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By phone: (604) 257-5111

Online: [www.jewishbookfestival.ca](http://www.jewishbookfestival.ca)

Prices do not include HST.

## Location

All events take place at the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, 950 West 41st Avenue (@ Oak).

## Festival Bookstore Hours

SAT Nov 26 – 7:00pm-10:00pm

SUN-THU Nov 27-Dec 01 10:00am-9:00pm

## Used Bookstore Hours

SUN-THU Nov 27-Dec 01

10:00am-9:00pm

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## Special Thanks

Susan Mendelson

## From the Festival Committee Chairperson & the Festival Director

Welcome to the annual JCCGV Jewish Book Festival! This year the Festival showcases 40 writers and hosts of exceptional quality and calibre joining us from as far afield as Israel, USA, Montreal and Toronto - and closer to home, Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and of course, the Lower Mainland.

A number of our writers have been singled out for prestigious literary prizes The Scotiabank Giller (David Bezmozgis & Alexi Zentner), Man Booker (Alison Pick), The Governor General (David Bezmozgis & Alexi Zentner) and the Canadian Jewish Book Award (Harold Troper & Alison Pick). We reprise the popular Writer's Salon featuring David Bezmozgis in conversation with Marsha Lederman, and the nascent Book Club event features David Guterson of *Snow Falling on Cedars* fame in conversation with Sheryl MacKay. Eleanor Wachtel returns to our stage once again to interview Israel's "new kid on the block", short-story writer and film-maker, Etgar Keret. We host three Westcoast book launches, a panel discussion on current mental health issues, as well as a literary cocktail party where Iron Chef judge, Danyelle Freeman, fêtes the Fest.

Literacy is an integral and defining part of our culture and our community. It is thanks to people like you – who attend Festival events, shop at the Festival Bookstore (open Nov 26-Dec 01), bring your friends, and make generous donations - that the Jewish Book Festival is able to remain sustainable and robust. *Todah Rabah*. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the Festival!

*Deborah Roitberg*  
Festival Committee Chair

*Nicole Nozick*  
Festival Director



**TICKETS: 604.257.5111 [www.jewishbookfestival.ca](http://www.jewishbookfestival.ca)**

# pre-festival events

**Mon Oct 3 7:00pm**

BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION

**Robyn Michele Levy / *Most of Me***

CBC's Gloria Macarenko, emcee

At age forty-three, **Robyn Michele Levy** was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and, eight months later, with breast cancer. With irreverent and at times mordant humor, *Most of Me: Surviving My Medical Meltdown* (Douglas & MacIntyre, 2011) chronicles Levy's life in



the disease lane and the convoy of health professionals, family members, friends and neighbours who accompany her along the way. *Most of Me* is heartbreaking and hilarious, offering a glimpse into the power of humour, and is a compelling story for anyone who has faced illness.

**Wed Oct 19 8:00-10:00pm**

WRITER'S SALON

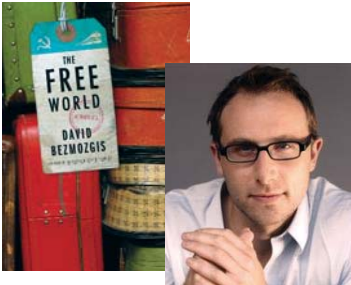
**David Bezmozgis / *The Free World***

Host: *Globe & Mail's* Marsha Lederman

\$54 incl. tax receipt & reception

*'Self-assured, elegant, and perceptive. . . [Bezmozgis] has created an unflinchingly honest ... and multilayered retelling of the Jewish immigrant story...'*

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



Join Giller Prize nominee & filmmaker, **David Bezmozgis** in conversation with *The Globe & Mail's* Marsha Lederman at the Festival's annual Writer's Salon. This intimate setting gives discerning readers the opportunity to engage with this rising literary star and talk about the themes in his much anticipated, critically acclaimed novel *The Free World* (HarperCollins, 2011).

**Sun Nov 20 10-11:30am**

BOOK MAKING WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

**Facilitator: Rae Maté**

\$7/\$10 - register at the JCC reception by Nov. 14

Artist and children's book illustrator, **Rae Maté**, leads an exciting and creative workshop. Discover how Rae creates her characters, and then, inspired by her book *Pussycat, Pussycat, Where have you Been?*, using paints, paper & pens, create a storybook of your own to read again and again.



Presenting partners: Karen and Gary Simkin Family Child Development Centre, Sidney and Gertrude Zack Gallery.

