

Roswell Author Pens Memoir

Donnie Kanter Winokur's new book, *Chancer-How One Good Boy Saved Another*, will be presented at the MJCCA Book Festival

Local Roswell Author Donnie Kanter Winokur will present her memoir, *Chancer- How One Good Boy Saved Another*, with special guest Quinn, their service dog at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA) at 10AM on Thursday, November 16th.

Admission to this event is free to the community. For information, call the MJCCA Box Office at 678.812.4005, or visit atlantajcc.org/bookfestival.

Donnie Kanter Winokur and her husband, Rabbi Harvey Winokur, could never have imagined the heart-wrenching struggle after they decide to adopt two infants from Russia, a girl and a boy born two days apart, both from different parents. As Iyal and Morasha grow, it becomes clear that Iyal's development is drastically lagging behind his sister's.

At age four, the parents received the difficult diagnosis that Iyal was born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The book explains while finally having a "name" for what was happening in their son, it provided little relief as they tried to cope with the lifelong impact of his disability. In the book, the Winokur's' marriage was unraveling because they felt hopeless with their son's more challenging symptoms, such as his regular outbursts and rages. Donnie decided to try an innovative, untested, four-pawed solution: a golden retriever service dog named Chancer. Chancer is specifically trained

to give Iyal the unique love he needs. But in the end, Chancer turns out to be what the ENTIRE family needed.

"My greatest joy in writing this memoir has been sharing with others our family's remarkable journey and the love we found in our service dog, Chancer," beamed Donnie. "I am so excited to join in conversation at the Book Festival of the MJCCA."

Highlights of the 26th Book Festival of the MJCCA (Nov. 4-20th) include: 45+ Authors; 13,000+ visitors; celebrities and influencers; interviews between authors and journalists; engaging speaker programs; book signings; panel discussions and more. Admission to this event is free to the community. Coffee and treats, compliments of Jewish Home Life Communities, will be served. To learn more about the Book Festival, visit atlantajcc.org/bookfestival.

