



Shirat HaNefesh Song of the Soul

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Shirat HaNefesh Book Discussions in 2016-2017

Book discussions are on Sunday mornings from 10–11:30 a.m. Come as often as you like. All are welcome. Coffee, bagels and other goodies will be served.

If you have any questions, contact Heidi Coleman at 301-588-1173 or Heidi.L.Coleman@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – Location to come

The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure

A thrilling debut novel in World War II Paris, about a gifted architect who is hired to design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – Location to come

The Coffee Trader: A Novel by David Liss

Miguel Lienzo, a sharp-witted trader in Amsterdam's close-knit community of Portuguese Jews in 1659, suddenly loses everything and attempts a daring plot to regain his wealth by dealing in an astonishing new commodity called "coffee."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 – Location to come

An American Bride in Kabul: A Memoir by Phyllis Chesler

In 1961, renowned feminist, professor, and psychotherapist Chesler was a young, intellectually curious Jewish woman, intent on rebellion and freedom. She envisioned her marriage to a man she met in college, a Westernized Muslim from a wealthy Afghani family, as a romantic adventure filled with travel and intellectual pursuits. However, their visit to Afghanistan quickly turned into a living nightmare, as Chesler became confined to the harem at his luxurious family compound. Chesler blends her personal story with a riveting account of Afghanistan's troubled history, the ongoing Islamic/Islamist terrorism against Muslim civilians and the West, and the continuing struggle and courage of Afghan feminists.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – Location to come

The Dinner Party: A Novel by Brenda Janowitz

Family dynamics are at the heart of Brenda Janowitz's latest novel, *The Dinner Party*, a sometimes poignant, often hilarious look at a Passover Seder. It turns into the social event of the year for the Golds of Greenwich, Connecticut, especially when Sylvia Gold learns that her youngest daughter will be bringing home her latest beau, the only son of the legendary Rothschilds, as well as his parents.

SUNDAY, MAY 21 – Location to come

An Officer and a Spy by Robert Harris

It's 1895, in Paris. Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish army officer, has been convicted of treason and imprisoned on Devil's Island. He has been publicly humiliated, bound in chains and banished to solitary confinement. But was he really a spy for Germany? Or was his fate sealed because he was a Jew in an anti-Semitic time and place? Slowly, the petit bureaucrat Georges Picquart begins to suspect that Dreyfus, portrayed here mostly through heart-wrenching real-life letters he wrote from prison to his beloved family, has been scapegoated. This is a spy thriller and psychological examination of the infamous Dreyfus affair through the perspective of Picquart, the functionary-turned-whistle-blower.