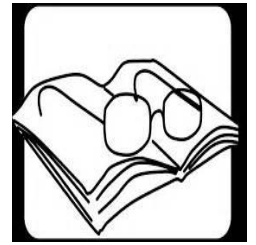


ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 BOOK MAVENS



Wednesdays 3 – 4:30pm \$2.25 suggested donation/ session

March 13 **BOOK: GATEWAY TO THE MOON** **AUTHOR: Mary Morris**
Reviewer: Judy Arian-Eson, Retired Educator

A fascinating story of those who survived the Spanish Inquisition through disguise and adaptation, this historical novel is a real page turner- written in prose like music.

June 19 **BOOK: WITNESS: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom** **AUTHOR: Ariel Burger**
Reviewer: Rabbi Susan Gulack, Chaplain, NYS Dept. of Corrections, CDPC, Stratton VA

Burger recounts his inspiring relationship with Wiesel and the generous lessons he learned from him in this hopeful book, beautiful and brilliant.

August 21 **BOOK: PLAYING WITH MATCHES** **AUTHOR: Suri Rosen**
Reviewer: Rabbi Beverly Magidson, Director, Chaplaincy Services, JFNENY

A charming heartwarming coming-of-age story, this frantic and funny novel offers a glimpse into the importance of matchmaking in observant Jewish communities.

September 18 **BOOK: A RIVER COULD BE A TREE: A Memoir** **AUTHOR: Angela Himsel**
Reviewer: Faye Silton, Retired Educator/Author

Himsel shares her unusual journey from rural Indiana as a fundamentalist Christian to New York as a practicing Jew. Her story is traced around the major events of the 1970s and 80s and told with warmth, humor and religious and philosophical insights.

November 13 **BOOK: GIRL IN THE BLUE COAT** **AUTHOR: Monica Hesse**
Reviewer: Ruchel Weitz, Yiddish/Hebrew Teacher

A thrilling mystery set against the dangerous backdrop of World War II, this poignant novel looks at the choices all of us- including young adults- have to make in wartime. Hesse offers the reader a beautifully written and intricately plotted novel about bravery and young love in impossible times.

Sixty-Plus dinner is available at 4:45pm following each session.

Dinner reservations are taken until 9:30am the day of the meal.

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