

# THE Jewish Georgian

## 26<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE BOOK FESTIVAL OF THE MJCCA



From November 4–20, the Book Festival of the Marcus Jewish Community Center (MJCCA) will celebrate 26 years of bringing culture and conversation to the greater Atlanta community. This year's Book Festival repertoire of 45+ authors has something to offer all book lovers. More than 12,000 people from across the Southeast will come to engage with and listen to their favorite local, national, and international authors.

Headlining authors include *New York Times* bestselling author and humorist Dave Barry, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Former First Daughters Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush, U.S. Senator Al Franken, celebrated author and journalist Walter Isaacson, *New York Times* bestselling author Nicole Krauss, diet guru and lifestyle expert Lisa Lillien, celebrated inventor and entrepreneur Joy Mangano, news icon Dan Rather, and NBC national investigative correspondent Jeff Rossen.

"The 26th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA features everyone from renowned political figures and historians, to award-winning novelists and local luminaries. Book topics range from scientific breakthroughs to fascinating biographies, from untold stories about the Holocaust to World War II epics, from brilliant Jewish humor to unwritten rules for sports fans," said Book Festival Co-Chair Bea Grossman. "We truly have something for everyone — book lover or not."

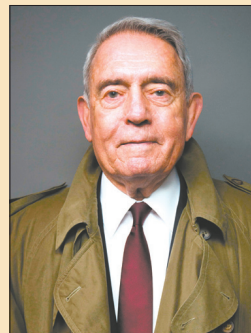
"Personally, I think this festival's author lineup is one of our best to date", says Book Festival Co-Chair Dee Kline. "Some of this year's highlights include a live musical performance from one of the most prolific Jewish songwriters today Steve



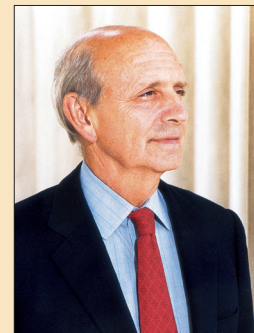
**Al Franken (photo: Owen Franken)**



**Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush (photo: Nathan R. Congleton)**



**Dan Rather (photo: Ben-Baker, Redux)**



**Stephen Breyer (photo: Steve Petteway)**

Dorff; a delicious dessert reception with Lisa Lillien, a.k.a. 'The Hungry Girl'; and a fun Intown program at The Rich Theatre with 'the most interesting man in the world,' Jonathan Goldsmith. Additionally, we are pleased to bring back our 'In Conversation' interviews between authors and local journalists and various events with book clubs throughout the city."

Most events will be held at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody. To purchase tickets,

order online at [atlantajcc.org/bookfestival](http://atlantajcc.org/bookfestival), e-mail [bookfestival@atlantajcc.org](mailto:bookfestival@atlantajcc.org), or call 678-812-4005. Individual tickets can be purchased, or guests can purchase a series pass for \$120/MJCCA members or \$145/community. Some events are free.

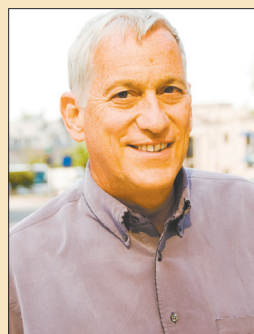
The Book Festival is proud to present its Social Action Project — Project GIVE, supporting Children Read Atlanta. Children Read Atlanta collects new and gently used books for children five and under and delivers them to Head Start, Sheltering Arms Day Care, Title 1 Pre-K classes in metro Atlanta schools, and other programs. While at the schools, volunteers

read to the children and every child receives a bag of books to take home and keep. Our goal is to promote literacy for the whole family as well as a love for books in the home. Visitors are invited to bring books to the Book Festival that are new or gently used, secular, and appropriate for children under the age of five. A bin will be at the MJCCA front desk and at The Weinstein School from October 1–November 30, 2017.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MJCCA box office at 678-812-4005 or visit [atlantajcc.org/bookfestival](http://atlantajcc.org/bookfestival).



**Joy Mangano (photo: Headshots and Updated Imagery)**



**Walter Isaacson (photo: (Patrice Gilbert))**



**Lisa Lillien**



**Jeff Rossen**



**Nicole Krauss (photo: Goni Riskin)**



**Reza Aslan (photo: Malin Fezehai)**



**Dave Barry (photo: Michelle Kaufman)**