# opening night gala & reception



**Sat Nov 26 7:30pm**

THE SOL & SHIRLEY KORT AUTHOR SERIES

## **Etgar Keret in conversation with Eleanor Wachtel**

Recorded for broadcast on CBC's Writers & Company  
\$20

*"Etgar Keret is a genius..."* —NEW YORK TIMES

*"A brilliant writer..completely unlike any writer I know. The voice of the next generation."* —SALMAN RUSHDIE

Hailed as the voice of young Israel and one of its most radical and extraordinary writers, **Etgar Keret** is internationally acclaimed for his short stories. With a brother who lobbies to legalize marijuana, and a sister

who is an orthodox Jew and the mother of ten, Keret regards his family as a microcosm of Israel!

Keret's books have been translated and published abroad in 34 countries. His most recent, *Suddenly a Knock on the Door* (2010) became an instant #1 bestseller in Israel. Keret has also written screenplays and directed the award-winning *Jellyfish* (see below).

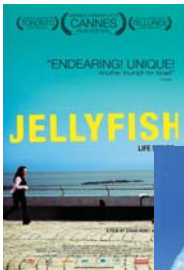
As the host of CBC Radio's award-winning Writers & Company, **Eleanor Wachtel** is known for her keen interview style and cool, composed personality; characteristics that she has put to good use over the years in conversation with the likes of David Grossman, Amos Oz and Mordecai Richler. This is the fifth year Wachtel hosts the Festival's opening night event.

# sunday bagels & a movie

NOVEMBER: A MONTH OF JEWISH STORIES



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**Sun Nov 27 10:00am-12:30pm**

## **Film screening: Jellyfish (Meduzot)**

Norman Rothstein Theatre

\$14, incl. bagels & coffee

(78 minutes)

Winner of the 2007 Cannes Film Festival Camera d'Or prize, *Jellyfish (Meduzot)* is co-directed by Etgar Keret and his wife, Shira Geffen. This provocative movie, set in Tel-Aviv, tells the story of three very different women whose intersecting stories weave an unlikely portrait of modern Israeli life.



# sunday nov 27

10:30-11:45am

CHILDREN & FAMILY

**PJ Library presents Aubrey Davis**

FREE

Ages 2-5 years w/parental supervision

A reading-based, fun-filled family program for young children featuring **Aubrey Davis** (*Bagels from Benny*, *Bone Button Borscht*) reading from his new book *Kishka for Koppel* (Orca Book Publishers, 2011). The

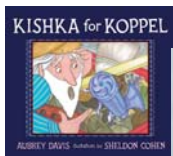


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PJ Library is a Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver sponsored program. It supports families in their Jewish journey by sending them monthly, a free Jewish-content children's book. For more information visit [jewishvancouver.com/pjlibrary](http://jewishvancouver.com/pjlibrary)

Presenting partner: Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver PJ Library 

12:30-2:30pm

SHOWCASING JEWISH WRITERS FROM THE WEST COAST

***Drash: Northwest Mosaic***

Hosts: Claudia Goldman and Wendy Marcus

FREE

Talk about niche! The newest kid on the literary journal block, *Drash: Northwest Mosaic*, tilts towards Northwest and Jewish themes. Yet, its particular bent has intrigued a growing, international audience of readers and submitters, building a community of diverse religions, locations and literary styles.

Drash editor and award-winning writer, **Wendy Marcus** holds forth about the first five years of this literary start-up, and how and why *Drash* readings are life-affirming experiences, cultivating readers and writers and connection in these troubled, overly technological times. Marcus is joined by Drash contributors **Claudia Goldman, Avie M. Estrin, Charles Gay, Mary Ellen Talley, Tim Sherry, Murray Gordon, and Sandra Larkmann Heindsmann.**

1:30-3:30pm

**Hebrew Book Exchange**

FREE

This popular annual event is for the Hebrew readers in our community. Bring in your used Hebrew books, exchange them for something you haven't read and discover some hidden gems.



# sunday nov 27



2:00-4:00pm

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

**Instructor: Karen X. Tulchinsky**

\$20

Always wanted to write, but don't know where to start? Join award-winning author **Karen X. Tulchinsky** in a hands-on writing workshop. For new and emerging writers, we'll cover the basic rules of writing, getting started, how to "crank out a first draft" and the cure for writer's block. Karen will also lead participants in some writing exercises.

Karen X. Tulchinsky is an award-winning novelist and screenwriter. Her novel, *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky* was a Toronto Book Award finalist and winner of One Book One Vancouver 2008. A graduate of the prestigious Canadian Film Centre, Tulchinsky has written for numerous television shows including, *The Guard*, *Robson Arms*, *Kink* and *Glutton for Punishment*. She teaches creative writing at UBC.



Allan Drummond, *Escape from Paris*, 2005, courtesy Allan Drummond and Institute for Holocaust Education, Omaha, NE.

