

# FESTIVAL

## 2012 EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>Friday, October 5</b> <b>AUTHOR: Ben G. Frank, <i>The Scattered Tribe</i></b> Lunch & Learn	<b>12:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday, October 11</b> <b>FILM: Portrait of Wally</b> Opening Reception	<b>7:30pm</b> <b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, October 13</b> <b>PERFORMANCE: Ibrahim Miari, <i>In Between</i></b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
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<b>Monday, October 15</b> <b>ART &amp; CULTURE: Photography, Gil Cohen-Magen</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 16</b> <b>AUTHORS: Alicia Oltuski, <i>Precious Objects &amp; Beth Bernstein, <i>My Charmed Life</i></i></b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
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<b>Thursday, October 25</b> <b>ART &amp; CULTURE: Helene Aylon Exhibit Presentation</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, October 27</b> <b>PERFORMANCE: Comedy Night</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday, October 28</b> <b>MUSIC: Daniel Cainer</b>	<b>3pm</b>

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# JCC ROCKLAND'S 2012 JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL

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**TO ORDER TICKETS:**  
**RCC Cultural Arts Center, 145 College Road, Suffern • Lafayette Theater, 97 Lafayette Avenue (Rt. 59), Suffern**

**THEATRES:**  
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Event	Location	Date	Time	# of Tickets	Price	# of Ticket Senior/Under 18	Price	TOTAL
AUTHOR: Ben G. Frank Includes Dessert	JCC	10/5	12:30pm		\$10		\$8	
FILM: Portrait of Wally Includes Opening Night Reception, 6:30pm	RCC	10/11	7:30pm		\$15		\$12	
PERFORMANCE: Ibrahim Miari	RCC	10/13	7:30pm		\$18		\$15	
MUSIC: Violinist David Podles	JCC	10/14	1:30pm		\$12		\$10	
ART & CULTURE: Gil Cohen-Magen	JCC	10/15	7:30pm		\$12		\$10	
AUTHORS: Alicia Oltuski & Beth Bernstein	JCC	10/16	7:30pm		\$15		\$12	
ART & CULTURE: Contemporary Jewish Art	JCC	10/17	2pm		\$12		\$10	
FILM: Jascha Heifetz, God's Fiddler	Lafayette	10/18	7:30pm		\$12		\$10	
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MUSIC: Daniel Cainer	JCC	10/28	3pm		\$18		\$15	
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## ART & CULTURE

### PHOTOGRAPHY: Gil Cohen-Magen, Shooting Under Fire

Monday, October 15, 7:30pm

Gil Cohen-Magen is a photojournalist whose photographs have graced the front pages of some of the world's leading newspapers and magazines. His portfolio ranges from the closed world of the ultra-Orthodox Hassidim to the most violent scenes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



His presentation, Shooting Under Fire, deals with the challenges that he faced as a photographer with the international (and often pro-Palestinian) news agency Reuters. He demonstrates the type of work that is done by news agency photo journalists at the moment they take the photograph, their judgment and inspirations.

### ART: Laura Kruger, Contemporary Jewish Art

Wednesday, October 17, 2pm

Sponsored by Ilse & John Lang



Laura Kruger, curator of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Museum in New York, is a specialist in contemporary fine art. The founder and president of the Kruger Gallery in New York (1974-1989), in 1991 she founded THE AMERICAN GUILD OF JEWISH ART, a membership organization for professional Jewish artists. She is the chair/curator of the Art Committee for UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK. Serving as a member of several not-for-profit Boards, including the Museum of Art and Design, she has curated numerous museum exhibitions.

She serves on the Judaica Acquisitions Committee of the JEWISH MUSEUM and is Vice President of ARTTABLE, a national membership group of professional women in the fine arts.

Ms. Kruger's presentation will focus on two separate areas; "Isaac and His Artists" and "Provocative Textiles". A surprising number of artists such as Larry Rivers and Maurice Sendak have created illustrations for inclusion in the works of I.B. Singer. The works range from whimsical in the children's stories to sexy and scary in some books for adults.

"Provocative Textiles" interprets history and ritual, past and present by delving into aspects of war, celebration, prayer, and sexuality through the inclusion of biblical texts and sometimes challenging traditional art forms.

