



34th Annual Toronto Jewish Book Fair  
October 23 – 31, 2010  
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue  
55 Yeomans Road, Toronto

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Toronto Jewish Book Fair  
Saturday, October 23 – Sunday, October 31, 2010  
At a New Venue: Beth David Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

## BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!!

Full event details: [www.kofflerarts.org](http://www.kofflerarts.org)

For sponsorship opportunities and more information on the Toronto Jewish Book Fair:  
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## TORONTO JEWISH BOOK FAIR TICKETS

Tickets on sale starting Monday, September 13, 2010 | Monday – Thursday: 10 AM – 4 PM

Order Tickets at 416.638-1881, ext 4281 or by e-mail: [hredner@kofflerarts.org](mailto:hredner@kofflerarts.org)

Tickets will be held and distributed only at Beth David Synagogue one hour prior to your program(s) of choice. Tickets at \$5 can only be purchased at Beth David Synagogue one hour before the programs during the week of the Fair. PLEASE NOTE: Box office is closed during the Jewish Holy Days on Thursdays, September 23 and September 30 and on Fridays

## JEWISH BOOK FAIR HOURS

Saturdays, October 23 and October 30	7 PM – 10 PM	
Sundays, October 24 and October 31	10 AM – 10 PM	
Monday through Thursday, October 25-28	10 AM – 4 PM	Reopens 6:30 PM – 10 PM
Friday, October 29	10 AM – 1 PM	

Programs are subject to change. No refunds on tickets or books. Entrance to the Toronto Jewish Book Fair is FREE.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, October 23 | Opening Night

8 PM | \$25

**David Grossman**, award-winning author and peace activist, speaks on his new book *To the End of the Land*, a major, internationally-bestselling novel of extraordinary power about the costs of war from one of Israel's greatest writers.

Sponsored by ShaRna Foundation.

### Sunday, October 24

11 AM | Free

**K. David Brody** speaks on his novel *Mourning and Celebration – Jewish, Orthodox and Gay Past and Present*.

David Brody successfully sued the province of Quebec for the right of homosexuals to the survivor pension. He remains a practicing Orthodox Jew and is actively involved in the Jewish community.

**1:30 PM | \$5**

**Simcha for Simcha**

Yiddish/ English Celebration of author and poet Simcha Simchovitch's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. With readings and music by folksinger **Batsheva**.

Sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, UJA Federation, Friends of Yiddish, United Jewish People's Order/Winchevsky Centre, Workmen's Circle/Arbeiter Ring and Max & Beatrice Wolfe Library, Beth Tzedec Congregation.

**2 PM | \$5**

**Jewish Mother Alert: The Line on Motherly Love with the Online Generation**

The online generation has been reared by today's parents to believe that any door of opportunity is open to them. Then why is this new generation having so many challenges when they enter the doors of industry? In the book *Cracking the Code: Unlocking the Potential for Future Leaders*, **Judith Finer Freedman** explores the challenges and realities this new generation faces as it comes of age.

Discover how Jewish parents may have 'over-parented', and what chicken soup for the soul they can now provide to their children to thrive in a workplace that doesn't give out trophies for just showing up. Judith Finer Freedman consults, researches and lectures on the dynamics of work-life effectiveness, generational diversity, gender bias and mentoring.

**3 PM | FREE**

**PJ Library Goes to Book Fair!**

Readings for children ages 2 – 5 by renowned children's author **Aubrey Davis**, author of *Bagels from Benny* and *Bone Button Borscht*.

"One day I was invited to tell a Chanukah tale to a large and very young audience. I couldn't find a story I liked. In desperation I wrote one myself. The children loved it and so did Kids Can Press. That's how *Bone Button Borscht* was born.

Over the years, I've worked as a logger, farmer, salesman and teacher. Now I write and tell stories. Of my four published books, my latest, *Bagels for Benny*, has won many awards including the Sydney Taylor Award and the Canadian Jewish Book Awards Children's Literature Prize." – Aubrey Davis

The PJ Library in York Region is a pilot project sending Jewish themed books and CDS to families in York Region with children 6 months to 5½ years. To register: [www.pjlibrary905.ca](http://www.pjlibrary905.ca). An initiative made possible through the generosity of Gabi Weisfeld, Weinbaum Family Foundation, Phyllis & Ab Flatt, Community Fund of the Jewish Foundation of Toronto and UJA Federation.