2:00pm

CHILDREN & FAMILY

**Curious George - art exhibit and children's storytime**

FREE Location: Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre  
Ages 3-6, with parental supervision

All kids love the stories of *Curious George* and his mischievous antics. So bring them in for an afternoon of literary fun - *Curious George*-style! This special event includes a reading from *Curious George Rides a Bike*, a musical sing-along and a chance for parents to view a unique exhibit - *The Wartime Escape - Margret and H.A. Rey's Journey From France*.

This exhibit, in Vancouver for just six weeks, recounts the story of *Curious George* creators, Margret and H.A. Rey, who escaped from Nazi-occupied France. Sunday Nov 27 exhibit hours 1:00- 4:00pm. **To reserve a spot** please call the VHEC (604) 264-0499 or email [info@vhed.org](mailto:info@vhed.org)

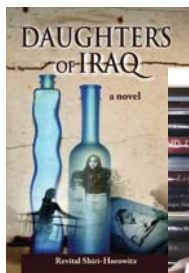


**4 tickets for the price of 3!**

Purchase three tickets to any Jewish Book Festival event and get the fourth ticket free!

Offer available only for TELEPHONE ORDERS 604-257-5111. Tickets must be purchased at one time.





4:00-5:00pm

## Revital Shiri-Horowitz / *Daughters of Iraq*

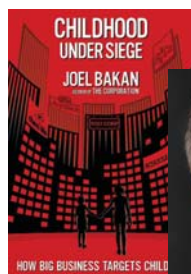
FREE

Born and raised in Israel, **Revital Shiri-Horowitz**, drew from her own family history to create the riveting story about an Iraqi Jewish family's emigration to Israel. *Daughters of Iraq*, follows three generations of Jewish women as they journey three places: Iraq in the

early 20th century, the new homeland of Israel, and Seattle, USA. It is the story of love and roots and how the two are forever intertwined.

**'Until recently, the story of Iraqi Jews in both Iraq and Israel has primarily been told by men. Now...a new voice has been added, the voice of a young woman. Shiri-Horowitz tells the story with a light and loving touch.'** - Professor Lev Hakak, UCLA

Based in Seattle and Israel, Shiri-Horowitz writes poetry, runs a blog in *Ha'aretz*, and is working on a second novel.



7:00-8:00pm

## Joel Bakan / *Childhood Under Siege: How Big Business Targets Children*

\$14

**'Joel Bakan's powerful, well-documented polemic is just what we need to hear right now, if we are to even begin to reverse the toxic consumerist legacy we**

**are bequeathing to future generations.'** - Literary Review of Canada

**'The information in Bakan's book is...stunning....The book sounds alarms about issues that go under most parents' radar.'** - USA Today

From the writer of the hit film and international bestselling book, *The Corporation*, comes a chilling look at the widespread manipulation and exploitation of children by profit-seeking corporations—and of society's failure to protect them. *Childhood Under Siege* (Free Press, 2011) is a book every modern parent needs to read.

**Joel Bakan** is a professor of law at UBC and an internationally recognized award-winning scholar, with law degrees from Oxford, Dalhousie and Harvard. Bakan's book *The Corporation* was made into an award winning documentary, for which he co-wrote the screenplay.

8:00-10:00pm

BOOK LAUNCH & RECEPTION

## *The Hidden and the Revealed: The Queen Esther Mosaics of Lilian Broca*

**Lilian Broca, Sheila Campbell,  
Linda Coe, Yosef Wosk**

FREE

*'Seven years in the making, The Esther Mosaics contribute to the vital historic task of what the biblical scholar Naomi Graetz called for in S/He Created Them: Feminist Retelling of Biblical Tales: ". . . to put women voices back where they should have been in the first place.'*" - Judy Chicago

Lavishly illustrated, *The Hidden and the Revealed: The Queen Esther Mosaics* (Gefen Publishing House, 2011) captures the shimmering brilliance of artist **Lilian Broca's** monumental *Queen Esther Mosaic Series*. Created in classical Byzantine style but with contemporary sensibility, Broca's mosaics give life to the complex personality of Esther who rose from shy obscurity to become her people's saviour.

Archaeologist, art historian, and curator **Sheila**

**Campbell** has published widely on ancient and contemporary mosaics and Byzantine art. A Professor Emerita at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, Campbell has curated many exhibitions, including a showcase of the Scuola di Mosaici (Friuli, Italy) at the Royal Ontario Museum.

**Linda Coe** (book designer) is a graduate of the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr University). She has worked as a professional graphic designer for over thirty years and has taught design courses at Emily Carr University, the UBC, and at various workshops. Coe is a former President, a longtime Charter member, and a Fellow of the Society of Graphic Designers of Canada, BC Chapter.

