archive and served as the chairman of the Creative Writing Division in the School of the Arts at Columbia University.
When Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer of the Sherlock Holmes series, receives a message from a wrongfully imprisoned man, he sets out to right the wrong. Through the meticulously documented account of his investigative process, Conan Doyle for the Defense takes us into the mind of England’s most famous detective writer.

A retired senior writer at The New York Times, Margalit Fox is one of the foremost explanatory writers and literary stylists in American journalism. Fox won the William Saroyan Prize for International Writing for her previous book.

Her first novel in nearly a decade, Feast Your Eyes is a compelling and wholly original story about a female photographer grappling with ambition and motherhood, a balancing act familiar to women of every generation.

Myla Goldberg is the bestselling author of Bee Season which was a New York Times Notable Book, and the winner of the Border New Voices Prize. Goldberg currently teaches in the fiction programs at Sarah Lawrence College, Brooklyn College, and NYU.

Margalit Fox
Conan Doyle for the Defense:
The True Story of a Sensational British Murder, a Quest for Justice, and the World’s Most Famous Detective Writer

Tuesday, Nov. 5 • 12 pm
Cleveland Public Library, Rice Branch
11535 SHAKER BLVD, CLEVELAND
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
LIGHT KOSHER LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED*
*Pre-registration required • Limited tickets available

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Myla Goldberg
Feast Your Eyes

Tuesday, Nov. 5 • 7:30 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
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In her latest decade book, Viorst uses poetry, prose, and comedy to candidly share the complicated joys and everyday tribulations that await us at the age of ninety, and reminds us that nothing – well, almost nothing – should be taken too seriously.

Judith Viorst is a popular children’s book author, notable for her novel Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. She has written fiction, non-fiction, and poetry as a New York Times bestselling author.

After suffering a near catastrophic injury during the Second Intifada, Bashir traveled to Israel to receive medical attention which helped save his life. Since leaving Gaza, Bashir has become an outspoken activist for peace in the Middle East. The Words of My Father is his powerful story of moral awakening and a fraught, ferocious, and profound relationship between a son and his father, and two nations at odds with each other.

Yousef Bashir is a Palestinian-American from the Gaza Strip. Bashir holds a BA in International Affairs and an MA in Co-existence and Conflict from Brandeis University. Endorsed by Yossi Klein Halevi, Bashir has been described as a genuine man of peace.
Angela Himsel

A River Could Be A Tree

The seventh of eleven children, Angela grew up in southern Indiana in an apocalyptic, doomsday Christian faith. Attempting to understand the Church’s strict tenets, she went to Israel in college. Instead of strengthening her Christian faith, her time in Israel made her question Christianity itself and she ultimately converted to Judaism.

Angela Himsel's writing has appeared in The New York Times, the Jewish Week, the Forward, and elsewhere. Her memoir is listed as one of the 23 Best New Memoirs by bookauthority.org.

Sunday, Nov. 10 • 7:30 pm
Suburban Temple - Kol Ami
22401 CHAGRIN BLVD, BEACHWOOD
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Pamela Nadell

America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today

America's Jewish Women asks what does it mean to be a Jewish woman in America? The book explores a groundbreaking history of how Jewish women maintained their identity and influenced social activism as they wrote themselves into American History. From Grace Nathan and Emma Lazarus to Bessie Hillman and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Nadell recounts how Jewish women have been at the forefront of significant causes for centuries.

Pamela Nadell is the Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History and director of Jewish Studies at American University. Her previous book, Women Who Would Be Rabbis: A History of Women's Ordination, was a National Jewish Book Award finalist.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 • 7:30 pm
The Temple-Tifereth Israel
26000 SHAKER BLVD, BEACHWOOD
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YidLive!
An Evening of Comedy, Music & Thought-Provoking Shtick with YidLife Crisis

Wednesday, Nov. 13 • 7:30 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
$20 MEMBERS • $25 COMMUNITY

Join us for an entertaining evening with Jamie Elman & Eli Batalion, the creators of the web-series, YidLife Crisis, and the acclaimed film, Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal. The boychiks from Montreal present their unique take on the modern Jewish experience in a hilarious (G-d willing) multimedia presentation, including video and live music. Being Jewish or having knowledge of Yiddish not required. Sense of humor requested.

Appropriate for ages 18* - 118
(* OK, fine, anyone over Bar/Bat Mitzvah)

Carla Naumburg
How to Stop Losing Your Sh*t With Your Kids
A Guide to Becoming a Calmer, Happier Parent

Thursday, Nov. 14 • 7:30 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
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Using humor and mindfulness, How to Stop Losing Your Sh*t With Your Kids serves as a practical and empathetic guide for parents who want to yell less. Written by a clinical social worker and parent coach with a been-there done-that attitude, this book attempts to teach all how to stop losing our cool.


SPECIAL PRE-EVENT • 6:30 pm
Meet the author & learn more about the collaborating programs. Light refreshments provided. For more information & to RSVP, contact Liza Adams: ladams@mandeljcc.org.

SPECIAL EVENT
In conjunction with:
The Laura & Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program
& The Jewish Genealogical Society of Cleveland

Join us as we discuss the ideas, timelines, inspiration and motives behind name changing. Offered in two unique sessions of talks, Kirsten Fermaglich will discuss the cultural and sociological reasons behind name changing.

