

The Big Read at Parker Jewish Institute

The Shawl by Cynthia Ozick



THE SHAWL

Author: Cynthia Ozick

No event in modern history has inspired so many books as the Holocaust. This monumental atrocity has compelled thousands of writers to reexamine their notions of history, humanity, morality, and even theology. None of these books, however, is quite like Cynthia Ozick's *The Shawl*—a remarkable feat of fiction which starts in darkest despair and brings us, without simplification or condescension, to a glimmer of redemption.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American popular culture. Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America, a 2004 NEA report, identified a critical decline in reading for pleasure among American adults. The Big Read addresses this issue by bringing communities together to read, discuss, and celebrate books and writers from American and world literature.

A great book combines enlightenment with enchantment. It awakens our imagination and enlarges our humanity. It can even offer harrowing insights that somehow console and comfort us. Whether you're a regular reader already or making up for lost time, thank you for joining The Big Read.

The Big Read Events

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 1, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

The Big Read Opening Night

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 2, 2010; 12-1pm

This evenings' program will include discussion from holocaust survivors from Poland, an outline of the Big Read program by Dr. Arthur Flug, Director of Holocaust Resource Center/Museum of Queens (HRCA). Refreshments served.

The Big Read Materials Distribution

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 2, 2010; 1-4 pm

Free copies of *The Shawl*, Reader's Guides, Teacher's Guides, Audio CDs, Calendars of events, bookmarks distributed.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 2, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

The Shawl Read-A-Thon

Location: Great Neck Senior Center

Date: March 2, 2010

Free copies of *The Shawl*, Reader's Guides, Calendars of events, bookmarks distributed.

Book Reading of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 3, 2010; 2-3:30pm

Features guest speaker from The Holocaust Center, film presentation, and discussion with survivors.

Book Reading of *The Shawl*

Location: Queens High School of Teaching

Date: March 3, 2010

The Shawl Read Aloud - 9th-12th graders will meet weekly to read and discuss the book.

Knitting Workshop

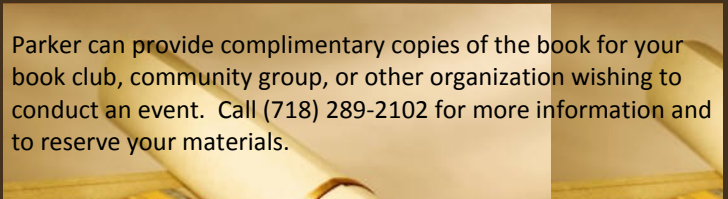
Location: Project Independence at Great Neck Senior Center

Date: March 4, 2010

Four one-hour sessions will be offered on knitting to nursing home residents.

Get Involved!

Parker can provide complimentary copies of the book for your book club, community group, or other organization wishing to conduct an event. Call (718) 289-2102 for more information and to reserve your materials.



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Knitting Workshop

Location: Project Independence at Great Neck Senior Center

Date: March 4, 2010

Four one-hour sessions will be offered on knitting. Participants will assemble squares to create a large shawl.

Brown Bag Book Discussion

Location: Holocaust Center and Archives

Date: March 4, 2010

Students are invited to bring their lunch and discuss "The Shawl".

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Samuel Field Y

Date: March 4 2010

Teen Council will meet weekly to discuss the book. Students will participate in letter writing with nursing home residents.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 4, 2010; 1:30 pm

High school students and community members read the book aloud.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 5, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

The Shawl Read-A-Thon

Location: Great Neck Arts Center

Date: March 9, 2010

Seniors meet to read the book aloud and discuss. Call ahead to confirm.

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Adult Day Health Care, Community Room

Date: March 9, 2010; 11:00 am

Lecture: Films of the Holocaust

Location: St. John's University, Bent Hall

Date: March 9, 2010; 6:40—9:20pm

Will include lecture and short film presentation.

Film Series: Interview with Cynthia Ozick

Location: Samuel H. Wang- Yeshiva University High School

Date: March 9, 2010

Students will meet to view video and discuss the book.

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Atria Assisted Living-Forest Hills

Date: March 10, 2010

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Queens High School of Teaching

Date: March 10, 2010

9th-12th graders will meet weekly to read and discuss the book.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Great Neck Senior Center - Veteran's Group

Date: March 11, 2010

Veteran's and Assemblywoman Bosworth read the book aloud.