Scholar, rabbi and SFU professor, **Yosef Wosk**, took inspiration from Broca's mosaics to create a lyrical prose-poem in the voice of Esther, that is so striking and unique, the work must be read for itself to be fully appreciated. The prose is accompanied by scholarly notes illuminating Wosk's extensive investigation of biblical, rabbinical, comparative religious and mythological aspects of the Esther story.

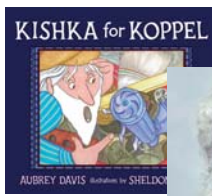


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10:00-11:00am

CHILDREN'S EVENT Gr K-1

**Aubrey Davis / *Kishka for Koppel***

FREE Grades K-1

**Aubrey Davis** is an award-winning Canadian author and storyteller who has brought delight to countless young readers. With roots in centuries-old folk tales, his *Bone Button Borscht*, *The Enormous Potato* and his new book, *Kishka for Koppel* (Orca Book Publishers,

2011) have kept the timeless stories alive and relevant for new generations.

Presenting partner: Vancouver Talmud Torah



11:45am-1:15pm

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

**The Evolution of Jewish Storytelling / Shoshana Litman**

\$7/9 including lunch

Tickets via telephone or in person only

Tel: 604-257-5111

We all know that the Jews are a storytelling people. Learn more with celebrated storyteller, **Shoshana Litman**, who takes the audience on a dramatic journey of stories and songs spanning the ages. Litman's

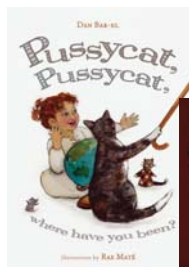
material, drawn from Jewish and personal sources, is engaging, connecting with and drawing from her audience.

Shoshana Litman is a featured storyteller at Tall Tales Books, the Victoria Public Library and the Victoria Storytellers Guild. In May 2012, she will perform at Quebec's TD Canadian Children's Book Tour. Litman is an ordained traditional Jewish storyteller, a *Maggidah*.



*The Festival would like to thank Evan and Mordy for the beautiful flowers.*

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1:45-2:45pm

CHILDREN'S EVENT Gr 1-2

## Dan Bar-el, Rae Maté / *Pussycat Pussycat, Where have you Been?*

FREE

In the classic nursery rhyme Pussycat travels to London to visit the Queen. But where else did Pussycat go? The vivid poems and illustrations of *Pussycat, Pussycat, Where have you Been?* (Simply Read Books, 2011) reveal the rest of Pussycat's adventures, from France to Egypt, and more.

**Dan Bar-el** is a children's author, educator and storyteller. His work includes the Silver Birch Express award winning *Things are Looking Grimm, Jill*, picture books *Alphabetter* and *Such a Prince*.



**Rae Maté's** illustrations for this magical tale of adventure are inspired by her experience as a mother of three children, her years of teaching art to preschoolers and the colorful personalities of her own tortoiseshell cats. Her first two books are *Crocodiles Say...and Crocodiles Play!*

**Presenting partners:**

**Vancouver Talmud Torah, National Council of Jewish Women**



6:30-7:30pm

## Daniel Kalla / *The Far Side of the Sky*

\$14

International bestselling author **Daniel Kalla** presents his seventh book, *The Far Side of the Sky* (Harper-Collins, 2011) a compelling wartime saga focusing on a short but extraordinary period of Chinese, Japanese and Jewish Second World War history. Set in exotic

1940s Shanghai, interweaving fictional characters and historic facts, the story is told through the eyes of a young woman trapped in a clash of ethnicities and a Jewish physician who searches for refuge in an exotic land.

Daniel Kalla is an ER doctor at an urban hospital in Vancouver. His books have been translated into eleven languages and two have been optioned for film.

**Presenting partners: TAG, National Council of Jewish Women**



# monday nov 28



7:00-8:00pm

AN EVENING OF POETRY AND MUSIC

## Andrej Karšai, Janet Lee & friends / *Random Convergences*

\$14

Poet, Andrej Karšai and artist, Janet Lee collaborate with musicians Lei Hui Hua (cello) and David Yeung (guitar) for a special program of poetry and music. Andrej and Janet will read selected poems from *Random Convergences*, as the musicians underlay the reading with classic compositions.

Born to Jewish parents, **Andrej Karšai** grew up in Czechoslovakia after he and his sister were rescued by a Christian family in 1944. Andrej immigrated to Canada in 1968 speaking no English. Since then he has honed his language skills, culminating in the publication of *Random Convergences*.

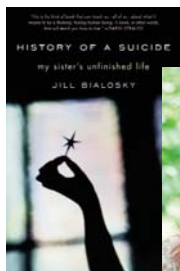
**Janet Lee**, who was born and raised in Vancouver, is an artist specializing in both digital and traditional collage. Janet's parents immigrated from Shanghai in 1948 with \$200 in their pockets.



