

# The Book Nosh

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## Reading Poll

Help us improve the library by taking a quick survey!

How do you read the most?

- Physical Books
- E-Books
- Audiobooks

POLL

**PJ MOVIE NIGHT**

**Dec 28th  
6-8pm**

**Concessions for sale!**

**Wear your PJs and enjoy the show!**

**NOW SHOWING**

RSVP TO: [LIBRARY@SINAIRENO.ORG](mailto:LIBRARY@SINAIRENO.ORG)

## Upcoming Dates

### December 8th @ 2pm

Join us at Temple Emanu-El for an event hosted by Sue Liebman, author of 'The Dressmaker's Mirror: Sudden Death, Genetics, and a Jewish Family's Secret'

Registration Required: contact [administrator@renoemanuel.org](mailto:administrator@renoemanuel.org)

### January 12th @ 1pm

Novel Noshers will be back in 2025 with a potluck meeting! We will be discussing White Bird by RJ Palacio, and then watching the movie based on the graphic novel!



## Edible Book Fest

On November 16th, the Temple Sinai Library hosted an Edible Book Festival! Participants created edible displays based on a book (or books!) of their choosing.

The rules were that the display must be (mostly) edible, non-toxic ingredients, and the display must be based on a book available in the Temple Sinai Library.

Participants competed and voted to win the coveted **Tiny Trophy** in the four prize categories: *Best in Show*, *Most Edible*, *Funniest/Punniest*, & *Most Literary*.

### Winner: Most Edible

#### 'The Book of Dirt'

by friend of the library  
 Mr. Katherine Swezey!  
 (son of Emmy award-winning  
 Craig Seidel)



### Winner: Best in Show

'The Bus Driver Who  
 Wanted To Be God'  
 Cover recreated in potato bread

by Tova McGilvray & Suzy  
 Ramos

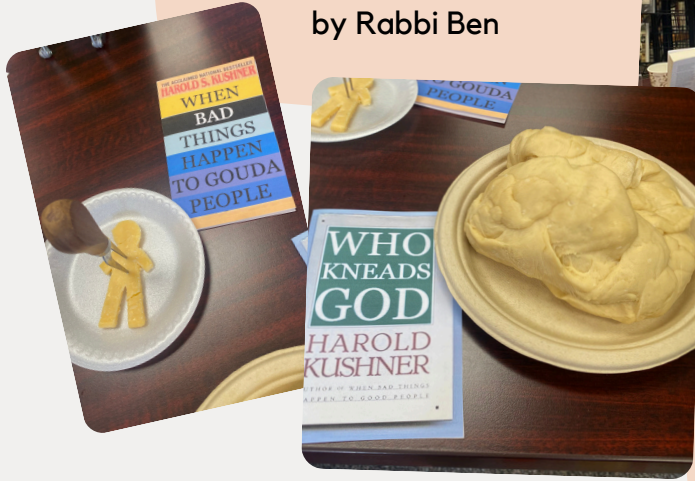


# Edible Book Fest

## Winner: Punniest!

'Conquering Beer', 'How Good Do We Have to Bean', 'To Lite', 'When Bad Things Happen to Gouda People' & 'The Curd is My Shepherd'

by Rabbi Ben



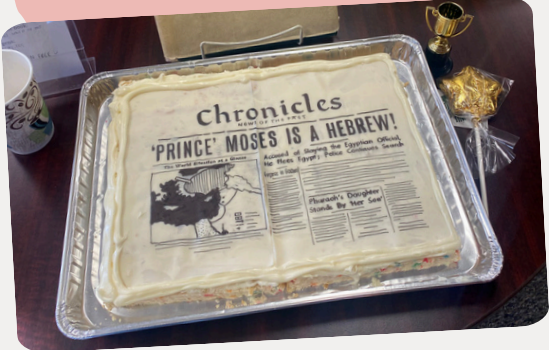
In a move that was shocking to nobody, Rabbi Ben claimed the 'Funniest/Punniest' category with his multiple displays based on some of Harold Kushners' selected works.