**3:30 PM | \$5**

*Parchment*, Canada's journal of contemporary Jewish writings is back! Reading from their works are contributors **Ruth Panofsky** (editor), **Adam Fuerstenberg**, **Anne Dublin**, **Kathy Kacer**, **Seymour Mayne**, **Merle Nudelman**, **Pearl Adler-Saban**, **Ilana Wolfe** and **Rhoda Rabinowitz-Green**.

**4 PM | \$10**

NBC News Bureau Chief in Tel Aviv, **Martin Fletcher** speaks on his book *Walking Israel – A Personal Search for the Soul of a Nation*. Fletcher walked the entire coast of Israel, from Lebanon to Gaza, observing facets of the country that are ignored in news reports, but tell a truer story of the country. One of the most respected foreign correspondents in television news, Fletcher has won five Emmys, a Columbia University DuPont award and several Overseas Press Club awards.

**8 PM | \$10**

**George Gilder** speaks on his latest book, *The Israel Test*. Gilder asserts that Israel forms "the vanguard of human achievement." It is crude envy of Israel's successes in science, technology and military strength that explains contemporary anti-Semitism: "At the heart of anti-Semitism is resentment of Jewish achievement."

A dedicated churchgoer and “classic WASP”, Gilder is the author of the million-copy bestseller *Wealth and Poverty*.

## Monday, October 25

1:30 PM | \$5

**Walter Pitman**, will speak on his new book *Victor Feldbrill: Canadian Conductor Extraordinaire*. Pitman has been a Federal MP and an Ontario MLA, president of Ryerson University, and Director of the Ontario Arts Council. He is a Member of the Order of Ontario; an Officer of the Order of Canada; and the author of *Elmer Iseler* and *Louis Applebaum*.

8 PM | \$10

**Harold Troper** will speak on his new book *The Defining Decade*. The 1960s witnessed the erosion of longstanding barriers of anti-Semitism leading to increased access for Jews to the economic, political and social Canadian mainstream. But even as Canada became more accepting, Canadian Jews became more focused on Jewish identity. That decade redefined what it meant to be a Canadian Jew and a Jewish Canadian.

Harold Troper is a professor in the Department of Theory and Policy Studies in Education, at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto

## Tuesday, October 26

1:30 PM | \$5

**Bill Gladstone** speaks on *The Rise of the Toronto Jewish Community*, a 60-year-old manuscript found in the archives of Beth Tzedec Congregation and published by Gladstone's Now and Then Books. The author is the late Shmuel Mayer Shapiro, editor and publisher of the Yiddish Zhurnal, Toronto's main Yiddish newspaper for half a century. The book offers a detailed account of the evolution of the local Yiddish press, Jewish labour unions, the garment industry on Spadina Avenue, synagogues and rabbis, the beginnings of Jewish communal and social life until 1950 and includes 90 old photographs and illustrations.

8 PM

**Gregory Levey** speaks on his humorous/serious book *How to Make Peace in the Middle East in Six Months or Less Without Leaving Your Apartment* Levey's modest goal is to solve the Middle East conflict—all by himself. He sets out on a quixotic and surprisingly illuminating quest to broker a peace deal where a long line of world leaders have failed. Along the way, he meets a cast of characters that would be outright funny if the situation weren't so dire. The result is a fast-paced, insightful journey through U.S. policymaking in the Middle East.

Gregory Levey is the author of *Shut Up, I'm Talking: And Other Diplomacy Lessons I Learned in the Israeli Government* and has written for Newsweek, The New Republic, New York Post, Salon, and other publications. He served as a speechwriter and delegate for the Israeli government at the United Nations and as Senior Foreign Communications Coordinator for Prime Ministers Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert, and is now on the faculty of Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada.

## Wednesday, October 27

1:30 PM | \$5

**Kate Taylor** speaks on *A Man in Uniform*, her latest mystery/history. A Paris lawyer, a man of quiet and established routine, is asked to investigate the case of an army captain called Dreyfus who has been convicted of spying. The case will alter the lawyer's life and tear France apart.

Kate Taylor was born in France and raised in Ottawa. Her award-winning debut novel was *Madame Proust and the Kosher Kitchen*. She writes about the arts for The Globe and Mail.

**8 PM | \$10**

**Anna Porter** speaks on her new book *The Ghosts of Europe- Journeys Through Central Europe's Troubled Past and Uncertain future*. One of Canada's most distinguished writers and publishers returns to her roots to explore the consequences of democracy in the former Hapsburg lands of Central Europe and the territories of the former Soviet Union. But the worldwide economic crisis has severely tested Central Europe's determination to live peaceably and there are signs of the old hatreds and racial tensions returning.