**Lei Hui Hua** was born in Japan and grew up in Beijing, studying music from a young age. She was the Director of the Beijing Philharmonic Orchestra before immigrating to Canada in 1990. Hui Hua is now a music teacher in Burnaby.

**David Yeung** was born in China and immigrated to Vancouver in 1973. Yeung is a talented painter, musician and composer, who also enjoys guitar making. He has been a music teacher since 2000.





8:00-9:30pm

PANEL DISCUSSION

## Moving from Grief to Action – how can we reduce the risk of suicide?

\$14

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**WRITER:** Jill Bialosky / *History of a Suicide: My Sister's Unfinished Life*

**MODERATOR:** Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan

**PANELISTS:**

**Dammy Damstrom Albach**, (MSW, MA), Director of Vancouver Coastal Health's Suicide Attempt Follow-up, Education, Research counselling service(SAFER) and President of the BC Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Initiative

**Gary Lazar**, M. D. F.R.C.P. (C) Attending psychiatrist BC Children's Hospital, UBC Faculty of Medicine, private practice psychiatrist

**Alan Stamp**, Director of Counseling (JFSA)

***Learning about suicide prevention is the first step in helping the person you care about to get help.***

Suicide is a major, often hidden, public health concern in Canada, and suicide prevention is everyone's business. By raising our awareness of this complex and emotive issue, we can all learn to reduce the risk. Opening this first community conversation about suicide awareness and prevention is the award-winning writer and poet, Jill Bialosky, who will present from her bestselling memoir, *History of a Suicide: My Sister's Unfinished Life* – a personal account from a suicide survivor.

A panel discussion will follow of professionals specializing in the appropriate fields, moderated by Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan. The panel will address issues including how to recognize warning signs, ways to support the individual and their family, how to access the appropriate services, information and ongoing coping strategies.

**Presenting partners:**

**Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver,  
Jewish Family Services Agency**





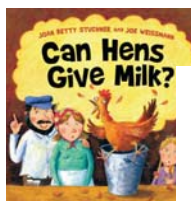


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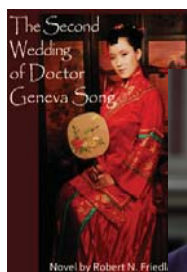
CHILDREN'S EVENT Gr 2-3

**Joan Stuchner/Can Hens Give Milk?**

FREE

*Can Hens Give Milk?* (Orca Book Publishers, 2011) is Joan Betty Stuchner's sixth book for young readers. When not writing, Joan works in a library, teaches, and acts in a community theatre. Joan assures her readers that no hens were harmed in the writing of this story!

Presenting partner: Vancouver Talmud Torah



7:00-8:00pm

BOOK LAUNCH & RECEPTION

**Robert Friedland / The Second Wedding of Doctor Geneva Song**

FREE

Doctor Geneva Song's Chinese wedding ceremony is traditional, but she marries outside of her race and culture. This ancient ritual sets in motion a fateful journey from the light to the dark for Geneva, her Spirit Sister, and the men who love them.

*"The Second Wedding of Doctor Geneva Song" (Libros Libertad, 2011) is like a fine red wine: complex, surprising, satisfying, leaving you wanting for more. Friedland's prose is quietly poetic and his narrative voice subtle and hypnotic...'*

– Reed Farrel Coleman, Shamus Award-winning author.

Robert Friedland's writing has been published in Canada and internationally in the US, England, and Japan. This is his second book. When not writing, Friedland practices human rights law in Vancouver, BC. He is a widely published commentator on the international, Canadian and British Columbian political scene.

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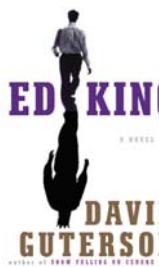


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8:00-10:00pm

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David Guterson / *Snow Falling on Cedars*; *Ed King*

Host: CBC's Sheryl MacKay

\$14 includes nibblies

*'How would a modern man go about killing his father and marrying his mother, just like Sophocles' Oedipus? Guterson's vivid recreation . . . is a study in outsized avarice and arrogance. Exuberantly rambunctious, Guterson's bold pondering of the Greek classic is a fiendishly tantalizing romp.'* – Booklist

*'A snarky comedy skewering contemporary values'* – Publisher's Weekly

Beloved storyteller David Guterson—author of the acclaimed novels *Snow Falling on Cedars* and *The Other*—is back. His new novel *Ed King* (Random House, 2011) is a sizzling, darkly funny, and propulsive novel—a sweeping story of destiny, desire, and destruction written as a modern-day retelling of Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*.

Just imagine a group of book lovers, sitting together with the writer, hearing the story behind the story over a glass of wine and some nibblies. We provide the venue, the author and the nosh. You read either *Ed King*, *Snow Falling on Cedars* or any of Guterson's books, and let the discussion begin! Come solo, with a friend, or the whole club – this event is sure to spice up your literary season.

