

**Weinstein JCC Community Calendar Events
November – December 2019**

**Sara D. November Gallery Opening – Lynn Goldstein: Transitions
October 30 – December 20
Opening Reception: October 30 at 7:00 pm**

The Weinstein JCC is delighted to show the landscapes paintings of artist, Lynn Goldstein, in the Sara D. November Gallery. To, Lynn, nature is her oasis of the mind. While among the trees, she says she can almost feel the pulsating life force and the land is a living, almost sentient environment. Through the process of using texture, light, shadow, and heightened, sometimes vibrant colors, she expresses the emotions she derives from being in nature. In addition to painting landscapes, Lynn has found opportunities to explore her roots as a Jewish American through her work on installations. Two such installations, *Diaspora* and *Treatise*, are examples of Lynn's ability to move outside her comfort zone to communicate artistically in new ways.

About the Artist

Lynn Goldstein has exhibited widely, winning awards, in nationally juried exhibitions and galleries, and her work is enjoyed in private and public collections throughout the United States and Europe, including the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, the Schar Cancer Institute, and the United States Department of State. Notably, one of her paintings was selected for the permanent collection in the Jean-Haffen Museum in Dinan, France. Additionally, Lynn was one of fifteen American artists selected to participate in the Caravan multi-cultural and international art project which took place at National Cathedral in Washington, DC and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC in 2014. Her installation work exploring her Jewish roots was selected for exhibition at the Smithsonian S Dillon Ripley Center in Washington, D.C. in 2015.

Sponsored by Hirschler

FREE and open to the public.

This show will run in the Sara D. November Gallery October 30 – December 20.

**Book Fair Event with John Simon
Strangers in a Stranger Land
Co-hosted by Congregation Beth Ahabah
Wednesday, November 6 at 7pm
Free and Open to the Public**

First published in Finnish in 2017 under a different name, *Strangers in a Stranger Land* was one of four books listed for History Book of the Year and tells the story of how one country's Jews fought an unwinnable war alongside Nazis troops... and survived.

During World War II, 260,000 German soldiers arrived in Finland. The Nazis murdered millions of Jews around Europe, but in Finland Jews fought alongside the Germans against the Soviet Union. Not a single one was harmed by their Nazi brothers-in-arms. A field synagogue functioned on the front line, and several openly Jewish soldiers were even awarded the German iron cross. This happened nowhere else. How was it possible in Finland?

John Simon has special ties to Richmond as well as Congregation Beth Ahabah. His great-great grandfather, Abraham Hutzler, was one of the earliest members of Congregation Beth Ahabah and his great grandfather, Charles Hutzler, served as the congregation's president from 1909-1919. Charles was also chairman of Richmond Public Schools and Laurel Reformatore School. He founded the Central National Bank in 1911.

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Book Fair Event with Inbal Arieli

Chutzpah: Why Israel is a Hub of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Thursday, November 7 at 12pm

Free and Open to the Public

Tech insider Inbal Arieli reveals the secrets behind how Israel, a tiny country with the highest concentration of start-ups per capital worldwide, is raising generations of entrepreneurs, disrupting markets around the globe, and bringing change to the world. Arieli goes against common belief that Israel's outstanding economic accomplishments are the direct byproduct of its technologically advanced military, or long-standing Jewish traditions of study and questioning. Instead, she posits that in today's modern Israel, it's the result of the unique way Israelis are raised in tribal-like community, where childhoods are purposely sharpened by challenges and risks. In this culture that encourages chutzpah, supports creative thinking, and risk taking, children grow up and develop to have the courage to pursue unorthodox and often revolutionary approaches to change and innovation.

Inbal Arieli is a serial entrepreneur and former officer in the Israeli Defense Forces Elite Intelligence Unit 8200. She has held numerous executive positions in leading Israeli tech companies, founded a series of programs for innovators, has led the Strategic Partnerships for Start-Up Nation Central and is currently Founder and CO-CEO of Synthesis.

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Three Perspectives on Anti-Semitism

at The Jepson Alumni Center, Robins Pavilion at the University of Richmond
Thursday, November 7 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Come join us for an important panel discussion and conversation on anti-Semitism as presented from the local, regional, national, and international perspectives. Learn about what is being done to identify, prevent, and address anti-Semitic activities and how organizations and individuals of all ages, backgrounds and faiths can be proactive and help.

We will hear from three expert speakers, then engage in a question-and-answer period. Dr. Jamelle S. Wilson, Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies at the University of Richmond will moderate this event.

This event is co-sponsored by the University of Richmond's Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning, the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond, and the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center.

This event is FREE and open to the public, but registration is required at osher.richmond.edu.

