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Humanitarian Awards

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A Message from the JCC President and Chief Executive Officer

Shalom and Welcome!

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Albuquerque warmly welcomes you to the 2023 New Mexico Humanitarian event. We are thrilled to be together in-person in this beautiful setting!

This year marks the 16th anniversary of the JCC New Mexico Humanitarian Awards, and the 24th anniversary of the Harold B. Albert Community Service Award.

The Jewish community has always been guided by enduring values that have withstood the test of time. The JCC is guided by the Jewish values of compassion, justice, and the pursuit of knowledge. Our JCC mission is to support and uplift one another, to strengthen the bonds that connect us, and to make a positive impact on the world around us.

The five honorees this evening exemplify these values and our JCC mission. They are outstanding leaders who have provided their expertise, passion, and resources to making Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the world a better place for all of us. The JCC is proud to offer this opportunity to recognize them for their outstanding leadership and positive impact.

The JCC is an inclusive, family friendly facility that welcomes everyone to participate in its quality programs that engage individuals and families at every stage of life. We offer a full range of health and wellness activities that include a premier fitness center, aquatics program,

sports, and recreation programs. The JCC offers a multitude of youth activities for infants through the teen and young adult years. These include summer and break camps, after school programs, and an exceptional early childhood education program at the David and Martha Cooper Family Enrichment Center. The JCC provides a variety of opportunities for adults to come together for impactful cultural, educational, and social experiences.

We are thankful to our generous donors, sponsors, and attendees who have joined us this evening to honor these outstanding individuals and support the JCC. Together, we can accomplish great things!

Thank you, and may we go from strength to strength!



Nicole Werkmeister
President, Board of Directors



Shelly Prant
JCC Chief Executive Officer

JCC Mission Statement

The JCC of Greater Albuquerque, founded in 1994, is a non-profit organization, open to all regardless of religious affiliation, whose mission is guided by Jewish values. The JCC Mission is to enrich and inspire the entire community by offering quality, multi-generational fitness, wellness, cultural, recreational, social and educational programs in a safe, nurturing, and welcoming environment that is respectful to all.

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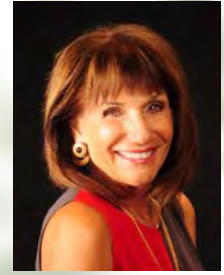
Master of Ceremonies John T. Sandager

A Message from the NMHA Chairperson

The New Mexico Humanitarian Awards fully encapsulates the spirit of “Tikkun Olam”, a Hebrew expression which translates to “repairing our world.” It’s one of the cornerstones of our Jewish values and each one of our honorees exemplifies this value. Our honorees have given of themselves through their

unrelenting love of humanity and helping make our world a better place.

As 2023 chairperson, I want to thank each of our honorees, our NMHA Committee and JCC Board of Directors for their work in making this NMHA a successful event.



