For almost three decades, Ambassador Dennis Ross has been one of the leading figures in Middle East peace negotiations. In his new book, Ambassador Ross tells the inside story of the close but troubled relationship between the U.S. and Israel. He was lead U.S. negotiator at Camp David and at Oslo, as well as Special Assistant to President Barack Obama. He is currently a Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. President Clinton said, “No one worked harder for peace than Dennis. He gave it everything he had and served our nation very well.”

$18 minimum donation in advance/$25 at the door. Group & student discounts available.

KILLING A KING: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin & the Remaking of Israel
Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m.
At the Forest Hills Jewish Center

Sometimes an assassin’s bullet changes the course of history in minutes. The killing of Yitzhak Rabin by Yigal Amir 20 years ago became a fatal turning point for Israel, derailing the fragile peace process and plunging Israelis and Palestinians into political violence. Ephron tells the parallel stories of Rabin and Amir over the two years leading up to the assassination, as one of them plotted political deals he hoped would lead to peace and the other plotted murder. As Jerusalem Bureau Chief for Newsweek, Dan Ephron covered both the rally where Rabin was assassinated and the subsequent murder trial.

ROBERTA KAPLAN
THEN COMES MARRIAGE: The Historic Defeat of DOMA
Monday, November 2, 1:30 p.m.

Renowned litigator Roberta Kaplan tells the gripping story of the landmark case she argued before the Supreme Court, that ultimately brought down the Defense of Marriage Act in one of this country’s most significant civil rights victories. The case centered on Edie Windsor and Thea Spyer, two women who had lived together as a couple for over forty years. Despite a legal marriage, when Spyer died, her partner was denied inheritance rights. Herself a gay woman, Roberta Kaplan took on this case, as well as Mississippi’s gay marriage ban, in a passionate quest for equal rights. This is the story of a historic victory for civil rights for all.

SHULEM DEEN
ALL WHO GO DO NOT RETURN: A Memoir
Monday, October 26, 1:30 p.m.

Shulem Deen was raised to believe that questions are dangerous. As a member of one of the most insular Hasidic sects, Shulem Deen knew little about the outside world. By 18 he was in an arranged marriage and by age 30, he had five children. Deen’s first transgression—turning on the radio—was small, but his curiosity led him to the library and then, the internet. Soon he began a feverish inquiry into his religious beliefs, until his faith unraveled entirely. Now a heretic, he feared being discovered, and ostracized from the only world he knew, as well as losing those he loves most: his five children. This is a heartbreaking story about the consequences of being true to yourself.

PROF. STEVEN GIMBEL
EINSTEIN: In the Context of His Turbulent Times
Monday, October 19, 1:30 p.m.

The caricature of Albert Einstein as a genius with his head in the clouds leads us to misunderstand his life and work, which grew out of his turbulent times. Renouncing his citizenship at age 16 in protest of German militarism, Einstein was politically engaged all his life. His social and scientific views led to early death threats from Nazi sympathizers. Einstein was unafraid to rock any boat, including challenging Jewish and other leaders. As Einstein’s views evolved with his times, he stepped into the role of pacifist and became an international and Jewish leader. Steven Gimbel is Chair of the Philosophy Department at Gettysburg College.
In the style of a tense psychological thriller, this extraordinary documentary recounts the true story of the son of a Palestinian Hamas leader who was recruited as a spy by Israel’s internal security agent and emerged as one of Israel’s prized informants, and the Shin Bet agent who risked his career to protect him. The emotional core of this gripping documentary is the deepening relationship between the two men. The Green Prince exposes a complex world of terror, betrayal, and impossible choices. Discussion follows with Nadav Eylon, who is Director of the Center for Israel at the Sid Jacobson JCC, as well as a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces.

**FILM SCREENING with Filmmaker ADAM ZUCKER**

**THE RETURN:**
Young and Jewish in Today’s Poland
Monday, November 30, 1:00 p.m.*

Imagine finding out that you’re a member of an extreme minority, realizing you’re different and part of a rich but virtually erased history. How would this change your life and closest relationships? Youn Poles today are discovering Jewish roots they knew nothing about, and grappling with how to make sense of it all. This documentary explores their dilemmas through the very different perspectives of four young women, as they struggle with difficult choices. What does it mean to be Jewish in a country with the richest of Jewish histories yet almost no living presence? What does it mean to embrace not just a religion but an ethnicity?

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Unusual films & lively discussion with film critic.
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**CONVERSATIONS WITH AUTHORS & FILMMAKERS**

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