Anna Porter is the founder and publisher of Key Porter Books and the author of three crime novels and an acclaimed memoir, *The Storyteller*. Her most recent book, *Kasztner's Train*, won the Canadian Jewish Book Award and the Nereus Writers' Trust Non-Fiction Prize. She is currently the writer-in-residence at the University of Toronto's Centre for European, Russian, Eurasian Studies (CERES).

**Thursday, October 28****1:30 PM | \$5**

**Judie Oron** speaks on her new book, *Cry of the Giraffe* based on the story of Wuditu, the author's adopted daughter. In her own voice, Wuditu tells of how, while the family was waiting in Sudan to be taken to Israel, she was torn from her family in a violent incident and forced to walk back to Ethiopia. While trying, at 13, to survive on her own, she encounters poverty and brutality in a town that is in the midst of a bitterly-fought war. She is forced by circumstances into slavery and struggles to stay alive and to find a way back to her family and her people, until she is eventually found and freed by the author.

**8 PM**

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**Saturday, October 30****8 PM | \$10**

**Marek Halter** speaks on his new epic, *The Jewish Odyssey*, a far-reaching story of a people that, despite facing perpetual struggle, have shaped modern civilization. He charts the course of Judaism from its origins in Mesopotamia to its place today. Richly illustrated, the book charts the extent of Jewish suffering to the unparalleled contributions of Jews in every endeavour.

Marek Halter is an author, academic and activist who has published over 20 books. As a young child in 1940, Halter escaped with his family from the Warsaw Ghetto. He is the founder of the International Committee for Peace in the Middle East and SOS Racisme.

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**Sunday, October 31****11 AM | FREE**

**Kitty Wintrob**, author of *I'm Not Going Back: Wartime Memoir of a Child Evacuee* with Ralph Wintrob reading excerpts. Wintrob recounts her experience as a child evacuee from London to the British countryside at the start of World War II. Suitable for young readers and adults.

**11:30 AM | FREE**

**Elan Divon**, speaks on his new book, *Reaching Beyond the Religious*, a ground-breaking comparison between Biblical and Hindu Traditions. The book unearths seven universal themes, from across the religious spectrum and maps these onto the complexities of modern day life.

Elan Divon holds graduate degrees from the Harvard Divinity School and Brandeis University. He has worked with Peace Camp Canada, a non-profit organization that promotes dialogue and understanding between Israeli and Palestinian teens.

**1:30 PM | \$5**

Your child comes home from school one day and tells you he's been repeatedly beaten up by a bully. Would you go to the school to complain? Would you go to the parents of the bully? Would you go to the police? Or, after getting no results, would you take matters into your own hands?

**Larry Rodness** speaks on his new coming-of-age novel, *Today I am a Man*, a poignant look at the trials and tribulations of adolescence through the eyes of an adult who must come to grips with similar issues in his own children's lives. The author is a singer, actor and screenwriter and now an author.

**2 PM | \$5**

Israeli author **Savyon Liebrecht** speaks on her latest book, *The Women My Father Knew*, a literary mystery, set in New York City and bohemian Tel Aviv.

Liebrecht's writings reflect the influence of the Holocaust on her work which cannot be separated from the influence of the Holocaust on her life. She was born in Munich to Polish Holocaust survivors and felt all her life that her parent's silence "was terrible ...as a child I felt I was growing up in an atmosphere of secrets."

This program by a Second Generation is an introduction to the upcoming **Holocaust Education Week, November 1-9, 2010.**

**3 PM | \$5**

**AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!!**

Globe and Mail writer **Michael Posner** makes the case that Shakespeare's plays were written by Amelia Bassano Lanier (1569-1645), daughter of a Venetian-born court musician and *converso* (a Jew forced to convert to Christianity but still considered a Jew) brought to England from Venice by King Henry V111 and installed as court musician.

Shakespeare's true identity has long been questioned and many names have been suggested as the true author. But a Jewish woman? Join us as Michael Posner discusses the reasons and research behind this thesis.

**Sunday, October 31 | Closing Night**

**8 PM | \$10**

**Tarek Fatah** speaks on his new book, *The Jew is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism*. Fatah debunks the anti-Jewish writings of Islamic literature and Arab supremacist doctrines and argues that hating Jew is against the essence of the Islamic spirit.

Journalist and political advocate Tarek Fatah is the founder of the liberal Muslim organization, the Muslim Canadian Congress. He is a guest host on Newstalk 1010.

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