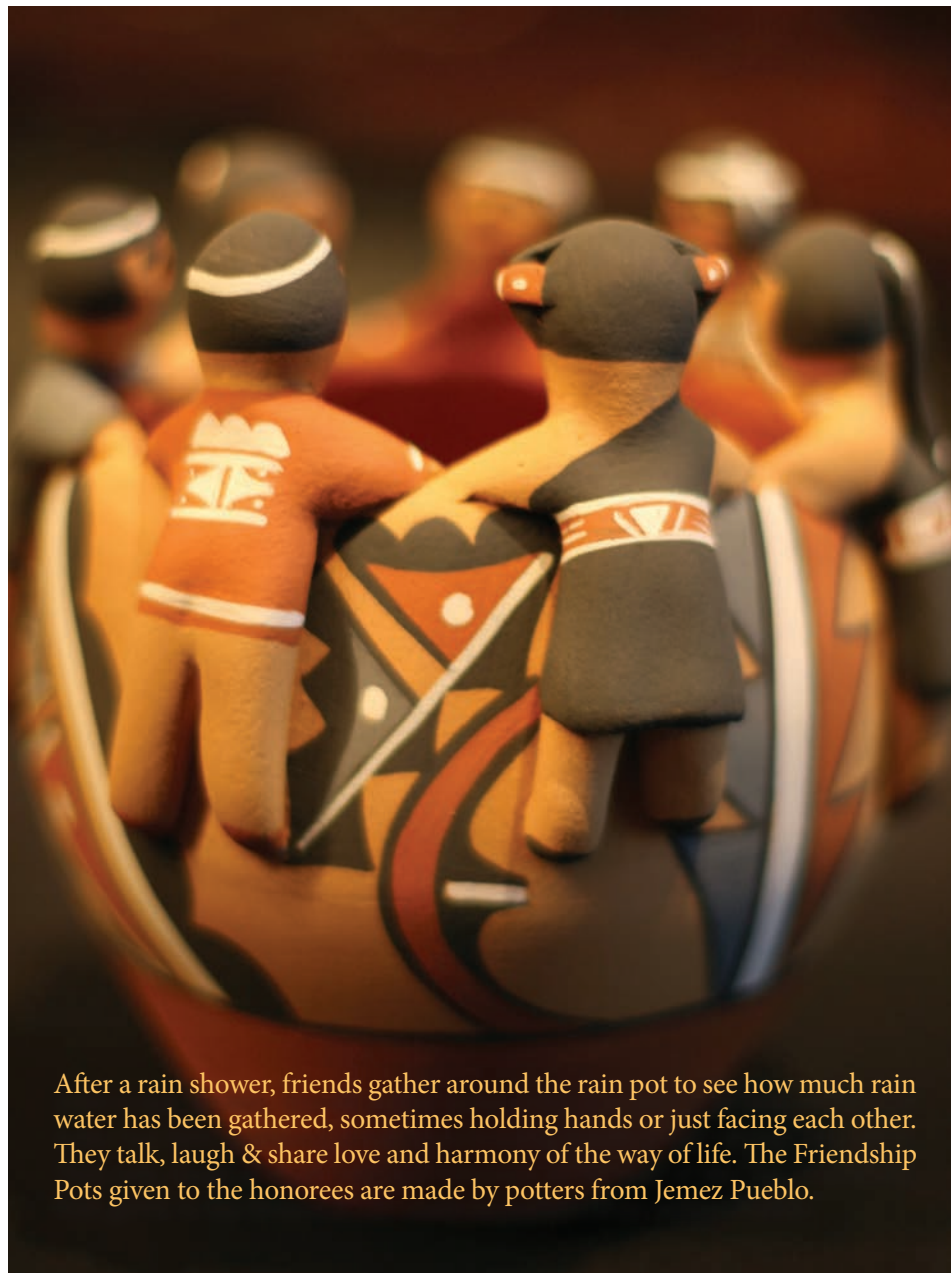
Meryl Manning Segel
Chairperson, NMHA

2023 New Mexico Humanitarian Awards

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Albuquerque is proud to present the 2023 New Mexico Humanitarian Awards. The NMHA is a distinguished recognition program born from the desire to raise awareness of the spirit of humanity and to inspire individuals, organizations, and businesses to pursue humanitarian goals. These awards honor those who have embodied an outstanding spirit of humanity in a local, national, or international capacity by:

- Promoting mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation, and lasting peace among all people;
- Accomplishing extraordinary contributions affecting environmental, legal, social, or community issues;
- Advocating programs in pursuit of freedom, civil liberties and civil rights;
- Serving the Jewish community in a way that reflects the highest integrity, love for fellow man, and commitment to the ideals of Jewish life.

The Harold B. Albert Jewish Community Service Award recognizes those whose service to the Jewish community reflects the highest integrity, love for others and commitment to the ideals of Jewish life.



After a rain shower, friends gather around the rain pot to see how much rain water has been gathered, sometimes holding hands or just facing each other. They talk, laugh & share love and harmony of the way of life. The Friendship Pots given to the honorees are made by potters from Jemez Pueblo.

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2008

Jack Holmes
Assistance League of Albuquerque
Senator Jerry Ortiz Y Pino
Native American Community Academy
Werner Gellert
Yad B' Yad

2009

Helen Fox
New Mexico Anti-Defamation League
Margaret Moses Branch
Monarch Properties

2010

Arlene Sanchez
Regina Turner
Jane B. Wishner
Anne Haines Yatskowitz
Southwest Creations Collaborative

2011

Jeannie & Gordon Gunn
Jewish Family Service/Jewish Community
Chaplaincy Program
Linda Lefton
Melissa Y. Winkle
Mary & Joe McKinney
Dr. Larry Lubar/NM Dental Foundation
Samaritan Counseling Center
St. Joseph's Center for Children & Families

2012

John & Kathleen Avila
Angie Ludi
Stephen D. Paternoster
Thom Turbett & Chris Schueler

2013

Robert Bowman
Don Chalmers
Leslie Elgood / NM Community Capital
Jill & Michael Montoya