## Winner: Most Literary

'Chronicles - News of the Past'  
Recreated in funfetti cake

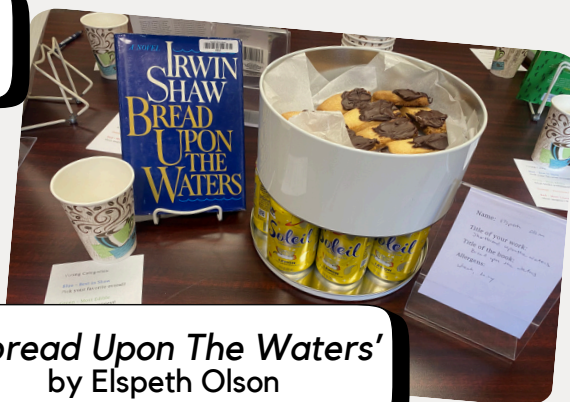
by Ronan Kerr



## Edible Books



**'The Lost Shtetl'**  
by Katherine Swezey



**'Shortbread Upon The Waters'**  
by Elspeth Olson

**'Jewish Cultural Studies'**  
by Renee Kerr



Thank you to everyone who participated in the first ever Edible Books Fest at the Temple Sinai Library!

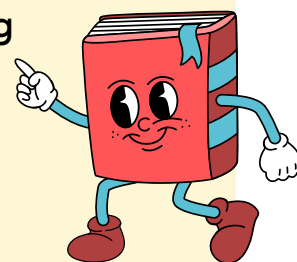
## Novel Noshers



Novel Noshers is taking a break in December but will be back in 2025! We'll be meeting **January 12th @ 1pm** to discuss *White Bird* by R.J. Palacio, followed by a potluck and a showing of the movie based on the graphic novel!

### Upcoming Schedule:

- Feb 23rd @ 1pm - *When Angels Left the Old Country* by Sasha Lamb
  - discussion led by Ronan Kerr
- March 30th @ 1pm - *Thistlefoot* by GennaRose Nethercott
  - discussion led by Vita Dworkin
- April 20th @ 1pm - *Surprised by God* by Danya Ruttenberg
  - discussion led by Rabbi Sara
- May 18th & June 22nd @ 1pm - TBD
  - Have a book you want to read & discuss? Contact [library@sinaireno.org](mailto:library@sinaireno.org)



## Used Books

Pick up gently used (and often hard to find!) books in the synagogue lobby.



Have something specific in mind? Contact us at [library@sinaireno.org](mailto:library@sinaireno.org) to see if we have a copy!

Hardcovers and Media: \$1.00.  
Paperbacks: \$0.50

## Celebrate a Life Event!

Temple Sinai Library Committee has created a wishlist, if you feel like donating to the collection, we would love your support.

When you donate a book from the wishlist, we'll add a bookplate in honor of your donation, a great way to celebrate a life event!



## Looking for a Book?

Let us know what we're missing and we'll add it to the collection!

**Suggest a book here!**



## About the Library

**About Us:** The Temple Sinai Library committee strives to provide meaningful programming, relevant collections, and a comfortable, accessible space where members of all ages can engage in Jewish learning and appreciation.

**Library Hours:** study, work, relax, and reinvigorate while being surrounded by great books and free wi-fi. If the synagogue is open, we're open.

Our 'Biggest Little Jewish Libraries' thrive because of committee volunteers. Want to help us write the next chapter? Join our committee ([library@sinaireno.org](mailto:library@sinaireno.org)).

**Donate to the Library Fund**  
([www.sinaireno.org/donate](http://www.sinaireno.org/donate))

## Resources

### **Browse Our Collection!**

View our latest additions and 4,000+ items!

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[Jewish Book Council - Natan Notable Books](#)

[Yiddish Book Center](#)

Association of Jewish Libraries:  
Sydney Taylor Book Awards 2024  
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