**If your book club registers in advance, we'll arrange group seating.** Contact Nicole Nozick to reserve a table (604) 638-7278/nicole@jccgv.bc.ca.

**You can order *Ed King* directly from the Jewish Book Festival** at a discounted price by calling (604) 257-5111. Pick up at the JCC from Mon Oct 17, 2011.

**David Guterson** is best known as the author of *Snow Falling on Cedars*, recipient of the 1995 PEN/Faulkner Award. The novel has sold nearly four million copies and was made into an Oscar-nominated film.

**Sheryl MacKay**, host of CBC's weekend arts show, *North By Northwest*, returns to the Festival to host this popular event.

Presenting partner: National Council of Jewish Women



# wednesday nov 30



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9:45-10:45am

YOUTH EVENT Gr 11-12

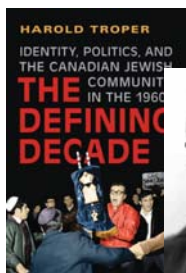
## Daniel Kalla / *The Far Side of the Sky*

FREE

International bestselling author Daniel Kalla presents from his seventh book, *The Far Side of the Sky*, (HarperCollins, 2011) – a compelling wartime saga, set in 1940s Shanghai, focusing on the extraordinary

period of Chinese, Japanese and Jewish Second World War history.

Presenting partner: King David Highschool



6:00-7:45pm

## Harold Troper / *The Defining Decade: Identity, Politics, and the Canadian Jewish Community in the 1960s*

\$14/\$12 (JMABC members)

Canadian Jewish Book award winner, *The Defining Decade* (University of Toronto Press, 2011) is poised to

sit alongside **Harold Troper** and Irving Abella's seminal study *None is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe (1937-1948)* as an indispensable chronicle of the Canadian Jewish experience. In *The Defining Decade*, Troper makes the tumultuous nature of the 1960s accessible to readers by juxtaposing over eighty intimate accounts with telling archival documents. Overall, Troper argues that, even as Canada became more open to Jews, Canadian Jews became more, not less, focused on issues of Jewish identity.

*'... This insightful, well-written, lively work not only tells the story of Canadian Jewry during the 1960s, but it illuminates important changes that were occurring throughout Canadian society...'* - Gil Troy, Professor of History, McGill University

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8:00-9:30pm

MORE THAN WORDS - FOUR  
EXTRAORDINARY CANADIAN WRITERS

**Norman Ravvin, Roberta Rich,  
Stuart Ross, Alexi Zentner**

**Host: Alexander Hart**

\$14

**Norman Ravvin** is a noted Canadian fiction writer, critic and journalist. *The Joyful Child* (Gaspereau Press, 2011) is a soulful story about a father and his four-year-old son and the companionship they develop at home and on the road. Besides writing, Ravvin teaches Canadian Jewish Studies at Concordia University. **'At a certain age, kids arrive and change everything...'**

**Roberta Rich's** debut novel, *The Midwife of Venice* (Doubleday, 2011) charged up the bestseller lists and sold tens of thousands of copies in Canada. This rollicking, fast-paced historical novel is set against the richness and squalor of sixteenth-century Venice and Malta. Rich is a retired Vancouver lawyer who divides her time between Vancouver and Mexico.

**'...a gripping historical page-turner, with suspenseful action and vivid depictions of life in 16th century Venice.'** – The Globe & Mail

**Stuart Ross** spent much of the 1980s on Toronto's Yonge Street wearing signs like "Writer Going To Hell: Buy My Books," selling over 7,000 books of poetry in the process. Ross is a tireless literary activist and a critically acclaimed writer, who is widely published – mostly poetry and short stories. *Snowball, Dragonfly, Jew* (ECW Press, 2011) is his first novel.

**'...moving and funny . . . Unlike other poets-turned-novelists, Ross understands the power of both poetry and clear prose . . . (his) writing compels.'**

—Winnipeg Free Press



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**Alexi Zentner** was recently named one of 12 Canadian Writers to Watch, his debut novel, *Touch* (Random House, 2011) was longlisted for the 2011 Scotiabank Giller Prize. *Touch* is a haunting tale of three generations of love and loss in a town in Northern BC. **'[An] eerie, elegiac debut. . . The rugged wilderness is captured exquisitely, . . . and despite a narrative rife with tragedy, Zentner's elegant prose keeps the story buoyant.'** —Publisher Weekly

# thursday dec 1

9:45-10:45am

YOUTH EVENT Gr 9-10

**Stuart Ross / *Snowball, Dragonfly, Jew***

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**Stuart Ross** is a critically acclaimed and award-winning writer whose poetry and short stories have been widely published. *Snowball, Dragonfly, Jew* (ECW Press, 2011) is his first novel.

