

Sue's Book Shelf

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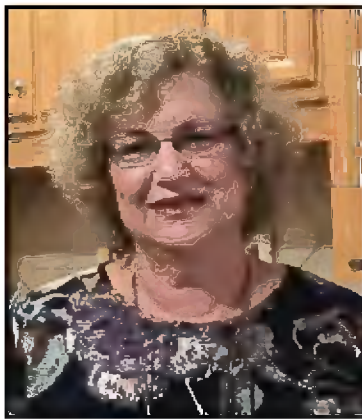
On the Same Page: Chapter 2 - Promised Land by Martin Fletcher

We'll be in for a real treat on Sunday, March 24 when Martin Fletcher joins the Center for Jewish Education to speak about his new book *Promised Land: A Novel of Israel*. The accolades go on and on about the author and his new book, the first in a planned trilogy, and the hype is spot on for this well written, riveting book of historical fiction.

"Martin Fletcher, who headed up NBC TV's Tel Aviv News Bureau, knows his territory and it shows on every page. *Promised Land* is a great sweeping epic,

reminiscent of Leon Uris' *Exodus*; a moving story of triumph and tragedy, new love and historic hate, expertly told by a cast of unforgettable characters. Fletcher's writing is superb and rises to the level of importance that this story demands and deserves. Historical novels don't get much better than *Promised Land*." -Nelson DeMille, #1 New York Times bestselling author

Promised Land is the sweeping saga of two brothers and the woman they love, a devastating love triangle set against the tu-



multuous founding of Israel. The story begins when fourteen-year-old Peter is sent west to America to escape the growing horror of Nazi Germany. But his younger brother Arie and their entire family are sent east to the death camps. The brothers reunite in the nascent Jewish state, where Arie becomes a businessman and one of the richest men in Israel while



Peter becomes a top Mossad agent heading some of Israel's most vital espionage operations. One brother builds Israel, the other protects it. But they also fall in love with the same woman. Over the next two decades, as their new homeland faces extraordinary obstacles that could destroy it, the brothers' intrigues and jealousies threaten to tear their new lives apart. *Promised Land* is at once the gripping tale of a struggling family and an epic about a struggling nation. (Amazon)

A Wonderful Opportunity for Your Book Club....

Promised Land offers book clubs the opportunity for lively discussions based on the complex

issues raised in the book. Visit www.jewishcharlotte.org/CJE to download the discussion questions to enhance your reading experience.

Mark your calendars today, and come as a group to the March 24 event to be held in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park. There is no charge for this event and everyone is welcome to join us.

Additionally, the CJE Book Club will discuss *Promised Land* at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 10:30 AM. For more information, contact sueb.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆

Check out what's happening this month at the CJE ?

CJE CALENDAR: MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Center for Jewish Education (CJE) enhances community engagement, promotes lifelong Jewish learning, and creates pathways to Jewish identity. LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; and Sunday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm					¹ PJ Library Baby Storytime 11:00 AM Levine-Sklut Judaic Library
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PJ Our Way, The Next Chapter of PJ Library Welcomes a National Leadership Team Member from Charlotte

Ben Spiegler, 10, has been chosen by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, to join the new national PJ Our Way Leadership Team.

As part of a Harold Grinspoon Foundation initiative to create kid-driven local programming for tweens, Ben and nine other team members from across America will participate in monthly leadership trainings, explore what interests excite them, and learn how to translate their enthusiasm into action.

The six-month program gives team members opportunities to



Ben Spiegler

form friendships with kids from a variety of different Jewish communities. During this time together, they will learn skills such as visioning, goal setting, marketing and program planning. Team Leadership kids will also be paired up with local PJ Library professionals to achieve a goal of creating a program that can be used as a model for tween engagement. "Charlotte is so proud to be selected as one of only ten communities across the USA to be part of the PJ Our Way national leadership team initiative," says Debby Block, program coordinator for the Center for Jewish Education. "A big mazel tov to Ben Spiegler who is our PJ Our Way tween leader representative."

"I am excited to join the team so that I can help bring new PJOW programming to kids my age," says Ben. "I like hearing what other cities are planning and hope that we can plan something fun here in Charlotte." Ben's mother, Karen Spiegler, adds, "I am excited that Ben wanted to join the PJOW Leadership Team

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Adult Learning ON THE SAME PAGE: CHAPTER II

March 24, 2019 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Featuring MARTIN FLETCHER

Author of PROMISED LAND: A NOVEL OF ISRAEL

Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts

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