



Speizman Jewish Library



From the Librarian's Desk

By Amalia Warshenbrot, Librarian, Speizman Jewish Library

Mah Nishtana?

So, Mah Nishtana? How is this coming summer different from the past school year? In all of the past months, children were allowed to borrow ONE book for ONE week. This summer children may borrow up to THREE books for THREE

weeks. In the past months the library was opened one night a week and on Sundays. This summer the library will be open four days a week (see hours below). During the past months borrowers were unable to search books on our online catalog. This summer a

part of our collection will be catalogued.

In all of the past months our users had to wait a long time for books that were in high demand. This summer, thanks to many donations, we will be able to purchase more than one copy of popular books. ☆

The Following is a Small Sample of the Recent Additions to Our Book Collection

This will be great reading for the summer.

If you wish to reserve a book, please call 704-944-6763.

The Big Silence; an Abe Lieberman mystery by Stuart M. Kaminsky
The Family Orchard; a novel by Nomi Eve
How I Came into My Inheritance; and other true stories by Dorothy Gallagher
If I Told You Once; a novel by Judy Budnitz
Never Nosh a Matzo Ball; a Ruby,

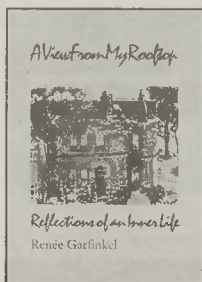
the rabbi's wife, mystery by Sharon Kahn
Portrait of an Artist as an Old Man by Joseph Heller
Ravelstein by Saul Bellow
Setting Fires by Kate Wenner
Six Figures by Fred Leebron
The Spider's Web by Laura E. Williams
Swimming Toward the Ocean; a novel by Carole L. Glickfeld ☆

Recommended Reading for Those Long Summer Days

By Rita Mond

A View from My Rooftop: Reflections of an Inner Life by Renee Garfinkel. BIC Publishing, 525 14th St., #1115, Washington, DC, 184 pp. \$12.95 (paperback).

The author, turning 50, took a one year sabbatical during which she wrote this one year travel journal that takes the reader through her heritage and spiritual inner life. To quote her: "I'm thinking a lot about religion lately. But, then, religion has always been an important tone in my life. Even when I was most distant from it, and most rebellious against it, Judaism pervaded my life. My consciousness is Jewish, just as surely as it is female. Today religion is hot in America, and Christianity and Buddhism seem to be vying for the public soul. The struggle between their messages make for an active backdrop against which to look at my own Judaism."



half-tones, 3 maps. \$12.95.

This is not a book for the squeamish. It is the true story of what happened to the approximately 1,600 Jewish men, women and children who were murdered on July 10, 1941 in the town of Jedwabne, Poland (one half of the town's population) by the very people whom they called their neighbors. Jedwabne's Jews were clubbed, drowned, gutted and burned not by the faceless Nazis but by their former Polish schoolmates, by those who sold them food, bought their milk and were formerly on a friendly basis.

Only seven of the 1,600 managed to escape and live to tell the tale of what happened that summer's eve. After the war, the nearby family who saved them was derided and driven from the area. The single Jew offered mercy by the town declined it.

This is a must for those especially interested in the Holocaust. The publication of this book has already "ruffled a good many feathers" and brought old tensions back to the fore.

About the Author

Jan T. Gross is Professor of Politics and European Studies at New York University. He is the author of, among other books, "Revolution from Abroad: Soviet Conquest of Poland's Western Ukraine and Western Belorussia" and is coeditor of "The Politics of Retribution in Europe: World War II and Its Aftermath."

When I Lived in Modern Times by Linda Grant, Dutton (Penguin Putnam Inc.), 375 Hudson St., New York, NY 10014. 260 pp. \$23.95.

This is the story of Evelyn Sert, who at the age of 20, left her home in London on false papers for Palestine. She first joined a kibbutz and moved to Tel Aviv. There, unfortunately, she finds love with a man who is not what he seems to be. She is swept up as an unwilling spy in an underground army for a nation fighting to be born.

This novel is the story of one woman's discovery of herself, her heritage and the nation that would one day become Israel. It won the prestigious Orange Prize in June 2000, which was established in 1996 to honor novels of excellence, originality and accessibility by women writers.

About the Author

Linda Grant is one of England's leading journalists and writers.

This book is her first work of fiction published in the U.S. She is the author of three previous books, including "The Cast Iron Shore" (winner of the David Higham Prize for best first novel of 1995) and "Remind Me Who I Am, Again," her acclaimed account of her mother's dementia.

Motherland by Fern Schumer Chapman, Penguin Putnam Inc., 375 Hudson St., New York, NY 10014. 208 pp. \$13 (paperback).

This book is subtitled "Beyond the Holocaust: A Mother-Daughter Journey to Reclaim the Past." For years, Fern Schumer Chapman was rankled by an incomplete sense of identity: her mother, Edith Westerfield Schumer, refused to

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Library Summer Hours

Mondays and Thursdays: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Tuesdays: Closed
Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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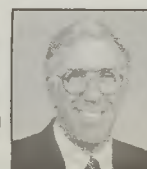
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Neighbors: The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne, Poland by Jan T. Gross, Princeton University Press, 41 William St., Princeton, N.J. 08540. 216 pp., 27