Book Fair Event with Mark Federman

Russ and Daughters: Reflections and Recipes from the House that Herring Built
Co-hosted by JCFR's Enterprise Circle

Friday, November 8 at 8am

Admission includes breakfast from Russ & Daughters (straight from NYC)

In Advance \$8 | At the Door \$10

Russ & Daughters is a New York and culinary and cultural icon, known for the highest quality appetizing food: smoked fish, caviar, bagels, bialys, babka and other traditional baked goods. The home of bagels and lox since 1914, Russ & Daughters has been continuously owned by four generations of the Russ family. The original landmark shop on East Houston Street has been in the same spot for 105 years. Russ & Daughters continues to provide the taste and traditions of a true New York experience. Mark Federman, the former owner of the beloved appetizing store on Manhattan's Lower East Side, tells the delightful, mouthwatering story of an immigrant family's journey from a pushcart in 1907 to "New York's most hallowed shrine to the miracle of caviar, smoked salmon, ethereal herring, and silken chopped liver" (*The New York Times Magazine*).

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Havdalah at Hilbert with Sheldon Low

Saturday, November 9

7:30-9:30 pm at Camp Hilbert-2240 Maidens Rd., Maidens, VA 23102

(Inclement weather location will be at the Weinstein JCC)

Havdalah is the Jewish ceremony that marks the symbolic end of Shabbat and ushers in the new week. Join us in celebrating under the stars and immersed in the beauty of Camp Hilbert! This musical experience will be complete a campfire and sweet treats. Attendees should bring flashlights and blankets to sit on.

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and the Rachel Banks Foundation

\$10 per household for JCC Members and \$15 per household for Non-Members

The Dora L. Lewis Family & Child Development Center and Kids' Place Present: An Afternoon with Sheldon Low

Sunday, November 10 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us for a fun, family concert! The Weinstein JCC is excited to be hosting renowned, Jewish musician, Sheldon Low, for a weekend of events that will be fun for the whole family.

Sheldon Low continues to establish himself as a prominent voice in contemporary Jewish music, with 5 albums to his name and more as the highly acclaimed duo "Hadar and Sheldon." A self-proclaimed road warrior, Low performs in over 100 concerts, services, and workshops around North America each year. In addition to becoming a mainstay of congregational life, Sheldon's music has become the soundtrack of the lives of hundreds of thousands of children around the globe, thanks in part to PJ Library distributing two of his children's albums and featuring him on countless other compilation albums. Sheldon is also widely known for creating and hosting the innovative Jewish Songwriter podcast. He is currently the artist-in-residence at Temple Israel of the City of New York and lives in Harlem with his wife and musical partner, Hadar Orshalimy. Together, they are known as secular folk-pop duo "We Are The Northern Lights." For more info, visit SheldonLow.com.

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Weinstein JCC Art & Gift Boutique

November 10 -12

The Weinstein JCC Art & Gift Boutique is a NEW holiday fair as part of The Fife Davis Family Annual Jewish Book Fair & Gift Shop. The event will feature over 25 **premier**,

well-known local artisans and vendors selling art, jewelry, home décor, accessories, bath and beauty, photography, children's clothing and more!

The boutique will take place in the Richard A. Arenstein Lobby on the following dates:

Sunday, November 10

12:00 – 5:00 pm

Monday, November 11

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, November 12

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Book Fair Event with Peter Gethers

My Mother's Kitchen

Co-hosted by Jewish Women's Club

Tuesday, November 12 at 11am

Free and Open to the Public

RSVP to Emily Neal at eneal@weinsteinjcc.org

With his trademark wit and knowing eye, Peter Gethers has written an unforgettable memoir about how food and family can do much more than feed us—they can nourish our souls.

Restaurantier daughter of Ratner's, New York City's legendary restaurant, Judy Gethers didn't discover her passion for cooking until in her late 50's. After a very successful career mentoring the most famous chefs in America (Wolfgang Puck, Nancy Silverton, Jonathan Waxman), Judy was robbed her ability to cook by a debilitating stroke. Her son, Peter, sets out to give his aging mother a very personal and perhaps final gift: a spectacular feast featuring all her favorite dishes. The problem is, although he was raised to love food and wine, he doesn't really know how to cook. In an exuberant and entertaining memoir, novelist, screenwriter, playwright, editor, and producer Gethers pays homage to his mother, an accomplished cook, and to the amazing food they both loved.

Peter Gethers is an author, screenwriter, playwright, book editor, and film and television producer. His eleven previous books include *The Cat Who Went to Paris*, the first in a bestselling trilogy about his extraordinary cat, Norton. He is also the cocreator and coproducer of the hit off-Broadway play *Old Jews Telling Jokes*. He lives in New York City, Sag Harbor, New York, and, whenever possible, Sicily.

