

Treasures in Jewish Literature 2007-2008



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A book review club featuring
significant Jewish titles
both classic & contemporary

Afternoon Series
at the Lipa Green Building

4600 Bathurst Street, 4th Floor

-or-

Evening Series
at Reena Battle Centre

927 Clark Avenue West, Main Floor
Thornhill

AFTERNOON SERIES

Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, 4th Floor

Refreshments: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Program: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Six-session series: \$60.00
Individual sessions: \$15.00

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

by Jonathan Safran Foer

Presented by Cathy Tile

Nine-year-old Oskar Schell is on a mission to find the lock that matches a mysterious key belonging to his father, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Oskar is alternately endearing, exasperating and hilarious as he careens from Central Park to Coney Island to Harlem on his search. His journey concludes in an emotional climax of truth, beauty and heartbreak.

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

Fatelessness

by Imre Kertesz (2004 edition trans. by Tim Wilkinson)

Presented by Janna Nadler

At the age of 14, Georg Koves is plucked from his home in a Jewish section of Budapest and sent to Auschwitz. He does not particularly think of himself as Jewish and does not understand the reason for his fate. In the lowest circle of the Holocaust, Georg remains an outsider. Kertesz received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2002. Presented as part of Holocaust Education Week.

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Tiger Claw

by Shauna Singh Baldwin

Presented by Marilyn Herbert

An extraordinary story of love and espionage, cultural tension and displacement. Khan is a Sufi Muslim living in war-torn Paris who falls in love with a Jewish pianist, Armand Rivkin. Her family tries to keep them apart, but the war conspires to bring them together. A 2004 Giller Prize nominee.

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Barney's Version

by Mordechai Richler

Presented by Gary Levine

Barney Panofsky smokes too many cigars, drinks too much whiskey and is obsessed with two things: the Montreal Canadiens and his ex-wife Miriam. When a sworn enemy threatens to reveal the secrets of his criminal past, Barney has only one choice - he must tell his own story.

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Shadows of Berlin

by Dovid Bergelson

Presented by Anna Shternshis

Written by one of the greatest Soviet Yiddish writers of the twentieth century and a victim of Stalin's purge of Yiddish intellectuals, it presents a chronicle of life in Europe on the edge of World War II. Part mythic parable, these stories are passionate, honest, dark and often hilarious.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Foiglmann

by Aharon Megged

Presented by Yael Seliger

The latest work by the celebrated Israeli author to be translated into English. A haunting and beautifully woven novel delving into the tension of modern day Israel and the remnants of Eastern European Jewish culture.

EVENING SERIES

Reena Battle Centre, 927 Clark Avenue West, Main Floor, Thornhill

8:00 – 9:30 pm	Six-session series: \$60.00
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☐ Six-session series, Wednesday Evening

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Book Reviewers

Marilyn Herbert’s career includes teaching both adults and children and presenting contemporary fiction and film to book clubs. She runs an online business, Bookclub-in-a-Box.

Janna Nadler has a PhD in English Literature and has taught courses in Canadian and Children’s Literature for Trent University, McMaster University and the University of Toronto. She also runs a book club for new moms.

Gary Levine is Director, Professional Studies for TanenbaumCHAT after serving as founding Principal of the school’s North Campus. He holds an M.A. in both Creative Writing and Educational Philosophy.

Anna Shternshis is an Assistant Professor of Yiddish Language and Literature at the University of Toronto. She is the author of *Soviet and Kosher: Jewish Popular Culture in the Soviet Union, 1923-1939*.

Yael Seliger is Vice-President for Jewish Education & Identity, UJA Federation. She took her graduate studies in Israel, Harvard, McGill and the University of Toronto. Ms. Seliger teaches Hebrew literature at York University.

Cathy Tile’s varied career spans writing for CBC Radio, curricula design and teaching. She is a much sought-after book reviewer.