

**KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION-
THE 60TH ANNUAL JEWISH BOOK FAIR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

10 a.m.

Kathy Kacer

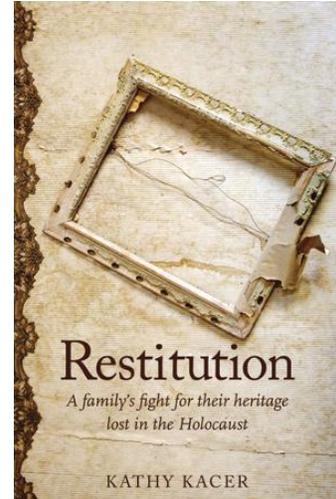
**Restitution: A Family's Fight for Their Heritage
Lost in the Holocaust**

Restitution is an impossible-to-put down, true story of friendship, betrayal and making amends.

Following the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, Victor and Marie Reeser know that, as Jews, they and their children must leave immediately. They find refuge in Canada and secure a safe home for their treasures, including four valuable paintings, with Victor's business partner, Alois Jirak.

After the war, the Reesers are eager to secure their items, and especially the much-loved artwork, from Jirak. In fact, it will take another 50 years – years filled with death, revolution, greed and one extraordinary young man – before the paintings are reunited with the family.

Co-sponsored by the Janice Charach Gallery



1:15 p.m.

Charles King

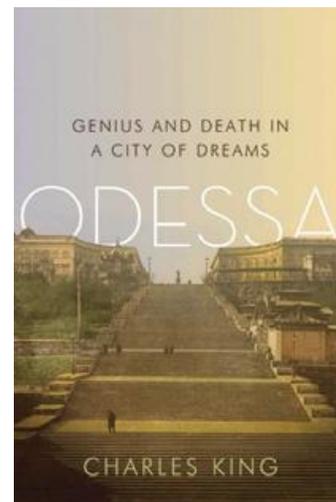
Odessa: Genius and Death in a City of Dreams

Odessa is an elegy for the vibrant, multicultural tapestry in which a thriving Jewish population once existed.

Italian merchants, Greek freedom fighters, Turkish seamen and Jewish tavern keepers, traders and journalists were all seeking fortune and adventure in Odessa, the greatest port on the Black Sea. There was death on staggering scale due to the plagues common to seaports – but also the mass murder of Jews carried out by the Romanian occupation during WWII.

Charles King, professor of international affairs and government at Georgetown University, is the author of four books on Eastern Europe and a frequent commentator on television, radio and in the press.

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3 p.m.

Susanna Piontek

Have We Possibly Met Before? And Other Stories

Each story in Susanna Piontek's compelling new collection is like a surprise gift: a bit of unexpected magic you will never forget.

First published in German, these stories shock, question conventions and come with completely original endings. Like a modern-day O. Henry, Piontek writes tales that are clever and perceptive, but also provide a compassionate look at what it means to be human.

Born in Poland and originally trained as a radio producer, Piontek later turned to writing, notably short stories that have been translated into numerous languages.



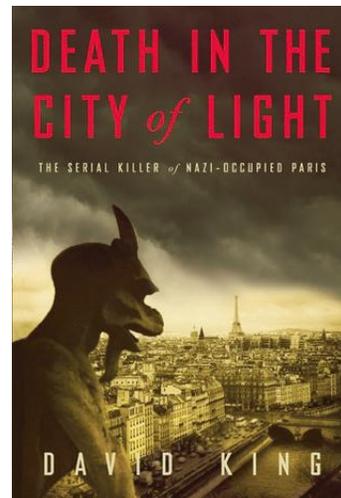
5:30 p.m.

David King

Death in the City of Light: The Serial Killer of Nazi-Occupied Paris

Death in the City of Light is the true story of Dr. Marcel Petiot, a handsome, refined and charismatic physician, greatly admired for the free services he provided to the poor, who, for a price, offered to help anyone looking to escape Nazi-occupied France. Imagine the reaction when he was arrested and charged with murder many times over. His victims were often Jews, but also resistance fighters and petty criminals. He guaranteed them all safe passage to South America - but those who agreed to his services were never seen again.

Drawing on new sources, including the formerly classified files on Dr. Petiot, David King tells the tragic story of an evil serial killer, a curious collection of victims and a trial unlike anything Paris had ever experienced.



6:30 p.m.

Jack Mayer

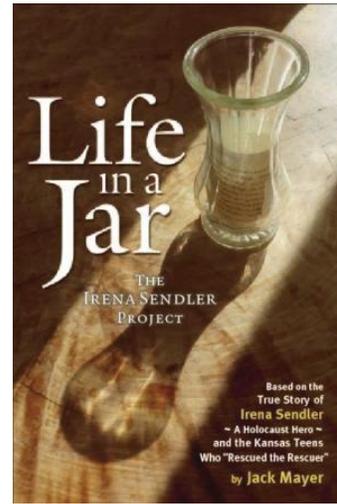
Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project

During WWII, Irena Sendler, a Polish-Catholic social worker, organized a rescue network to save 2,500 Jewish children from death.

This virtually unknown story remained hidden for 60 years until three high school girls, from an economically depressed, rural school district in Kansas, began a history project.

Please join us for a discussion with invited guests: author Jack Mayer; Kansas history teacher, Norman Conard; child of Holocaust survivors and director of Hidden Children & Child Survivors of Michigan, Rene Lichtman, and Renata Zajdman, a survivor saved by Irena Sendler.

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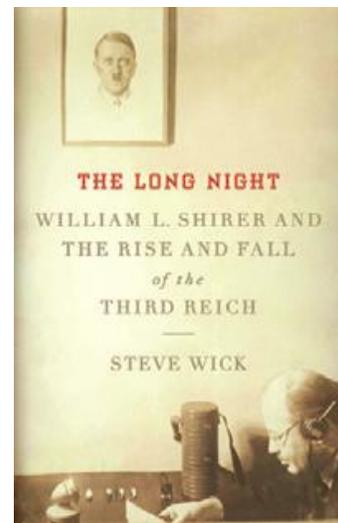
8 p.m.

Steve Wick

The Long Night: William L. Shirer and the Rise and Fall of the Third Reich

Using never-before-seen letters and diaries from William Shirer's days in Germany, award-winning reporter Steve Wick paints a brilliant portrait of a terrible time and the journalist who warned that Hitler had to be stopped or the world would suffer terrible consequences.

Heading the CBS bureau in Berlin in the 1930s, Shirer regularly spoke with everyone from the man on the street to Hitler's top aides. Forced to leave Germany when the Nazis accused him of espionage, Shirer returned to cover the Nuremberg trials and wrote what many regard as the finest history of the Nazi regime: *The Rise and the Fall of the Third Reich*.



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