



## About our Group

The Book Club is a welcoming and informal group that meets periodically to discuss books with Jewish themes. You are welcome to join the group for one or all of our meetings.



## 2018–2019 Calendar

- Oct 7 *I Married a Communist,*  
Philip Roth
- Dec 2 *Waking Lions,*  
Ayelet Gundar-Gohen
- Jan 27 *A Tale of Love and  
Darkness,*  
Amos Oz
- Mar 31 *Dora Bruder,*  
Patrick Modiano
- May 12 *Bibi: The Turbulent  
life and times of  
Benjamin Netanyahu,*  
Anshel Pfeffer

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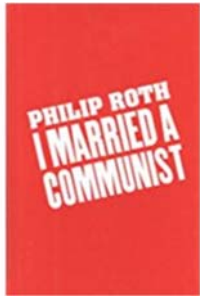


## Temple Shalom Book Club



2018–2019  
Selections &  
Calendar

Oct 7 *I Married a Communist,*  
Philip Roth



An American tragedy as only Philip Roth could write it. Radio actor Iron Rinn (born Ira Ringold) is a big Newark roughneck turned popular performer has married the nation's reigning radio actress. Their marriage evolves

from a glamorous, romantic idyll into a dispiriting soap opera of tears and teacher after she reveals her husband's life of "espionage" for the Soviet Union. Set in the heart of the McCarthy era, the story brings to harrowing life the human drama that was central to the nation's political tribulations in the dark years of betrayal, the blacklist, and naming names.

Dec 2 *Waking Lions,*  
Ayelet Gundar-Gohen



A *New York Times* Notable Book of 2017. Neurosurgeon Eitan Green has the perfect life--married to a beautiful police officer and father of two young boys. Then, speeding along a deserted moonlit road after an exhausting hospital

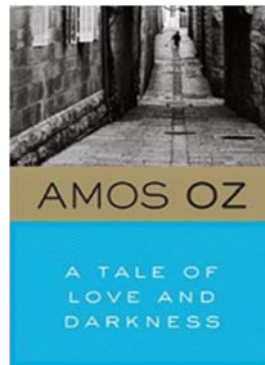
shift, he hits someone. Seeing that the man, an African migrant, is beyond help, he flees the scene. When the victim's widow knocks at Eitan's door the next day, holding his wallet and divulging that she knows what happened, Eitan discovers that her price for silence is not money. It is something else entirely, something

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Annual Religious School

Collaboration

*A Tale of Love and Darkness,*

Amos Oz



Winner of the National Jewish Book Award. A family saga and a magical self-portrait of a writer who witnessed the birth of a nation and lived through its turbulent history. *A Tale of Love and Darkness* is the story of a boy who grows up in war-torn Jerusalem, in a small apartment crowded with books in twelve languages and relatives speaking nearly as many. The story of an adolescent whose life has been changed forever by his mother's suicide. The story of a man who leaves the constraints of his family and community to join a kibbutz, change his name, marry, have children. The story of a writer who becomes an active participant in the political life of his nation.

MOVIE AND DISCUSSION

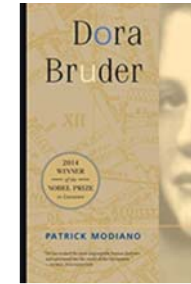
Jan 27 Time TBD

Social Hall



that will shatter Eitan's safe existence and take him into a world of secrets and lies he could never have anticipated.

Mar 31 *Dora Bruder,*  
Patrick Modiano



Novel by the 2014 Nobel Prize winner. A young Jew, Dora Bruder, ran away from her hiding place in a Catholic boarding school on a bitterly cold day in 1941. The author delivers a moving account of his ten-year investigation of Dora's story that took him back to the sights and sounds of Paris under the Nazi Occupation and the paranoia of the Pétain regime.

May 12 *Bibi: The Turbulent life and times of Benjamin Netanyahu,*  
Anshel Pfeffer



A deeply reported biography of the scandal-plagued Israeli Prime Minister, showing that we cannot understand Israel--its history, present, and future--without first understanding the life and worldview of the man who leads it. For many in Israel and elsewhere, he is an embarrassment,

a threat to democracy, even a precursor to Donald Trump. He nevertheless continues to dominate Israeli public life--and he may yet survive his current crises, the most challenging of his career. How can we explain Netanyahu's rise, his hold on Israeli politics, and his outsized role on the world's stage?