### ART: Helene Aylon Exhibit Presentation

Thursday, October 25, 7:30pm



#### Helene Aylon

#### Whatever Is Contained Must Be Released

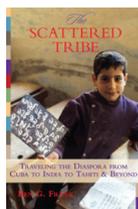
"Whatever Is Contained Must Be Released," will be discussed by author and artist, Helene Aylon. Raised in Orthodox Brooklyn, Ms. Aylon was married to a rabbi and mother of two when her world changed dramatically. She became an eco-feminist artist who portrays war and peace, women's bodies and women and God, all images that conflicted with her beloved religion. Her memoir reveals not only her dynamic art and choices, but details about working with such legendary artists as Ana Mendieta, Ad Reinhardt, Mark Rothko and Betty Parsons. Ms. Aylon will be presenting her Art Exhibit as a beautiful backdrop to her presentation.

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## AUTHORS

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Books are available for sale!



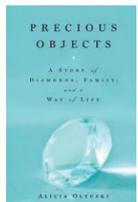
Friday, October 5, 12:30pm

Lunch & Learn

#### Ben G. Frank

#### The Scattered Tribe: Traveling the Diaspora from Cuba to India to Tahiti & Beyond

Launching our Cultural Arts Festival, distinguished author, journalist and travel writer, Ben G. Frank, will open our eyes to a series of amazing Jewish communities in remote parts of the globe. His book, "The Scattered Tribe: Traveling the Diaspora from Cuba to India to Tahiti & Beyond" brings us to a Seder in Ho Chi Minh City and has us share the Shabbat mystique in Morocco. Mr. Frank has observed Jews in 88 countries. Bring your lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served.



Tuesday, October 16, 7:30pm

#### Alicia Oltuski

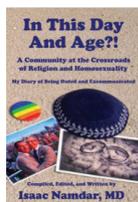
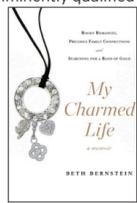
#### Precious Objects: A Story of Diamonds, Family and a Way of Life

#### Beth Bernstein

#### My Charmed Life

A double treat is in store when two authors, Alicia Oltuski and Beth Bernstein, will take an in-depth look at diamonds, gold, and the complicated and most beautiful world of jewelry. Ms. Oltuski's "Precious Objects: A Story of Diamonds, Family and a Way of Life," takes an intimate look at New York City's Diamond Exchange, where 90% of all diamonds entering America are handled. This 26-year-old journalist is imminently qualified to do this as the daughter of a diamond dealer who made his way from a displaced person's camp in post WWII Germany to a matchless understanding of the gem industry.

Beth Bernstein's "My Charmed Life: Rocky Romances, Precious Family Connections and Searching for a Band of Gold" presents a unique biography of her life as told through the jewelry she bought for herself or received as gifts. From lost keepsakes to fiery moments, Ms. Bernstein, a veteran of the jewelry industry, touches her readers revealing her relationship with her mom, and other intimate and golden experiences, all as fascinating as the sparkle of jewels.



Tuesday, October 23, 7:30pm

#### Dr. Isaac Namdar

#### In This Day & Age?!

Co-sponsored by Volunteer Counseling Service

Isaac Namdar, a well-respected Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon, with many books to his credit, has bravely written his first non-medical book, "In This Day & Age?!" Dr. Namdar will discuss his book, and his personal agonizing experience as an observant, gay Sephardic Jew who was outed to his entire ancestral community. Facing an audacious ex-communication, Dr. Namdar reveals his painful spiritual journey, perhaps so that others will be liberated. A panel discussion will follow.