Presenting partner: King David Highschool



10:00-11:00am

CHILDREN'S EVENT Gr K-1

**Anne-Marie Asner / *Noshy Boy, Shluffy Girl & more***

FREE

**Anne-Marie Asner** is the author of *Klutzy Boy, Shluffy Girl, Shmutzy Girl, Noshy Boy*, and *Kvetchy Boy*. Written in English, each book is named for a character with a Yiddish word that describes a central attribute of his or her personality. These fun and lively picture books put the joy and color of Yiddish into a form children adore - and will make any *busbe* or *zaide kvell*.

Presenting partner: Vancouver Talmud Torah



2:00-3:00pm

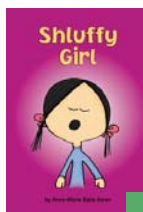
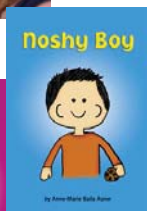
CHILDREN'S EVENT Gr 4-5

**Anne-Marie Asner / *Matzah Ball Books***

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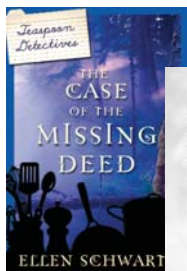
Anne-Marie Asner presents from her popular collection of Matzah Ball Books, engaging students in a lively conversation about story writing and illustrating.

Presenting partner: Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver





# thursday dec 1



2:00-3:00pm

YOUTH EVENT Gr 6-7

## Ellen Schwartz / *The Case of the Missing Deed*

FREE

*'Schwartz....deserves cheers from the stands for her craft.'* — Vancouver Sun

Ellen Schwartz's *The Case of the Missing Deed* (Tundra Books, 2011) is a unique mystery and her sixteenth book of juvenile fiction. Take a dash of colourful character, a pinch of danger and generous scoops of adventure, and you have a terrific culinary mystery for young readers.

Schwartz's books have been nominated for many awards and honours, including the BC Book Prize, the Sydney Taylor Book Award, the Red Cedar Book Award, the Shining Willow Book Award and the Silver Birch Book Award. In addition to writing books, she teaches creative writing classes at Simon Fraser University and Douglas College.

Presenting partner: Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver



3:15-4:00pm

YOUTH EVENTS

## Writing workshops for students

Grades 4-7 - Anne-Marie Asner

Grades 6-7 - Ellen Schwartz

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Two writing workshops led by award-winning juvenile fiction writers, tailor-made for elementary grade students. These hands-on, practical workshops give students the opportunity to spend time with world-class writers and learn firsthand about the writing process.

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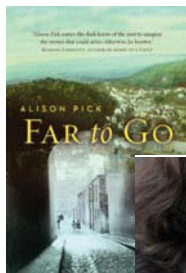
7:00-8:00pm

HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED

**Alison Pick / *Far To Go***

**Keith Morgan / *Ruta's Closet***

\$14



*Far To Go* - **'...very deftly structured and the storytelling is seamless... "Far To Go" appears poised to gain a wide and significant readership, and deservedly so.'** - The Globe and Mail

Man Booker Prize nominee, Canadian Jewish Book Award winner, **Alison Pick's** *Far To Go* (House of Anansi, 2011) is a layered, moving, and suspenseful story by one of Canada's rising literary stars. Recently optioned for film, *Far To Go* was inspired by the harrowing five-year journey Pick's own grandparents embarked on from their native Czechoslovakia to Canada during the Second World War. Pick has published two volumes of poetry and one previous novel, *The Sweet Edge*, which received rave reviews and was a *Globe & Mail* Top 100 Book.



*Ruta's Closet* - **'One of the finest Holocaust memoirs...even as this book tells a harrowing story, shafts of light – of Jewish courage and Christian righteousness – shine through its pages, instructing and inspiring....'** - The Honourable Sir Martin Gilbert, official biographer of Winston Churchill.

After decades of silence, Vancouver's Ruth Kron Sigal opened up to writer Keith Morgan, sharing with him her story of horror and survival. Ruth recalled her most painful memories, hoping that the lessons they teach will ensure that no child need hide in such a dark place again. Ruth Kron Sigal was born in Lithuania in July 1936. After the Second World War, Ruth moved to Canada with her family. She died in December 2008, shortly after the completion of *Ruta's Closet*.

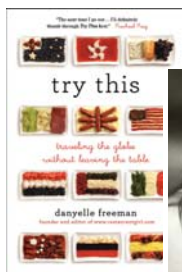
**Keith Morgan** is a veteran journalist and columnist. He is currently the Driving Editor for *The Province* and *The Vancouver Sun*.

