

Temple Israel Book Club

Rashi's Daughters, Book I: Joheved: A Novel of Love and Talmud in Medieval France By Maggie Anton

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 7:30, TEMPLE ISRAEL

With renowned author Maggie Anton speaking at Temple Israel's Sisterhood Shabbat Service on Saturday, January 21, the Temple Israel book club's reading and discussion of the first of her trilogy on *Rashi's Daughters* is an exciting necessity.

The author explains, "*Rashi's Daughters* is the story of the three daughters of the great Talmudic authority Salomon Ben Isaac,

a.k.a. Rashi, who lived in 11th century Troyes, France and had no sons. At a time when most women were illiterate and the rare educated woman was one who could read the Bible, Rashi's daughters studied Talmud. They were also vintners, merchants, and mothers of the next generation of Talmudic scholars. I wrote this book because I wanted to share my research ... into Jewish women's

lives in medieval France, how the prosperity and tolerance they enjoyed differed from the negative stereotypes usually associated with the Middle Ages. In addition, I wished to encourage women to study Talmud, the foundation of Jewish Law that, until very recently, women have been unable to access. I hoped to share the excitement and pleasure Talmud study can engender."

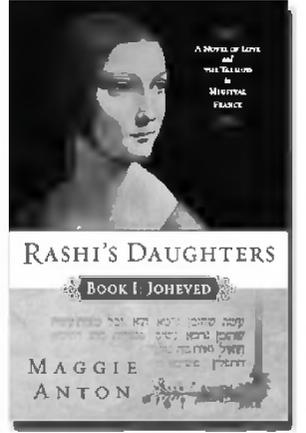
One of the many reviewers who praised *Rashi's Daughters* said, "... This book is a must-read for Jewish woman and others seeking to better understand women's religious lives."

Read *Joheved*, the first of Maggie Anton's trilogy, participate in the Temple Israel book club meeting on January 18, attend Sisterhood Shabbat Service on 21 to hear and meet Maggie Anton. You will be greatly rewarded by these enriching experiences and most likely will be

motivated to read books II (*Miriam*) and III (*Rachel*).

Copies of *Rashi's Daughters: Joheved* are available at the public library, the Levine-Sklut Jewish Library, at book stores and on-line for under \$15.

The January 18 discussion is open to all members of the community, including "drop-ins" and those who haven't read the book. For additional information contact



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Community News

Eighteen Ways You Can Contribute to Our Charlotte Jewish Community

By Phil Warshauer, executive director, Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community

1. A gift of cash.
2. A gift of appreciated securities. It is an effective way to offset potential capital gain taxes.
3. A gift of cash into an income producing trust. You can receive a fixed or fluctuating rate of payment throughout your lifetime. At your death the remaining funds can support your favorite Jewish organizations.
4. A gift of real estate.
5. A gift of real estate into an income producing trust. A non-income producing asset, like real estate, can be converted into an income arrangement that suits your specific needs. In addition to providing lifetime income, at your death the remaining funds can support your favorite Jewish organization.
6. A gift of a personal residence. You can transfer ownership of your personal residence while retaining the enjoyment of the property during your lifetime. You can receive a current income tax deduction and continue to use the property during your lifetime.
7. A new life insurance policy. Through modest annual premium payments you can create a significant charitable gift.
8. A gift of an existing life insurance policy. Do you own older insurance policies that you no longer need? You can receive an income tax during your lifetime and leave the death benefit to support your favorite Jewish organization.
9. Change the designated beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy. The flexibility of life insurance policies allows the owner to provide for different beneficiaries. You can name both your family and your favorite Jewish organization as beneficiaries on the same policy.
10. A current gift of trust income. Create a trust that provides annual payments to your favorite Jewish organization.

After a period of years the remaining assets will be available for distribution to your heirs.

11. A bequest. Including the Jewish community in your will is one of the easiest ways to make a deferred gift.
 12. Include the Jewish community as a designated beneficiary of an IRA or retirement plan.
 13. Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity program. You receive a fixed annual annuity for the rest of your life based on your age. You also receive an income tax deduction and part of your income will be tax-free for the duration of your life expectancy.
 14. Become a member in the Book of Life Society. There are 89 individuals/families who have established a legacy gift to benefit our Jewish community. Join them by making a deferred gift commitment and inspire others to support the future of our Jewish community.
 15. Volunteer-Giving of your time can assist our community in many ways. Identify your interests and match them with the needs of our community.
 16. Be an advocate and share your enthusiasm with your friends. If you're excited about our Jewish community you can inspire others.
 17. Learn about the current and future needs of the Charlotte Jewish community. Talk to our rabbis, executive directors and board members to learn about the financial, physical, or programmatic needs of your favorite organization.
 18. Become involved - It takes all of us to sustain the future of our Charlotte Jewish community.
- For more information on how you can contribute to our Charlotte Jewish community please contact Phil Warshauer, Executive Director, Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community at 704-973-4544 or pwarshauer@charlottejewishfoundation.org. ☆

