



TBH Book Group

Below is a list of the books for the upcoming year. Please don't be shy. Join us for any book(s) that you're interested in talking about. We meet at 7pm on the Third Tuesday at TBH. At the end of the entry is the number of copies available in the Timberland Regional Library (TRL). If you have any questions, contact Karen Greene, ekgisrael@gmail.com.

September 20, 2016 - *Gabriel: A Poem* – Edward Hirsch, 78 pp.

A poignant volume of works inspired by the author's son's tragic early death reflects on the young man's boisterous youth, his rebellious early adulthood, and the author's experiences of grief. TRL – 2 hard copies

October 18, 2016 - *Great House: A Novel* – Nicole Krauss, 289 pp.

Connected solely by a desk of enormous dimension and many drawers that exerts a power over those who possess it or give it away, three people struggle to create a meaningful permanence in the face of inevitable loss.

TRL – 7 hard copies, 2 are large print

November 15, 2016 - *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity* – Izzeldin Abuelaish, 256 pp.

I Shall Not Hate is Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish's account of his extraordinary life. A Harvard-educated Palestinian doctor, he was born and raised in a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip and "has devoted his life to medicine and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians" (New York Times). TRL has 5 hard copies (3 large print) and one electronic copy

December 20, 2016 - *The December Project: An Extraordinary Rabbi and a Skeptical Seeker Confront Life's Greatest Mystery* – Sara Davidson, 194 pp.

In 2009, New York Times bestselling author Sara Davidson was surprised by a call from Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, asking her to engage with him in what he called "The December Project." At eighty-five, Reb Zalman wanted to teach people how to navigate the December of life and to help them "not freak out about dying." TRL – 3 hard copies

January 17, 2017 - *Shylock Is My Name: The Merchant of Venice Retold* – Howard Jacobson, 275 pp.

In a modern re-imagining of Shakespeare's Shylock, Simon Strulovitch, riddled with grief after the death of his wife, struggles with his daughter Beatrice's betrayal of family and his daughter Jessica's rejection of her Jewish roots. TRL – 3 hard copies

February 21, 2017 - *In the Image* – Dara Horn, 304 pp.

A young woman's coming of age, a romantic love story, and a spiritual journey—each infused with the lessons of history. *In the Image* is an extraordinary first novel illuminated by spiritual exploration, one that remembers "a language, a literature, a held hand, an entire world lived and breathed in the image of God." TRL - 1 hard copy

March 21, 2017 - *The Grammar of God* – Aviya Kushner, 228 pp.

For readers of Bruce Feller's *Walking the Bible* and Kathleen Norris's *The Cloister Walk* comes a powerful exploration of the Bible in translation. TRL – 2 hard copies, no electronic, 1 audio cd, 1 audio download

April 18, 2017 - *The Reader* – Bernhard Schlink, 218 pp.

Hailed for its coiled eroticism and the moral claims it makes upon the reader, this mesmerizing novel is a story of love and secrets, horror and compassion, unfolding against the haunted landscape of postwar Germany. TRL - 2 hard copies, 1 electronic

May 16, 2017 - *The Golem of Hollywood* - Jonathan Kellerman and Jesse Kellerman, 560 pp.

"An extraordinary work of detection, suspense, and supernatural mystery. I spent three days totally lost in the world Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman have created. ...The book is like nothing I've ever read before." Stephen King TRL - 12 hard copies and 3 large print

06/20/2017 – No book, book selection for next year