2014

Rick Iannucci & Nancy De Santis
Chet Stewart & Duffy Swan
Cheryl L. Willman, M.D.
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Charitable Foundation

2015

Rick Davis
Alice Loy
Storehouse Annex Volunteers
Sara Wilkinson

2016

Adelmo "Del" Archuleta
Albuquerque Isotopes
Diane Harrison Ogawa

2017

Jennie Schulte Riedl
David R. Seely
Jennifer Ramo

2018

Penny & Armin Rembe, MD
Regis Pecos
Eye Associates of NM
Robert Reidy, MD &
Arthur Weinstein, MD

2019

Larry Chavez
Tracy Sharp-Weaver
Jessica Goodkind

2020

Dr. Karissa Culbreath
David Scrase

2021

Fred Nathan
Mary Martinez
NM Immigrant Law Center
Jennifer Landau

2022

Rev. Charles E. Becknell Sr.
Lee Blaugrund
Claudia Medina
Lenya Heitzig

Harold B. Albert Community Service Award

Harold B. Albert represents the finest in Jewish values: Love for his family, service to the community, and a heritage characterized by a deep devotion to all mankind. In honor of his unique role in the community, the Jewish Community Center established an annual award to recognize those whose service to the Jewish community reflects the highest integrity, love for one's fellow man and commitment to the ideals of Jewish life.

Previous Harold B. Albert Community Service Award Recipients

2000	Harold B. Albert	2012	Beverly and the late Sanford "Rogey" Rogoff
2001	Harold & Shirley Gardenswartz	2013	Beverly and the late Robert White
2002	Ruth Pollack	2014	Susan Seligman
2003	Joseph and Jack Grevey	2015	Alan and Diane Chodorow
2004	Ed & Ramona Caplan	2016	Mel and Paula Schwartz
2005	Miriam Efroymsen	2017	Art Gardenswartz and Sonya Priestly
2006	Larry & Marcia Lubar	2018	Dr. Noel Pugach
2007	Meryl & Ron Segel and Mike Stanford	2019	Sabra Minkus
2008	Helen Grevey & Jay Hertz	2020	George and Vivian Skadron
2009	Erika Rimson & David Bernstein	2021	Shira Greenberg
2010	Jennie Negin & Harold Folley	2022	Shlomo Karni, Ph.D.
2011	Shelley & Herb Koffler		

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1998 - 2000	Harold B. Albert
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2001 - 2003	Larry Lubar
2003 - 2005	Jay Hertz
2005 - 2007	Jennie Negin
2007 - 2009	Meryl Manning Segel
2009 - 2011	Marci Powers
2011 - 2013	Art Gardenswartz
2013 - 2016	David Buchholtz
2016 - 2017	Havi Graeber
2017 - 2020	Eric Maxon
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2022 - Present	Nicole Werkmeister

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A Message from Harold & Carole Albert



Perry & Margie Pintzow are now being honored not just for their philanthropy. As a young family they have a long and outstanding record of community involvement - working together and individually to strengthen our Jewish community and the community at large. Since moving to Albuquerque in 2003, they have immersed themselves in communal life.

Margie had obtained a master's degree in education from Georgia State University. When she became aware of the Solomon Schechter Hebrew Day School, she immediately offered her education and skills as a volunteer. This led to her subsequently serving on its board of directors, followed by her election to president. During her time with Schechter, the school thrived. She is a strong advocate for Jewish education and was instrumental in changing the name of Schechter to the "Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences". As early as 2006, Margie served on the JCC board of directors and its numerous committees. She co-sponsored the JCC program entitled "Tikkun Olam", which means "to repair the world". The objective was to outreach to the community with services and visits to shelters providing food and programs.

Perry from an early age was involved with Jewish programs and organizations. In high school Perry joined AZA, the B'nai Brith Jewish youth organization. That piqued his interest in leadership within a community as AZA was a source for social events, community service projects, athletic tournaments, and Jewish programming. In college he joined the AEPi Jewish Fraternity. The mission of AEPi is developing leadership for the Jewish Community. Subsequently he has volunteered for Super Sunday raising significant funds for Jewish causes. As a strong financial supporter of our JCC, Perry has also contributed his expertise and his software company to providing our JCC with our website and our data base.

Together they have been extremely involved with Locker 505 which assists children in need. Not only have they raised considerable monies for Locker 505, but they have served on its board of directors and Margie serves as its president.

Many of us have worried about the future of Judaism in New Mexico with the loss of communal organizations. However, we are thrilled with the continued success of our thriving JCC.

