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Eye on Arts

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ANITA DIAMANT TO DISCUSS LATEST BOOK AT HADASSAH-WIZO EVENT

Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent*, discusses her new book *Day After Night* in a Toronto event hosted by the Dor L'Dor chapter of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO in support of Children Healthcare and Women projects. General admission \$40; with book \$70. Patron ticket \$150 includes book and cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Thursday, May 27, 8 p.m. dorldor@live.ca or Jodi, 416-873-6902.

Jewish Book Awards: A novel about a Jewish immigrant adjusting to life in a 19th-century Newfoundland outpost community has won this year's fiction prize in the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish book awards. *The Winterhouse* by **Robin McGrath** is one of eight winners of the 22nd annual awards.

The other winners are: **Allan Levine** (history category) for *Coming of Age: A History of the Jewish People of Manitoba*; **Michael Marrus** (Holocaust literature) for *Some Measure of Justice: The Holocaust Era Restitution Campaign of the 1990s*; **Eva Wiseman** (youth literature) for *Puppet*; **David Sax** (biography and memoir) for *Save the Deli*; **Kenneth Sherman** (Jewish thought & culture) for *What the Furies Bring*; **Jeffrey Veidlinger** (Jewish scholarship) for *Jewish Public Culture in the Late Russian Empire*; and **Goldie Sigal** (Yiddish) for *Stingy Buzi and King Solomon*.

As well, writer **Howard Engel**, famed creator of the Benny Cooperman series of detective novels, is to receive a special achievement award. The awards ceremony takes place at the Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal Jewish

Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., on Thursday, May 27, 8 p.m.

Playwriting Festival: The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company's new playwriting festival, *In The Beginning: A Jewish Playwrights Festival*, presents staged readings of four new plays: *Pillars of Salt* by **Michael Ross Albert** on Monday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.; *The Three of Us* by **Ron From-**

stein on Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.; *Zay Shtil* by **Bekky O'Neil** on Wednesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.; and *Corpus* by **Darrah Teitel**, Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. All readings feature professional casts and admission is free. The plays were chosen from more than 70 received from across Canada. www.hgjewishtheatre.com

Names in the News: **Barak Heymann**, director of *The Lone Samaritan*, and **Pierre Sauvage**, director of *Not Idly By: Peter Bergson, America and The Holocaust*, were named recipients of this year's David A. Stein Memorial Award at the recently concluded Toronto Jewish Film Festival. The \$5,000 award is given each year in memory of Toronto filmmaker **David Stein**, who died in 2004.

Sandra Schulberg and **Josh Waletzky** were the first recipients of the TJFF's new Legacy Award for the powerful film *Nuremberg: Its Lesson For Today*. The duo painstakingly reconstructed the long-forgotten 1948 film about the famous Nazi trial after the original picture negative and sound elements were lost or destroyed.

Music & Drama

• *A Jew Grows in Brooklyn*, **Jake Ehrenreich's** acclaimed stage memoir, has begun its run at the Panasonic Theatre, where it continues through May 16. 416-872-1212, www.mirvish.com

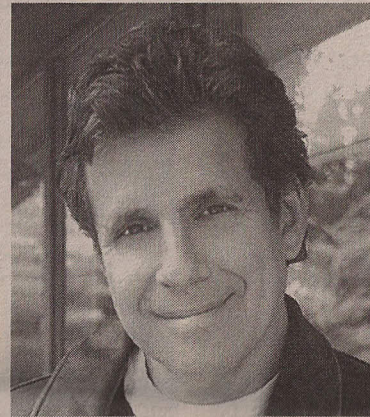
• Osculum Productions presents **Ariel Dorfman's** ac-

claimed play *Death and The Maiden*, a moral thriller about a woman who believes that a mysterious stranger who has arrived at her home is the same doctor who, years earlier, tortured and raped her. \$40 to \$50. St Lawrence Centre for the Arts. May 5 to 22. 416-366-7723, www.stlc.com

• Angelwalk Theatre presents *The Last Five Years*, **Jason Robert Brown's** emotionally charged and intimate musical about two twentyish New Yorkers, one of whom is Jewish, who fall in and out of love over five years.

The two principals tell their stories in a unique way: she starts at the end of the relationship, he starts at the beginning. \$40-\$25. Toronto Centre for the Arts, May 7 to 23. www.angelwalk.ca

• The Civic Light-Opera Company presents the musical *Funny Girl*, about the life of Jewish vaudeville and Hollywood legend **Fanny Brice**. Featuring **Ashley Medeiros-Felix** (as Brice), **Julie Lennick**, **Edward Karek**, **David Haines** and others. Also features a full orchestra, many popular songs such as *People* and *Don't Rain on My Parade*, and even some Ziegfeld girls. \$25. Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. May 26 to June 12. 416-755-1717, www.CivicLightOperaCompany.com



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• **Resa's Pieces** is an adult band that was formed a decade ago to provide an opportunity for people to return to playing instruments they hadn't touched in years. Under the directorship of **Resa Kochberg**, the band is preparing for its 11th gala concert, which is already nearly sold out. Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, June 8, 8 p.m. www.resaspieces.org

At the Galleries: Canadian artist **Brian Jungen** has won the \$25,000 Gershon Iskowitz Prize for his contribution to visual arts in Canada. The Art Gallery of Ontario, which administers the prize, is planning a public reception on May 6 and an exhibition of Jungen's work in the coming year.