



Jewish Family and Children's
Service of Monmouth County

Page Turner Book Club Meets in Freehold Jewish Center 59 Broad St, Freehold at 10AM

Program is FREE

Please call to register (732)774-6886 Ext. 43

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street by Susan Jane Gilman

“In 1913, little Malka Treynovsky flees Russia with her family. Bedazzled by tales of gold and movie stardom, she tricks them into buying tickets for America. Yet no sooner do they land on the squalid Lower East Side of Manhattan, than Malka is crippled and abandoned in the street. Taken in by a tough-loving Italian ices peddler, she manages to survive through cunning and inventiveness. As she learns the secrets of his trade, she begins to shape her own destiny. Lillian’s rise to fame and fortune spans seventy years and is inextricably linked to the course of American history itself, from Prohibition to the disco days of Studio 54. And when her past begins to catch up with her, everything she has spent her life building is at stake.”

Tuesday, April 12

Girl in the Blue Beret by Bobbie Ann Mason

“At twenty-three, Marshall Stone was a confident, cocksure U.S. flyboy stationed in England, with several bombing raids in a B-17 under his belt. But when enemy fighters forced his plane to crash-land in a Belgian field during a mission to Germany, Marshall had to rely solely on the kindness of ordinary Belgian and French citizens to help him hide from and evade the Nazis. Decades later, restless and at the end of his career as an airline pilot, Marshall returns to the crash site and finds himself drawn back in time, unable to stop thinking about the people who risked their lives to save Allied pilots like him. Most of all, he is obsessed by the girl in the blue beret, a courageous young woman who protected and guided him in occupied Paris. Marshall’s search for her gradually unfolds, becoming a voyage of discovery that reveals truths about himself and the people he knew during the war.”

Monday, May 9

Take Me With You by Catherine Ryan Hyde

“August Shroeder, a burned-out teacher, has been sober since his nineteen-year-old son died. Every year he’s spent the summer on the road, but making it to Yellowstone this year means everything. The plan had been to travel there with his son, but now August is making the trip with Philip’s ashes instead. An unexpected twist of fate lands August with two extra passengers for his journey, two half-orphans with nowhere else to go. What none of them could have known was how transformative both the trip – and the bonds that develop between them – would prove, driving each to create a new destiny together.

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Tuesday, June 14

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

“Lydia is dead. But they don’t know this yet...So begins the story about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Her parents are determined that Lydia will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue – in Marilyn’s case that her daughter become a doctor rather than a homemaker, in James’s case that Lydia be popular at school, a girl with a busy social life and the center of every party. When Lydia’s body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together tumbles into chaos, forcing them to confront the long-kept secrets that have been slowly pulling them apart...But it’s the youngest of the family – Hannah – who observes far more than anyone realizes and who may be the only one who knows the truth about what happened.”

Tuesday, July 12

All I Love and Know by Judith Frank

“A young couple must deal with both grief and transformation when one of them becomes the guardian of an orphaned infant and a 6-year-old. A terrorist bomb in a Jerusalem café foists both crushing loss and parenthood upon them. The fact that the new parents of this instant family are two gay men is a secondary element of this emotional saga... which combines the experience of being gay and Jewish with grief, and the political Israeli-Palestinian conflict.”

Thursday, August 4

Saving Sophie by Ronald H. Balson

*“From Ronald H. Balson, author of *Once We Were Brothers*, *Saving Sophie* is the powerful story of the lengths a father will go through to protect his daughter and an action-packed thriller that will take you on an unforgettable journey of murder and deception, testing the bonds of family and love. Jack Sommers was just an ordinary accountant from Chicago until his wife passed away, his young daughter was kidnapped, and he became the main suspect in an \$88 million dollar embezzlement case. Now, Jack is on the run, hoping to avoid the feds long enough to rescue his daughter, Sophie, from her maternal grandfather, a suspected terrorist in Palestine.”*