There is a saying in Judaism, *L'dor v'dor* which literally means from generation to generation. It is understood to signify the passing down of Jewish culture's, values, rituals, traditions, and history to the next generation. Perry and Margie have passed their Jewish values to their adult sons Josh and Zach. It is because young families, like the Pintzows, have taken a leadership role in our Jewish Community, that the future of Judaism in New Mexico will continue to be strong. It is said that leaders like Perry and Margie don't create followers, they create future leaders.

The Pintzow's exemplify the very best in our Jewish Community, and I am honored and extremely pleased that their names will be placed on the perpetual plaque as the recipients of this year's Harold B. Albert Community Service Award.

Margie & Perry Pintzow

2023 Harold B. Albert Jewish Community Service Award



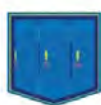
Guided by the values of altruism and tzedakah, Margie and Perry Pintzow have devoted their lives to bettering the Greater Albuquerque Community.

Caring for their community is an instinct instilled by the generations before them and guides their internal compass. They have selflessly lent a helping hand to countless strangers, friends, and neighbors when they had nowhere left to turn. Their volunteered time and resources have been greatly appreciated by the Jewish community and Greater Albuquerque Community as a whole.

Margie Pintzow has served as the Board President of the former Schechter Day School where she raised thousands of dollars to support tuition scholarships for students and was honored as a Woman of Valor for her contributions.

Both Margie and Perry's passion to help children in need led them to Locker 505 where Margie currently serves as the Board President. Seeing a need for expansion to accommodate more children, Perry found and purchased Locker 505's current location. Over the last year, Locker 505 has doubled the number of children they assist and is able to provide additional help for students.

Through Margie and Perry's leadership, Locker 505 has been allocated additional grants to provide students with clothing items and shoes along with other essentials.



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Diana Trujeque

2023 Humanitarian Award Recipient



For the past 38 years, Diana Trujeque has dedicated her life to helping New Mexico's children and their families cope with the day-to-day educational, emotional and financial needs of living with and fighting cancer, first as a board member, and for the past eleven years as the Executive Director of the Children's Cancer Fund of

New Mexico, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1972.

In 1984 her son Erin, a champion junior golfer, was diagnosed with cancer. He passed in 1985. Before his death, friends wanted to hold a golf tournament to help his family. Erin said it was okay if it was "for all the kids," not just him.

In 1986, Trujeque, along with her friends and family, started that Golf Tournament to raise money for the Children's Cancer Fund and raised \$22,000. Now in its 38th year, the Erin Trujeque Memorial Golf Tournament has raised over \$10 million for the Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico.

In 1999, Trujeque along with the board of Children's Cancer Fund developed a college scholarship program for teens who have been in treatment at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center, diagnosed with and treated for childhood cancer in New Mexico. Under her leadership, the fund now raises \$180,000 to \$200,000 each year to pay for eight semesters of undergraduate or 4 and four semesters of graduate tuition at the UNM rate to any school. In 2021 to 2022, thirty-two scholarships were awarded to students benefiting from the Children's Cancer Fund.

Trujeque has created programs, raised funds, and built a network of donors across New Mexico to garner support and awareness for the Fund. She directed the fundraising for the construction and implementation of Erin's Place, a Hospice facility on the UNM campus. Erin's Place provides a homelike atmosphere for children who are facing end of life as an alternative to remaining in the hospital.



Dr. Sanjeev Arora

2023 Humanitarian Award Recipient

Dr. Sanjeev Arora is the founder of Project ECHO and the Executive Director of the ECHO Institute. He is a tenured professor of medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Dr. Arora launched Project ECHO at the University of New Mexico in 2003 as a solution for helping all patients receive quality care faster. The ECHO model works by strengthening the capacity of rural primary care providers to treat complex conditions locally with ongoing remote support from an interdisciplinary team of experts and a community of peers.

Dr. Arora's idea for Project ECHO derived from his personal experience as a liver disease specialist practicing in New Mexico where patients endured an eight-month waitlist for appointments and often drove hundreds of miles per visit. Project ECHO uses videoconferencing technology to implement a "hub-and-spoke" model for training New Mexico's community-based clinicians in rural counties, Indian Health Service clinics, and state prisons to treat patients where they live.

The ECHO model is being applied around the world with programs in North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia and partnerships with the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control. Dr. Arora has been a pioneer in democratizing specialized medical knowledge to be



inclusive of rural communities with little access to specialized medicine. In 2007, Project ECHO won the Ashoka Foundation's Changemakers award, an international competition recognizing programs that are changing the paradigm of how medicine is practiced.

