

## Temple Israel Book Club

*The Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 7:30 PM AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

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Our best plans are often thwarted by nature. Such is the case with the discussion of *The Septembers of Shiraz*, originally scheduled for this past January, but postponed due to a snowstorm.

Set in the aftermath of the Iranian revolution, Sofer's novel has even more relevance following the Iranian election fiasco.

The story follows a prosperous Jewish family, including Isaac, a rare-gem dealer wrongly accused of being a spy, his terrified wife, daughter who is trying to stop the wave of baseless arrests, and son who had been sent to live in an orthodox Jewish community in

New York before the rise of the Ayatollahs.

The book has earned high praise from reviewers, who have called it "a page turning literary debut, simmering with questions of identity, alienation, and love ... Sofer writes beautifully, whether she's describing an old man's 'wrinkled voice' or Shirin's irritation at wearing a head scarf."

Without revealing the plot, please note that the ending of *The Septembers of Shiraz* is more hopeful than our recent selection, *The Ministry of Special Cases*. Discussion questions will lead to a stimulating evening. As an exam-

ple, the quote, "It's ridiculous, at my age to dream of starting over. But the promise of milk and honey keeps us going, doesn't it?"

Copies of the book are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library, the public library and at local book stores or on line for under \$15.

Temple Israel Book Club meetings are open to the entire community, even those who haven't read the book. Drop-ins are welcome. For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362/levyollie@aol.com or Sandra Hirschman at 704-867-7051. ☆

## L'Chaim: Temple Israel's 20s-30s Club

The "Meat and Greet" was our kick-off event on June 7. We had more than 35 people in attendance. We enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, wings, salami sliders and

lots of other great cook out treats. Attendees enjoyed catching up with old friends and meeting new people.

Please check out L'Chaim Group on Facebook for more upcoming events.

For more information, please contact Adina Loewensteiner [adinaloew@yahoo.com](mailto:adinaloew@yahoo.com) or [Lchaimgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Lchaimgroup@gmail.com). ☆



Seated: Barbara Kosowsky and Sari Rosenberger. Standing: Jenn Migdol and Lisa Shapiro.



Marcie Lebowitz (holding baby Thomas), Michael and Lauren Fermaglich.

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