

Speizman Jewish Library

Temple Israel Book Club

Rabbi Small Mystery Will Be Discussed

By Linda Levy

The Day the Rabbi Resigned: A Rabbi Small Mystery is the Temple Israel Book Club Selection for Monday, March 24 at the 7:45 pm meeting. March is "The Mystery Month" at the Temple Israel Book Club! One of the last books written by the late Harry Kemelman, *The Day the Rabbi Resigned* follows Rabbi Small, "the Jewish Sherlock Holmes," into the academic world. A local college professor is the victim of a drunk-driving accident, but did he die at the scene or was "foul play" involved in the demise of this professor, infamous both for his ambition and his extracurricular activities?

Readers will surely enjoy this "deft, very smooth and wonderfully sly" murder mystery, and the discussion at the March 24 book club meeting is bound to be entertaining! *The Day the Rabbi Resigned* is available from local book stores for less than \$6 and from the public and Speizman libraries.

Temple Israel's book club meetings are open to all members of the Jewish community. "Drop-ins" are invited. For additional information call Linda Levy (h) 366-6362 or (w) 598-7657 or Micki Schiffman 364-0041. "Who done it?" Attend the March 24 book club meeting and find out! ☆

Kosher Recipes

The Great Chefs of America Cook Kosher is a collection of favorite dishes from America's finest chefs. All ingredients are

readily available. It is published by R. C. Aulette and Company, Inc. in New York, phone (212) 355-0400.

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By Amalia Warshenbrot, Librarian

This article is based on a survey of the most checked out books in the Speizman Jewish Library.

If you want a book for pleasure reading, we have a collection for adults and children. The books are either written by Jewish best-selling authors like Faye Kellerman, Naomi Ragan or S.I. Agnon or are books of Jewish content like Stephan Birmingham's books. Our children's book collection offers well-illustrated and well-written stories about Jewish people around the world.

If you need reference material, we are open to the entire community, Jewish and others. We offer material on our tradition, the Holocaust, Israeli holidays and Jewish history. Most of these resources are unavailable in the Charlotte libraries and book stores.

If you need a cookbook, our collection offers cookbooks which include kosher cooking ideas as well as traditional foods for our holidays. We are especially pleased to have Penny Eisenberg's book of Passover desserts. We have books which also explain the dietary laws, such as *Why Kosher*. We also have vegetarian and low-fat cookbooks.

When you plan a life cycle celebration from brith, bar mitzvah or wedding, we help with books explaining our traditions and

planning ideas. A Bar Mitzvah child will enjoy our books which will help with writing a Dvar Torah and ideas for the parent are included, too. Mourners will find guides which walk them through grief and healing. Our collection of newspapers and magazines provides you with the weekly *Jerusalem Post* and *Forward*, as well as periodicals with information on current Jewish issues.

If you are a teacher, please let us know what you plan to teach. We will assist you with ideas — our librarian has many years of teaching experience and has a degree in Jewish education.

The biography section is growing weekly. Juvenile and adult biographies provide information on Jewish men and women whose Jewishness has affected their lives.

Book club coordinators always make sure that the Speizman Jewish Library owns a copy of a book to be discussed.

Travel books help the future tourist by adding a Jewish dimension to a trip overseas or to Israel.

There is a new demand for books on Jewish women's issues and parenting. If we do not own a book that you need, we will be glad to order it for you.

We have received a donation of Yiddish books. Please stop by and browse through our collection.

We are doing our best to expand the collection of Holocaust literature, especially for young adults. We are pleased with the growing interest in this subject.

Many of you are discovering Jewish philosophy and mysticism. We've just received new material on this subject. As a Jewish library, we have traditional study aids and texts such as Bible research books and commentary, the Talmud, and prayer books.

Our dictionaries include not only Hebrew-English material, but also Hebrew names and Yiddish-Russian and prayer book dictionaries.

Young students who plan to go to college will find information on scholarships and Jewish life on campus.

Our books are purchased thanks to donations to specific funds and we acknowledge these donations in our books.

If you wish to enjoy our books or donate to one of the library's funds, please call us or stop by at our regular hours:

Sunday 8:00 to 1:00 pm
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& 2:30 pm to 5:45 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm to 9:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am to 12:15 pm & 2:15 to 5:45 pm

Please do not hesitate to call Amalia at 366-5007 ext. 258. ☆

Holocaust in Latvia Published

Andrew Ezergallis has spent many years gathering the facts about the Holocaust in Latvia. He has complete command of the literature and the trial records and his research took him to many archives. As Raul Hilberg wrote, Ezergallis "could read the Latvian sources with full understanding of all nuances of the language. He is painstakingly objective and he tries to the utmost to be precise." Hilberg pointed out that "the Riga massacres in the late fall of 1941 were, after Odessa and Kiev, the largest in Europe." *The Holocaust in Latvia 1941-1944: The Missing Center* (ISBN 9984-9054-3-8) is the first full study of the Holocaust in Latvia. The book is published in association with The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It can be ordered from publisher and distributor: The Historical Institute of Latvia, 1157 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, phone (607) 273-4364 for \$49.95 plus \$3.00 shipping. Or prepay and send the check; pay only \$49.95 (postage and shipping free).

Terezin Legacy Published

A frail, hand-sewn copy book with brittle pages made a twenty-five year journey from the Czechoslovakian ghetto/concentration camp of Terezin to Manhattan's East Side. Inside the copy book were recipes. Committed to paper by malnourished and starving women, the memoir took the form of a cookbook. Yet it was not a real cookbook, because there was little hope its authors would ever make those dishes again.

Terezin, or as it is called in German, Theresienstadt, was Hitler's Paradise Ghetto, his model camp designed to fool the world into believing the Reich was caring for the Jews. But behind its facade lay a grim and

grisly way station to the death camps of the East, a place where many thousands died, disease ran rampant, the elderly groveled for potato peelings, and the threat of transports loomed over everyone.

Undoubtedly, this compilation of traditional dishes, of "dream" recipes, was a means of recording a gentler past. It also serves as a form of psychological resistance, a means to reinforce identity and combat those who sought to obliterate the authors and their culture. In a sense, then, the recipes bear witness. Also included are poems and letters. *In Memory's Kitchen: A Legacy From the Women of Terezin* is available for Jason Aronson (publisher) for \$25.00. ☆

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We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of books from the ELYSE LANSBERGER WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY of Temple Beth El in Lumberton. On behalf of our children who use the Speizman Jewish Library, we thank Joe, Robyn, Miriam and Sandra for this gift. It is our hope that in spite of the closing of Temple Beth El in Lumberton, the Elyse Lansberger Weinstein Memorial Library will continue to instill knowledge of Judaism in the generation to come.

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