Dr. Arora has served as the Director of the ECHO institute since its establishment and has previously served as Executive Vice-Chair and Acting Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, President of the Medical Staff, and for five years served on the Board of the Health Sciences Center at the University of New Mexico.



Clara Apodaca

2023 Humanitarian Award Recipient



From 1989 to 1993, Apodaca was the General Assistant to the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. She also served as Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs under two governors. From 1993 to 2001, Apodaca served in the Clinton Administration in Washington, DC. While in DC, she also served as Commissioner on the DC Commission of the Arts & Humanities and was appointed the White House Millennium Commission by former First Lady Hillary Clinton. Apodaca received the 2010 New Mexico Spirit of Achievement Award from the National Jewish Health for community service. She was also honored by the Wheels Museum at their annual gala in 2015. Apodaca received the New Mexico First's Lifetime Achievement Award and also received the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce.

Former First Lady of New Mexico (1975-1978), Clara Apodaca has spent her career serving the constituents of New Mexico. Apodaca is the former President and CEO of the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation, a patron of the arts, and chair of her son's foundation, the Jeff Apodaca Celebration of Life Foundation, which funded the new Multimedia Center at UNM Children's Hospital. Selected for 100 influentials by Hispanic Business Magazine in October 2008, Apodaca was named "Power Broker" by the New Mexico Business Weekly. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Think New Mexico, the International Women's Forum and Opera Southwest.





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- Nelson Mandela

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- Jennie Negin & Harold Folley





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THANK YOU, HONOREES!



Dr. Daniel Levenson, Jill Levenson, and the staff wish to congratulate Perry and Margie Pintzow for receiving the Harold B. Albert Community Service Award. Well deserved and thank you for all you do!

We also wish to thank and appreciate all those receiving 2023 New Mexico Humanitarian awards tonight. Our community is a better place because of you.

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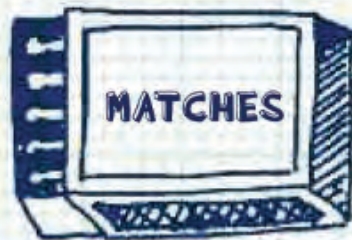
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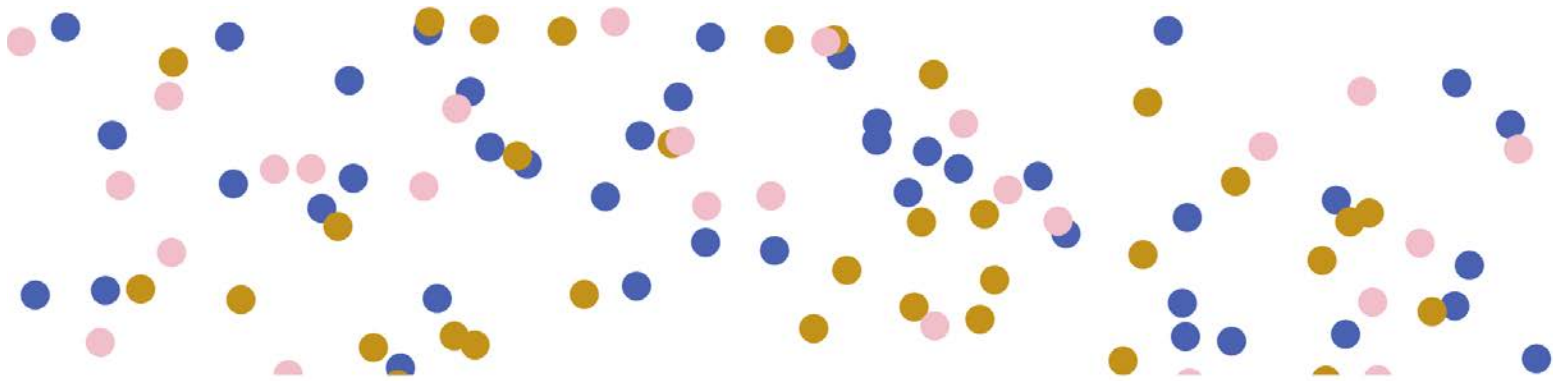
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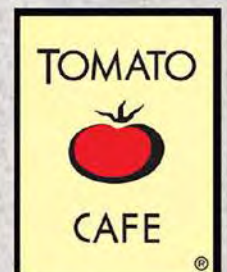


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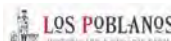
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Who We Are

The Foundation for Building is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization that encourages environmentally conscious behaviors so that future generations can benefit and are motivated to continue sustainable practices in their community. We accomplish this through environmental education, advocacy, and effective partnerships. We are driven by results and relevancy, and focus on leveraging our resources through beneficial collaborations.