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Featured Book Fair Event with David Makovsky

Be Strong and Of Good Courage: How Israel's Most Important Leaders Shaped Its Destiny

Thursday, November 14 at 7:30pm
\$15 | JCC Member: \$12 | \$18 at the door

Co-written by David Makovsky and Dennis Ross, *Be Strong and Of Good Courage* is a portrait of modern Israel's founding fathers -- the generation of brave, defining leaders unafraid to make bold decisions in order to safeguard the country's future. David Ben Gurion, Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Rabin, and Ariel Sharon were all present at the creation of the new nation in 1948. Over the next sixty years, each served as prime minister at a time when the country's existence was directly imperiled. In those moments, extraordinary acts of leadership and strategic judgment to secure its future were needed and these leaders rose to the occasion.

Today, Israeli may be on the verge of sacrificing the essential character that its greatest citizens fought to secure. *Be Strong and of Good Courage* is the story of that epic struggle.

David Makovsky is one of America's leading experts on Israel. He is the Ziegler distinguished fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy and director of the Project on Arab-Israel Relations. He has been an adjunct professor of Middle East studies at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced Interational Studies since 2000 and was a senior advisor on Israel-Palestinian affairs in the Office of the Secretary of State during the Obama Administration.

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The Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 17
2:00 - 4:30 PM at the Weinstein JCC

On November 17, Jews around the world will share a day of Jewish learning, dialogue and exploration, joining together in celebration of all that unites us. This annual celebration brings Jews across the spectrum of beliefs and backgrounds together through our shared love of learning.

All Events are FREE. Registration Required.

For a full schedule and to register, visit weinsteinjcc.org/events.

Book Fair Event with Rebecca Erbelding

Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe
Co-hosted by 5400 Club

Monday, November 18 at 12pm
Free and Open to the Public
RSVP to Emily Neal at eneal@weinsteinjcc.org

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award

Intriguing history of the only U.S. government agency ever founded with the express purpose “to save the lives of civilians being murdered by a wartime enemy.”

Holocaust historian, Rebecca Erbelding, pieces together years of research and newly uncovered archival materials to tell the dramatic story of America’s little-known efforts to save the Jews of Europe.

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

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**Book Fair Community Read Event with Amy Blumenfeld - *The Cast*
Co-hosted with Hadassah Richmond**

Tuesday, November 19 at 7pm

In advance: \$15 | JCC Member: \$12 | Patron: Included with subscription
\$20 at the door

Admission includes light dinner and wine

Inspired by the actions of her own circle of caring friends and family when she was battling cancer as a child, Amy Blumenfeld’s debut novel centers on a group of ninth graders who produce a Saturday Night Live-style video to cheer up their ailing friend, Becca. The show’s running time was only ninety minutes, but it had a lasting impact: Becca laughed her way through recovery, and the group became her supporting cast for life.

25 years later, on the anniversary of Becca Night Live, the friends reunite over the Fourth of July to celebrate Becca’s good health—but nothing goes as planned. The happy holiday card facades everyone’s been hiding behind quickly crumble and give way to an unforgettable three days filled with complex moral dilemmas and life-altering choices. Through humor, drama, and the alternating perspectives of five characters, *The Cast* explores the power of forgiveness, the importance of authenticity, and the

immeasurable value of deep, enduring friendships to buoy us when life plays out differently than expected.

Amy Blumenfeld's articles and essays have appeared in various publications including the New York Times, the Huffington Post, O, The Oprah Magazine as well as on the cover of People. A graduate of Barnard College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism where she was the recipient of the James A. Wechsler Award for National Reporting. The Cast, her first novel, is the 2018 IPPY Gold Medal winner in Popular Fiction, an International Book Awards finalist in Best New Fiction and was listed by the New York Post as a "Best Book of the Week."

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Jewish Family Theater presents "Gypsy"

December 12 – 22

Artistic Director: Debra Clinton

Musical Director: Stephen Rudlin

In advance: \$25 | JCC Member: \$20 | Patron: Included with subscription

\$27 at the door

Regarded by many theater professionals as the greatest musical ever created, **GYPSY** is the ultimate tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success... while secretly yearning for her own. Set all across America in the 1920's, when vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born, Arthur Laurents' landmark show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart, and sophistication.

Stephen Sondheim and Jule Styne's celebrated score boasts one glorious hit after another, including: "Let Me Entertain You," "Some People," "You'll Never Get Away from Me," "If Momma Was Married," "All I Need Is the Girl," "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "You Gotta Get A Gimmick," "Small World," and "Together Wherever We Go."

Opening night: Thursday, December 12 at 7:30pm

Performances: December 14, 18, 19, 21 at 7:30pm; December 15 and 22 at 2:00pm

Recommended for ages 16+

Breakfast at the J

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 – 11:00 am

Roll out of bed on December 25 and join us for a delicious hot breakfast at the JCC!
Eggs, potatoes, pancakes and more! Please RSVP at 804-285-6500.

FREE