Presenting partner: Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre



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# thursday dec 1



8:00pm

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**Danyelle Freeman / *Try This: Traveling the Globe without Leaving the Table***

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With recurring roles as a guest judge on *Top Chef Masters*, and *Iron Chef America*, **Danyelle Freeman** is a New-York based foodie writer. She is also a Harvard grad, food blogger, a former food critic for the NY Daily News and runs the popular website Restaurant Girl. Freeman's *Try This* (HarperCollins, 2011) is a lively, charming, and witty guide to the ever growing array of answers to the question: "What should we eat tonight?" From Banh Mi to Bocadoillos, Spotted Dick to Soup Dumplings, Meze to Ma Po Tofu, *Try This* travels the restaurant globe as it demystifies unfamiliar foods in sparkling prose that will leave stomachs growling. Convivial, encouraging, and hip, *Try This* is the essential companion for anybody who loves food, but wants to break out of a restaurant rut.

**'Life is one long feast. Devour it.'** – Danyelle Freeman

Freeman wears a host of foodie related hats including guest appearances on the Food Network's *Heavyweights*, *Alex's Day Off*, *Unique Eats* as well as a judge on *Throwdown with Bobby Flay*.

**'..An innovative guide that tickles the taste buds and proves that you don't have to travel abroad to experience international gastronomy.'** —Kirkus Reviews

**'Danyelle Freeman has done it—TRY THIS is a gastronomical glossary full of attitude and humor.'** —Bobby Flay

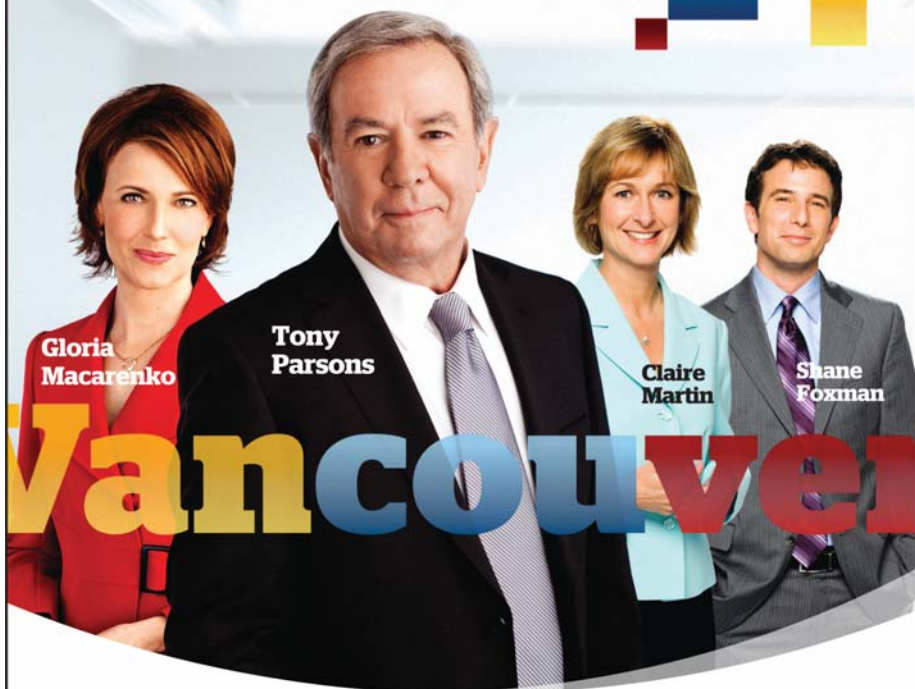
**'a modern tool kit for today's foodie'** —Scott Conant, chef-owner of Scarpetta Restaurants



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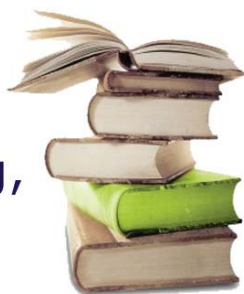


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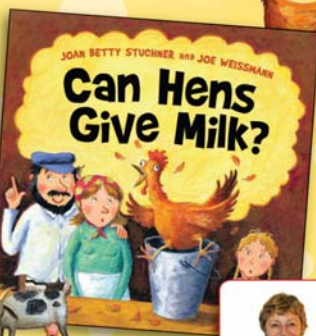
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Cherie Smith founded the Jewish Book Festival in Vancouver in 1984. She passed away in July 1999. Cherie served as the Festival's chairperson, literary inspiration and tireless worker for many years. Her lifelong love of books was evident in her career as an editor, publisher and author of her own family history, *Mendel's Children: A Family Chronicle*. Cherie's legacy lives on through the thousands of people who flock to the Festival each year.

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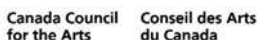
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