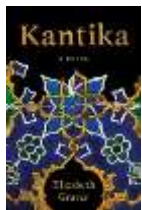


NORTH SUBURBAN SYNAGOGUE BETH EL **SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND BOOK CLUB 2023-2024**



Kantika by Elizabeth Graver

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 12:30 PM

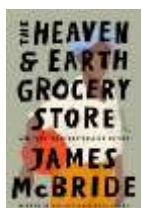
A dazzling Sephardic multigenerational saga that moves from Istanbul to Barcelona, Havana, and New York, exploring displacement, endurance, and family as home. **Meet the Author in-person on Sunday, October 22 at 10:30 am at the Chicago Loop Synagogue and at 2:30 pm at Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard.**



Swimming with Ghosts by Michelle Brafman

MEET THE AUTHOR: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 12:30 PM

From the acclaimed author of *Washing the Dead* and *Bertrand Court* comes a satirical and chilling tale that captures the ethos and ruin of children's competitive swimming, where parents must face the haunting spirits of their own tumultuous upbringings or risk losing their way and—in turn—themselves.



The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 12:30 PM

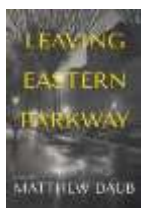
When a skeleton is unearthed in the small, close-knit community of Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1972, an unforgettable cast of characters—living on the margins of white, Christian America—closely guard a secret, especially when the truth is revealed about what happened and the part the town's white establishment played in it.



White Bird by R.J. Palacio

FAMILY BOOK CLUB: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 12:00 PM

Sara Blum lives an idyllic life with her adoring parents in Vichy France. But her world comes crashing down when the Nazi occupation separates the family and forces the young Jewish girl into hiding. R.J. Palacio will join us on Zoom! **For 3rd-7th graders and adult readers of all ages.**

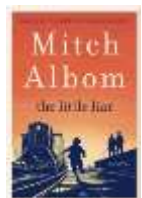


Leaving Eastern Parkway by Matthew Daub

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 12:30 PM

MEET THE AUTHOR ON ZOOM: THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 8:00 PM

Suddenly orphaned, 15-year-old Zev Altshul, desperate to escape Brooklyn's Hasidic community, sets course across the U.S., where he finds himself in Urbana, Illinois playing handball to support himself.



The Little Liar by Mitch Albom

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 12:30 PM

A trustworthy boy who has never told a lie, 11-year-old Nico Krispis, duped by a German officer into leading his family and fellow Jewish residents to their doom, becomes a pathological liar, in a story that explores honesty, devotion and revenge—and the power of love to ultimately redeem us.

The Book Club will conclude on **June 1, 2024**. Book selection TBA.

Participants are encouraged to make a minimum annual donation of \$54 to the [Torah Fund Campaign](#).

Copies of the books are available in the Gray Cultural & Learning Center and from public libraries and local & online booksellers. Questions? Contact Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning, at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847/926-7902.

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