Our Programs

The Foundation for Building takes great pride in creating and collaborating on programs to help make the built environment more sustainable and resilient. With each project, we hope to move our community not toward incremental changes, but toward transformative, lasting ones. One such initiative is our award-winning and nationally recognized Build Green New Mexico program, which has enabled over 8,000 new homes in New Mexico to be built to rigorous energy-efficient and healthy-living standards. Our new TreeGreen NM program is helping develop new initiatives to plant trees in urban areas where they are the most needed. All of our programs are designed and developed to create similar results.



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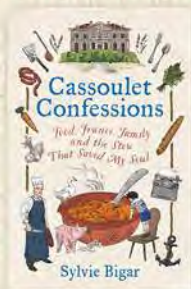


Martin Fletcher | *Teachers: The Ones I Can't Forget*
Tuesday, October 10, 7 pm



Teachers are the people Martin Fletcher met, often on the worst day of their lives, throughout his years as bureau chief in the Middle East for NBC News. Through intimate profiles, Fletcher details the struggles of everyday people in extraordinary circumstances—war, revolution, natural disasters and yes, life. His writing is uplifting as he examines the truth of resilience despite hardship. He details their woes while celebrating their will to survive and recover, and will share photos to bring these stories to life.

Sylvie Bigar | *Cassoulet Confessions: Food, France, Family and the Stew that Saved My Soul*
Wednesday, October 11, 11 am Luncheon



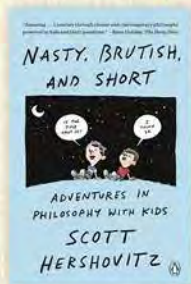
Cassoulet Confessions is an enthralling memoir by award-winning food and travel writer Sylvie Bigar that reveals how a simple journalistic assignment sparked a culinary obsession and transcended into a quest for identity. Set in the stunning southern French countryside, this honest and poignant memoir conveys hunger for authentic food and a universal hunger for home. Sylvie's poetic prose immerses us in her story: we smell the simmering aromas of French kitchens, empathize with her family dilemmas, and experience her internal struggle to understand and ultimately accept herself.

Lauren Belfer | *Ashton Hall: A Novel*
Sunday, October 15, 3 pm



ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: *The New York Times* | An American woman and her son unearth the buried secrets and past lives of an English manor house in this masterful and riveting novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Lauren Belfer. Rich with passion, strength, and ferocity across the ages, *Ashton Hall* is a novel that reveals how the most profound hauntings are within ourselves.

Scott Hershovitz | *Nasty, Brutish and Short: Adventures in Philosophy with Kids*
Wednesday, October 18, 7 pm



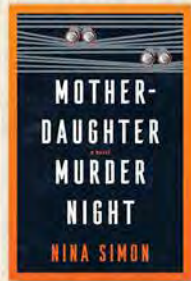
Some of the best philosophers in the world gather in surprising places—preschools and playgrounds. They debate questions about metaphysics and morality, even though they've never heard the words and perhaps can't even tie their shoes. They're kids. And as Scott Hershovitz shows in this delightful debut, they're astoundingly good philosophers. Hershovitz challenges us to become better, more discerning thinkers and recapture some of the wonder kids have at the world.

Aaron Hamburger | *Hotel Cuba: A Novel*
Tuesday, October 24, 7 pm



From the award-winning author of *The View from Stalin's Head*, a stunning novel about two sheltered Russian Jewish sisters, desperate to get to America to make a new life, who find themselves trapped in the sultry, hedonistic world of 1920s Havana. A heartbreaking, epic family story, *Hotel Cuba* explores the profound courage of two women displaced from their home in Russia, who strive to create a new future in an enticing and dangerous world far different from anything they have ever known.

Nina Simon | *Mother-Daughter Murder Night*
Thursday, October 26, 7 pm



Nothing brings a family together like a murder next door! A fun, fresh, and twisty debut whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio who come together as amateur sleuths to solve a murder in their coastal California town. A lively and tender story of family that Simon deftly transforms into an edge-of-your-seat murder mystery... One part *The Maid* and one part family drama, *Mother-Daughter Murder Night* is a resounding and impressive triumph.

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