

TBH Book Group 2018-2019

Below are our books for the upcoming 2018-19/5779 year. Join us for any book(s) that you're interested in talking about. We meet monthly at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday at TBH. The list includes how many copies are available in the Timberland Regional Library (TRL). Contact Karen Greene at ekgisrael@gmail.com with questions. Please don't be shy.

October 16 – *The Human Stain* – Philip Roth

It is 1998, the year in which America is whipped into a frenzy of prurience by the impeachment of a president, and in a small New England town, an aging classics professor, Coleman Silk, is forced to retire when his colleagues decree that he is a racist. His secrets slowly unravel. **2 copies at TRL**

November 20 – (((Semitism))) : *Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump* – Jonathan Weisman

A short, literary, powerful contemplation on how Jews are viewed in America since the election of Donald J. Trump, and how we can move forward to fight anti-Semitism. **3 copies at TRL**

December 18 – *The Beautiful Possible* - Amy Gottlieb

Spanning seventy years and several continents--from a refugee's shattered dreams in 1938 Berlin, to a discontented American couple in the 1950s, to a young woman's life in modern-day Jerusalem--this epic, enthralling novel tells the braided love story of three unforgettable characters. **4 copies at TRL**

January 15 - *Murder Under the Bridge: a Palestine Mystery* - Kate Jessica Raphael

When Rania--the only female Palestinian police detective in the northern West Bank --discovers the body of a foreign woman on the edge of her village, no one seems to want her look too deeply into what's happened. But she finds an ally in Chloe--a gay, Jewish-American peace worker with a camera and a big attitude--and together, with the help of an annoying Israeli policeman, they work to solve the murder. **3 copies at TRL**

February 19 – *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* – Nathan Englander

A political thriller set against the Israeli-Palestinian conflict involving a prisoner in a secret cell in the Negev, the guard who has watched over him a dozen years, an American waitress in Paris, a young Palestinian man in Berlin who strikes up an odd friendship with a wealthy Canadian businessman, and The General, Israel's most controversial leader, who lies dying in a hospital, the only man who knows of the prisoner's existence. **4 copies at TRL**

March 19 – *Forest Dark* – Nicole Krauss

Jules Epstein, a man whose drive, avidity, and outsized personality have, for sixty-eight years, been a force to be reckoned with, is undergoing a metamorphosis. He escapes to Israel where his life intersects with others undergoing personal transformations. **4 copies at TRL, one CD**

April 16 – *Israel: Is it Good for the Jews?* – Rich Cohen

Part reportage, part memoir, a nationally syndicated columnist for The Washington Post since 1976 takes readers on an intimate journey through the history of Europe's Jews, while delving into his own Jewish history, what happened in twentieth century Poland to his own relatives and to stories of his American boyhood. **2 copies at TRL**

May 21 – *The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai*

(Perhaps we will select some, or everyone can select the ones they like and share)

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June 18 – book selection for next year