## FILMS



### PORTRAIT OF WALLY

Opening Night Reception, 6:30pm

Thursday, October 11, 7:30pm

Rockland Community College

Guest Speaker: Sharon Cohen Levin, Chief Asset Forfeiture Unit, USAO-SDNY

Sponsored by Bonnie & Alan Elkin; Ellen & Arthur Wagner; Non Profit Sponsor: Holocaust Museum & Study Center

Portrait of Wally, Egon Schiele's tender picture of his mistress, Walburga ("Wally") Neuzil, is the pride of the Leopold Museum in Vienna. But for 13 years the painting was locked up in New York, caught in a legal battle between the Austrian museum and the Jewish family from whom the Nazis seized the painting in 1939. Portrait of Wally traces the history of this iconic image - from Schiele's gesture of affection toward his young lover, to the theft of the painting from Lea Bondi, a Jewish art dealer fleeing Vienna for her life, to the post-war confusion and subterfuge that evoke The Third Man, to the surprise resurfacing of "Wally" on loan to the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan in 1997. This film is an official selection of the Tribeca Film Festival 2012.



Guest Speaker: Sharon Cohen Levin

Ms. Levin is featured in the film. She was the prosecuting attorney in the case.



### JASCHA HEIFETZ, GOD'S FIDDLER

Thursday, October 18, 7:30pm

Lafayette Theater

Guest Speaker: Peter Rosen, Director

Sponsored by Rockland Toyota; The Benmosche Family

In this revealing documentary about the legendary musician you will see vintage filmed performance clips of Jascha Heifetz and learn that he was the first truly modern violin virtuoso, the man about whom Itzhak Perlman said, "When I spoke with him, I thought, 'I can't believe I'm talking with God'."

This insightful film portrays an artist for whom only perfection would do, a musical wunderkind who went on to set the standards for nearly a century.

Get to know Jascha Heifetz through home movies and personal family photos taken from 1903-1987, a prestigious concert artist so well known in popular culture, his name became shorthand for greatness, for everyone from Jack Benny to The Muppets to Woody Allen.

This unique film includes interviews with the great violinists of his generation, and from many of his former students, telling how Heifetz was a legendary but mysterious figure whose story embodies the dual nature of artistic genius: the paradox of how a mortal man lives with immortal gifts - gifts he must honor, but which extract a life long price.



Guest Speaker: Peter Rosen, Director

Mr. Rosen has produced and directed over 100 full-length films and TV programs distributed world wide. A winner of the prestigious Directors Guild of America Award he has worked with some of the most important figures in the arts such as Leonard Bernstein, Yo Yo Ma, Beverly Sills, Luciano Pavarotti, Garrison Keillor and Placido Domingo.

## MUSIC

### VIOLINIST DAVID PODLES

Sunday, October 14, 1:30pm

Sponsored by Fountainview at College Road

Acclaimed International Concert violinist David Podles commemorates the extraordinary classical composers from centuries past. See his soul dance across the violin evoking the veritable rapture that classical music creates. Podles began playing violin at age 7 in his native country of Latvia and after graduating with a Ph.D. in violin has toured across Europe and America (including performances at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.) You won't want to miss this world-class musical performance!



### COMPOSER DANIEL CAINER

Sunday, October 28, 3pm

Sponsored by Comfort Inn & Suites, Nanuet

Daniel Cainer has enjoyed sold-out shows in London, Edinburgh, New York, Melbourne and Sydney. He's a master - songwriter, storyteller and performer and presents a unique collection of stories in song played at the piano and on guitar. There are tales of feuding tailors, a cocaine-addicted rabbi, Israel and Palestine, a young Jewish woman who joins a fundamentalist Christian sect in the 1950s and the hilarious, adulterous adventures of his own parents. You'll laugh, you'll cry. What's not to like?

## PERFORMANCES



### IBRAHIM MIARI, "In Between"

Saturday, October 13, 7:30pm

Rockland Community College

Sponsored by Rockland Jewish Standard

In Between is a semi-autobiographical one man show that portrays the complexities and contradictions inherent in Palestinian-Israeli identity. On the precipice between two cultures stands Ibrahim Miari, son of a Palestinian Muslim father and Jewish Israeli mother. During an interrogation by Israeli airport security, he recalls his childhood in Acco, memories of his Jewish and Palestinian grandmothers, of war, and of the struggle to shape and understand his own multi-faceted identity. Questions surrounding his identity become even further complicated by his imminent marriage to a Jewish American woman. There will be a question and answer talk back after the show.

