

Seaside Jewish Community 2024 Book List – up to June

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM via Zoom

Book Group

Susan Aaronson will be the facilitator for discussion of **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.**

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride (2023) – 440 pages -- named a best book of the year by *NPR*, *Washington Post*, and *Time magazine* and rated number 1 book of 2023 by Amazon Books.

If you went to McBride's talk at the 2023 History Book Festival, you already have this book! McBride is a beloved raconteur and develops characters in this story you will remember long after you finish it. Set in a small Pennsylvania town in the 1930s, both Jews and Blacks come together to save a deaf black orphan whom the state has institutionalized as mentally deficient

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM via Zoom

Notable Jewish Lives

Estee Lauder and the Lauder Family

Enid Zafran will tell the story of Estee Lauder's life based on the autobiography, **Estee: A Success Story**. She was a Jewish woman who started a cosmetics business from a beauty cream developed by her uncle. In 1998, she was the sole woman on *Time* magazine's list of the 20 most influential business geniuses of the 20th century. When she died in 2004, her family business was valued at \$5.1 billion. Today the family is also associated with its art museum philanthropy and even more notably for the Pink Ribbon Campaign they launched to end breast cancer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Via Zoom

Book Group:

The Prophet of the Andes: An Unlikely Journey to the Promised Land by Graciela Mochkofsky.

Sue Rasher will lead the discussion of this 2022 unusual true story of how one Peruvian carpenter led hundreds of Christians to Judaism, sparking a pilgrimage from the Andes to Israel and inspiring a wave of emerging Latin American Jewish

communities. Seeking absolute truth in his religious practice, Segundo Villanueva questions and questions, until he becomes an Orthodox Jew in his impoverished village. He learns Hebrew, he gains followers, he meets resistance from the synagogue in Peru, yet he and his Jewish community persist.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024
5:00 PM Via Zoom

Kaddush.com: A Novel by Nathan Englander – **AUTHOR EVENT with Lewes Public Library**

Englander is a Pulitzer finalist and prize-winning author who has written a smart, comic masterpiece about a son's failure to say Kaddish for his father. Instead, Larry hires a stranger through a website called kaddish.com to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul safely to rest. A modern-day Jewish tale in which religious characters are bedeviled by the challenges of upholding God's word in an all too human world. Marty Rosenweig will be the interviewer.

It is free to attend this event but you must register at:
<https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/event/12023371>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Via Zoom

Author Event with the Lewes Public Library
When the Angels Left the Old Country by Sacha Lamb

Showcasing Ashkenazi lore, custom, and faith, this beautifully written story deftly tackles questions of identity, good and evil, obligation, and the many forms love can take. An angel and a devil have been studying together for centuries in a tiny shtetl, but pogroms and the search for a new life have drawn all the young people from their village to America. When one of those young emigrants goes missing, they set off to find her, taking the boat to New York City and dealing with the immigrant experience.

The first-time author, Sacha Lamb, received for this title: Sydney Taylor and Stonewall award, a Printz Honor book, and a National Jewish Book Award finalist, and received the Mythopoeic Fantasy Award.

It is free to attend this event but you must register
at: <https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/event/11923040>

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Via Zoom

Book Group –

The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz –

Author Event - Registration required through Enid Zafran at:
enid@indexingpartners.com for this special event.

The author has agreed to do this Zoom with the Book Group but requires that all who attend have purchased the book. It can be in any format in which it is available: hardback, paperback, Kindle. No one will be admitted to the Zoom without having pre-registered through Enid Zafran.

The author makes up a Jewish family and here is a quote from her, "I'd heard about families with children conceived by in vitro fertilization who have additional children years later from leftover embryos, and I found this really fascinating. I was especially interested in the impact on the later child of learning that their family has essentially begun without them." The Latecomer touches on the topics of grief and guilt, generational trauma, privilege and race, traditions and religion, and family dynamics.

The title was A New York Times Notable Book of 2022; A Washington Post Notable Work of Fiction; An NPR Best Book of the Year; and A New Yorker Best Book of 2022.

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