Session 1: Why would ordinary Jewish Americans change their names? We’ll discuss their motivations, their experiences, and their struggles.

Session 2: How did Jewish community leaders, comedians, writers, and directors respond? How did name changers’ neighbors and co-workers respond?

Sunday, Nov. 17
Session 1: 1:30 pm / Session 2: 3 pm
Siegal Lifelong Learning Program
LANDMARK CENTRE BLDG: 25700 SCIENCE PARK DR, SUITE 100, BEACHWOOD
FREE FOR SIEGAL, JGSC, OR MANDEL JCC MEMBERS
$5 COMMUNITY
Tickets available for purchase at mandeljcc.org/kirsten

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Kids Day
Character Breakfast with Cookie Mouse

Sunday, Nov. 17 • 9:30 – 11 am
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
26001 S. WOODLAND RD, BEACHWOOD
$20 FAMILY PASS (Parents & Kids)
$25 EXTENDED FAMILY PASS (Grandparents, Parents & Kids)

Come enjoy a jam-packed morning with Cookie Mouse and fun activities for the whole family!

9:30 – 9:45 am
Story Time session with PJ Library

9:45 – 10:15 am
The Wonderful World of Bubbles Featuring Sue Durante, the Bubble Lady

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Sasha Sagan
For Small Creatures Such As We
Finding Wonder and Meaning in Our Unlikely World

Monday, Nov. 18 • 7:30 pm
Cuyahoga County Public Library South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch
1876 S. GREEN RD, SOUTH EUCLID
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Irv Korman
The Legend of Hannukah Harry
Irv Korman is a writer, theatre critic, actor, clown, and magician. The Legend of Hannukah Harry weaves together the narrative of Irv’s experience being one of the few Jews in his class at the University of Akron and his spin on the idea of a mythical salesman full of Jewish puns and references.

Sasha Sagan is the daughter of astronomer Carl Sagan and works as a TV producer, filmmaker, editor, and speaker. Her writing has appeared in New York Magazine; O, The Oprah Magazine; Literary Hub; and Mashable.

Robert Madison & Carlo Wolff
Designing Victory: A Memoir
Robert Madison is an architect, entrepreneur and civic leader. Carlo Wolff is a writer who focuses on popular culture, music, books, hospitality, and travel. Together, Madison and Wolff wrote Designing Victory, which serves as the memoir of Madison’s racial triumph and hugely successful career as the founder of the first African-American architectural firm in Ohio.

Gloria Plevin
Gloria Plevin: Art and Essays
Gloria Plevin’s acrylics, watercolors, pastels, prints and drawings grow from her intense love of the real world. Together with her written word, Gloria Plevin: Art and Essays describes her experiences and the world around her.

Judah Leblang
Echoes of Jerry: One Man’s Search for His Deaf Uncle and His Own Voice
Judah Leblang is a Boston-based writer, teacher and storyteller who grew up in Beachwood. Echoes of Jerry highlights the author’s journey to relate to his deaf uncle, ultimately creating a deep connection between the two which continues today, forty years after Jerry’s death.

Adina Soclof
Parenting Simply
Adina Soclof, MS. CCC-SLP is a Parent Educator and Certified Speech Pathologist working with children in a school setting. Parenting Simply is a down-to-earth guide to provide concrete tips to help parents be confident in their ability to raise respectful, grateful, and disciplined children.

Cleveland’s Own
Local Author Day
Sunday, Nov. 17 • 4 - 5:30 pm
Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium
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Inspired by her viral essay, Lessons of Immortality and Mortality From My Father Carl Sagan, Sasha Sagan set out to celebrate all the marvels of life on Earth that require no faith in order to be believed. Drawing on both Jewish and Christian backgrounds, she and her husband became determined to create new secular rituals that would instill both joy and wonder in their daughter.

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To paraphrase an old cliché, put any two Jews together and you’ll have three opinions. Ask them to name the most Jewish food, and the list turns highly debatable! Informative, unexpected, passionate, quirky and rich with layers of tradition and history, *The 100 Most Jewish Foods*, includes contributors like Ruth Reichl, Joan Nathan, Zac Posen, Michael Solomonov, Dr. Ruth Westheimer and many more!

Alana Newhouse in the Editor in Chief of Tablet, a daily online magazine of Jewish news, ideas, and culture. Newhouse has contributed to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Slate*.

**Alana Newhouse**

*The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List*

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**Alana Newhouse Event**

*The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List* (see previous page)

Led by Beachwood Branch Manager, Aimee Lurie

Join community members as we declare the foods that were included and excluded from this highly debatable list.

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

**Community Read Discussion**

Wednesday, Oct. 16 • 1 pm
Beachwood Branch of CCPL
25501 SHAKER BLVD, BEACHWOOD
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Presented by:
Cuyahoga County Public Library
Tickets

Reservations are required for all events.

To purchase a ticket: 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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FREE & open to the community
Light kosher lunch will be provided

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Judith Viorst
11 am / Mandel JCC
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$45 Lunch Bundle

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