### COMEDY NIGHT: An evening of laughter with friends

Saturday, October 27, 7:30pm

Sponsored by Helene & Barry Lewis



#### Avi Liberman

From Comedy Central to CBS' Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, Avi Liberman has been a hit with audiences around the country. Born in Israel, raised in Texas, and now living in Los Angeles, Avi's winning combination of life experiences and topical issues have made him a favorite in comedy clubs from coast to coast.

Avi has performed stand-up comedy on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "Make Me Laugh" as well as NBC's "Friday Night!" and three appearances on the Late Late Show. Avi can be seen regularly on E!

He has been overseas to Iraq and Afghanistan to perform for our troops. Since 2003, Avi has successfully arranged widely acclaimed stand-up comedy tours in Israel to help boost morale while donating all of the proceeds. The successful "Comedy For Koby" tour www.comedyforkoby.com is now a bi-annual event, benefitting the Koby Mandell Foundation.

#### Adam Oliensis

Our emcee for the evening, a longtime Rockland County resident, Adam has been working in comedy for longer than he cares to admit, acting, writing, directing, and producing in TV, theatre, film, and commercials.

Adam was Producing Director of Willow Cabin Theatre Co. for 12 years in New York City. He produced, Wilder, Wilder, Wilder, the only show in history to go from off-off Broadway to off-Broadway to Broadway in a single season, and was nominated as a Producer for Tony & Drama Desk Awards for Best Revival.

As a writer, Adam co-authored the movie, The Pompatous of Love, with Jon Cryer (Best Comedy, Worldfest-Houston), which he also co-produced and in which he starred along with Mr. Cryer and Kristen Scott Thomas, among others.

In his stand-up, Adam explores the lessons he's learning from his wife and especially from his children, along with the adjustments that genuine adulthood are forcing upon his world view. Having lived in East Africa, India, and New Jersey, Adam is attuned to the absurdities that arise in the everyday, mining both the ironies and silliness that exist in the most humbling situations. He performs at comedy clubs all over NYC, including Broadway Comedy Club, New York Comedy Club, Gotham Comedy Club, and Times Square Comedy.



#### Alex Barnett

Alex was born in Brooklyn and was quickly deported to Long Island where he was raised by his parents in an overprotective shell. After peaking academically in high school, Alex meandered through an Ivy League college, law school and a legal career only to realize that his true gift was in making fun of the law, as well as his own neuroses, his raging hypochondria, his height (or lack thereof), marriage, and other topics too numerous to mention or otherwise insulting to family and friends.

As the White, Jewish husband of a Black woman (who converted to Judaism) and the father of a 11-month old, Biracial son, Alex's focus on the challenges of being a parent in a bad economy and the issues that confront interracial families is very timely, relevant, and (if he says so himself) very funny.

In addition to his stand-up performances, Alex is a writer. His articles chronicling his comedy career can be seen in The New York Daily News "Money" section. His humor column "Memoirs of a White Man" appears regularly in the online Black women's webzine, The Coil Review.

In his off hours, Alex can be found in coffee bars throughout New York looking for the perfect double espresso or, at home, driving his wife insane with his myriad control issues and his determination to sleep on the diagonal.

#### Marion Grodin

Marion started out as a staff writer for the network sitcoms "It's a Living" and "Princesses". She was put under contract to Twentieth Century Fox, and later went on to sell six screenplays. She is a favorite at New York City's top clubs, including Standup NY and Gotham Comedy Club, where she regularly headlines. Always willing to be as self-revealing as she is probing of the audience...this affectionately edgy style has become Marion's trademark.

Marion has toured with Linda Ronstadt, opened for Lewis Black, Judy Gold, and Robert Klein...as well as having shared the stage with Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Chappelle, Roseanne Barr and Robin Williams. Marion has also been seen on NBC's Late Night with Conan O'Brien, and ABC's The View. In addition, she worked as the Charles Grodin show's comedy producer, as well as conducting comedic celebrity interviews.

Marion also hosted her own radio show for CBS, over a two year period, where her guests included friends, like Lisa Lampanelli, Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara, Kyra Sedgwick, and Lewis Black.

Marion knows firsthand that laughter is truly the best medicine, having survived breast cancer, divorce, and various addictions - including an inappropriate relationship to Haagen Dazs.



All events will be held at JCC Rockland, unless otherwise noted.

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