



SHABBAT BOOK DISCUSSIONS AND POTLUCK LUNCHES

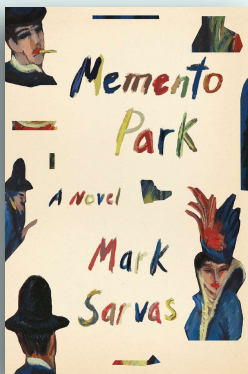
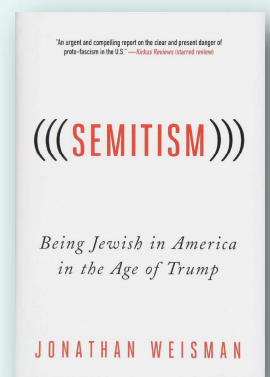
Saturday afternoons, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. in the Library

Start reading now so that you can join us for lively book discussions; there is no cost and all are welcome. Please bring a non-meat item to share.

February 2: (((Semitism))) : *Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump* by Jonathan Weisman

Facilitated by Adam Kaiserman

After his role as a New York Times editor gave him visibility in the last presidential election campaign, Jonathan Weisman found himself the focus of thousands of virulent anti-Semitic attacks on Twitter. He was among 2,000 Jewish journalists subjected to such attacks - over a 12-month period, these journalists received 2.6 million hate-mail messages! *(((Semitism)))* is smart, timely journalism that places the current chapter of American political life in a larger context and makes some extremely astute observations about what's going on. A book as readable as it is relevant.



April 13: *Memento Park: A Novel* by Mark Sarvas

Facilitated by Deborah Pollack

Set in Los Angeles, New York, and Budapest, this novel begins with an unexpected call from the Australian consulate through which protagonist Matt Santos learns of a valuable painting believed to have been looted from his family during WWII. To recover it, he must repair his strained relationship with his father, unearth his family history, and restore his connection to his own Judaism.

June 15: *The Patriots: A Novel* by Sana Krasikov

Facilitated by Annette Halpern

This gripping novel explores the life of a woman who leaves Brooklyn in the 1930s to help build the worker's paradise of the Soviet Union, only to find herself trapped in Stalin's horrifying world. Through the history of one family moving back and forth between continents over three generations, *The Patriots* reveals the untold story of Americans abandoned by their country and the secret history of two rival nations colluding under the cover of enmity. It is both a grand, old-fashioned epic and a contemporary novel of ideas that explores the power of love, the rewards and risks of friendship, and the secrets parents and children keep from one another.

