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2008 PEOPLE OF THE BOOK FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — The Booklover's Luncheon with Rabbi Sherre Hirsch- "We Plan and God Laughs 12 Noon - \$30- *Co-sponsored by the Linda Zoller Memorial Fund of the Jewish Endowment Foundation.*

At every stage of life we make plans, setting out where we want to go and imagining what we will be like when we have "arrived. But things have a way of turning out not quite as we hoped or expected. Rabbi Hirsch teaches the importance of letting go and recognizing that even the most ordinary life is extraordinary, that with hope, faith, and belief, we can change our lives for the better and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — David Andelman – "A Shattered Peace: Versailles, 1919 To Today"- 7 PM - Patron Event - \$75/\$100- 8 PM General Public- \$10

In the wake of the First World War, leaders of the Western powers — Britain, France, Italy, and America — assembled in Paris to redraw the maps of the world. From the ruins of the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman empires, they combined Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia; they invented Iraq and Jordan. They ignored Indochina. They knew little about the religions, ethnic loyalties, and national aspirations of the people affected by their decisions. Had they devoted a tenth the mental energy to understanding these issues that they did to their vigorous carnal exertions, argues **David A. Andelman**, "the world today would be a safer place.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — Roger Bennett presents, "Camp Camp – Where Fantasy Island Meets Lord of the Flies- 4 pm - \$10 /Family- *Co-sponsored by URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp*

The CAMP CAMP Project is a national photographic exhibit and accompanying book piecing together camp photographs from the seventies, eighties, and nineties to create an American story of who we are and how we got to be this way. As he did in "Bar Mitzvah Disco", Roger Bennett has once again taken on a wonderful mystery tour of Jewish summer camps and how Jewish summer camp is transformative, how the relationships we form and the experiences we had shaped who we became. Great pictures and great stories! *Younger children can enjoy camp arts and crafts during the book presentation. Camp canteen featuring "bug juice" (Kool Aid) and ice cream bar follows presentation.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – Bagels and Books – Featuring Lily Koppel, author of "The Red Leather Diary" 10: 30 AM . What happens when a young, curious New York Times reporter finds someone's diary in a dumpster - a diary of a young Jewish girl in the 1930's? Compelled by what she reads in the diary's pages, Koppel sets out to find the diary's owner, her only clue the inscription on the frontispiece—"This book belongs to . . . *Florence Wolfson?* Find out what happens when Ms. Koppel finds Ms. Wolfson.- \$10, including bagels

WEDNESDAY , NOVEMBER 19– Nursery School Nosh – 9 AM – 12 PM - Preschool book browsing event with kids and their parents – including a nosh!

AND Pizza And Pages – 3 PM – 6 PM – Books And Noshes for school age kids.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – Scott Lasensky , Senior Researcher at the U.S Institute of Peace*, presents:"Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace: American Leadership In The Middle East- *Co-sponsored by the Jewish Studies Department of Tulane University.* Co authored with Daniel Kurtzner, former Ambassador to Egypt and Israel, Lasensky's new book, has been called a "tour de force" and a must-read for "today's leadership (and tomorrow's)". Their work focuses on issues relating to the Middle East and U.S. foreign policy toward the region. The study, designed as a guidebook for future American negotiators, offers both an insider's account and a critical assessment of American involvement in the Arab-Israeli peace process.

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