Bites & Books is back with a new added twist - something bubbly!

Join us for six sessions of discussion and community as we explore a range of topics and titles. At each session you will find a good nosh and a bubbly drink (think sparkling juices, water, or even mimosas!) as well as great conversation.

**August 25:**
*Sacred Housekeeping*
Facilitator: Rabbi Megan Brudney
Book: Sacred Housekeeping by Harriet Rossetto

**October 13:**
*How To Find Your Way In The Dark*
Facilitator: DEREK B. MILLER

**December 1:**
*People Love Dead Jews*
Facilitator: Rabbi Mark Miller
Book: People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn

**February 9:**
*Crazy To Leave You: A Novel*
Facilitator: Laura Gottlieb
Book: Crazy To Leave You: A Novel by Marilyn Simon Rothstein

**June 8:**
*The Prison Minyan*
Facilitator: Debbie Morosohk
Book: The Prison Minyan by Jonathan Stone

**AUGUST 25**
*Sacred Housekeeping*
Facilitator: Rabbi Megan Brudney
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An honest autobiography of a courageous woman and social worker, who took an interest in the unpopular cause of helping incarcerated Jewish men re-enter society and made it her life's passion. From that passion was born Beit T'Shuah, a once tiny halfway house that has grown into a renowned treatment organization. Her voyage is remarkable and an inspiration to all people. This is the personal story of the obstacles she surmounted and the successes she encountered. This book also tells the unconventional love story of Harriet Rossetto and her husband, Rabbi Mark Borovitz.

**FEBRUARY 9**
*Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided*
by Jonathan Sacks
Facilitator: Cantor Rachel Gottlieb Kalmowitz

In Morality, respected faith leader and public intellectual Jonathan Sacks traces today’s crisis to our loss of a strong, shared moral code and our elevation of self-interest over the common good. Sacks leads readers from ancient Greece to the Enlightenment to the present day to show that there is no liberty without morality and no freedom without responsibility, arguing that we all must play our part in rebuilding a common moral foundation. A major work of moral philosophy, Morality is an inspiring vision of a world in which we can all find our place and face the future without fear.

**APRIL 13**
*Crazy To Leave You: A Novel*
by Marilyn Simon Rothstein
Facilitator: Laura Gottlieb

Forty-one years old, the last of her friends to marry, and down to a size 12, Lauren Leo is in her gown and about to tie the knot. There's just one thing missing: the groom. With one blindsiding text, Lauren is unceremoniously dumped at the altar. Picking her heart up off the floor, Lauren turns to her work in advertising as she gathers courage to move on and plan her next step. She should know by now that nothing in life goes according to plan. What lies ahead is the road to self-acceptance and at last feeling worthy. With a new way to measure love and success, Lauren finds a second chance in the most unexpected place.

**DECEMBER 1**
*Reports from a Haunted Present*
Facilitator: Rabbi Mark Miller

Reflecting on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the blockbuster traveling exhibition called "Auschwitz," the Jewish history of the Chinese city of Harbin, and the little known "righteous Gentile" Varian Fry, Dara Horn challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and so little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present. Horn draws on her own family's life to assert the vitality, complexity, and depth of this life against an anti-Semitism that, far from being disarmed by the mantra of “Never forget,” is on the rise.