Book Reading of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 11, 2010; 2pm

Features guest speaker from The Holocaust Center.

Knitting Workshop

Location: Project Independence at Great Neck Senior Center

Date: March 11, 2010; 2pm

Four one-hour sessions will be offered on knitting. Participants will assemble squares to create a large shawl. Please call ahead to confirm.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 11, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Samuel Field Y

Date: March 11, 2010

Teen Council will meet weekly to discuss the book. Students will participate in letter writing with nursing home residents.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 12, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 15, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

Get the Book:

Copies of *The Shawl*, Reader's Guides, Teacher's Guides, Audio CDs, Calendars of events, bookmarks are available at the Parker Jewish Institute. Be sure to pick some up.

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events and updates
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Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Atria Assisted Living-Kew Gardens

Date: March 15, 2010—Mon. 2:30 pm

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Adult Day Health Care, Community Room

Date: March 16, 2010

Teen Book Discussion

Location: Samuel H. Wang- Yeshiva University High School

Date: March 17, 2010

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Queens High School of Teaching

Date: March 17, 2010

9th-12th graders will meet weekly to read and discuss the book.

Brunch and Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Jewish Institute, New Hyde Park

Date: March 17, 2010 – Wed. 10:30 am

Women's Auxiliary League will meet to discuss *The Shawl*. Brunch to be served. Space is limited. Registration required.

Visit to Holocaust Resource Center and Archives

Location: Parker Jewish Institute, New Hyde Park

Date: March 17, 2010 – Wed. 12:00 pm

Women's Auxiliary League will tour the Holocaust Center at Quennsborough Community College, view a short film, and meet with survivors to discuss *The Shawl*. Space is limited. Transportation provided. Registration Required.

Intergenerational Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Jewish Institute, New Hyde Park

Date: March 17, 2010 – Wed. 12:00 pm

Students from Yeshiva Haarstorch meet with nursing home residents to discuss *The Shawl*. Parker Jewish Institute, New Hyde Park

Group Book Discussion and Essay Presentation

Location: Parker Jewish Institute, New Hyde Park

Date: March 18, 2010

After reading and discussing *The Shawl* students will be asked to write essays on what they learned. Students will present what they learned at this session.

Knitting Workshop

Location: Project Independence at Great Neck Senior Center

Date: TBA

Four one-hour sessions will be offered on knitting to nursing home residents.

Knitting Workshop

Location: Project Independence at Great Neck Senior Center

Date: TBA

Four one-hour sessions will be offered on knitting. Participants will assemble squares to create a large shawl.

Please call ahead to confirm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lecture: Non-European Jews During the Holocaust: The Long Reach of the Nazis - by Dr. Mitchell Serels

Location: Holocaust Resource Center and Archives

Date: March 14, 2010 - Sun. 1:00pm

While most historians concentrate their research on the Holocaust in Europe, a long shadow was cast by the Nazi regime over North Africa, Japanese held areas in Asia, work camps and in Tunisia and Libya and non-European Jewish residing in France.

Yiddish Song Festival

Location: Holocaust Resource Center and Archives

Date: TBA

Come hear Yiddish music at its best. Experience traditional Yiddish songs.

Teen Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Samuel Field Y

Date: March 18, 2010

Teen Council will meet weekly to discuss the book. Students will participate in letter writing with nursing home residents.

Literary Soup – Book Discussion Club (Closed Group)

Location: Queens Village Library

Date: March 18, 2010 - Thur. 6:30 pm

Registrants will meet weekly to discuss the book.

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: SNAP of Eastern Queens Senior Center

Date: March 22, 2010

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Atria Assisted Living—Great Neck

Date: March 22, 2010

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 23, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Adult Day Health Care, Community Room

Date: March 23, 2010

Novel & Nosh

Location: Parker Adult Day Health Care, Community Room

Date: March 23, 2010

After reading *The Shawl* students from North Shore Hebrew Academy will come to Parker to have lunch with seniors and discuss what they learned.

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Great Neck Public Library

Date: March 23, 2010

Copies of *The Shawl*, Reader's Guides, Teacher's Guides, Audio CDs, Calendars of events, bookmarks available.

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Atria Assisted Living-Cutter Mill

Date: March 23, 2010 – Wed. 2:00 pm

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Film Series – “Schindler’s List”

Location: St. John’s University—Bent Hall

Date: March 23, 2010 - 6:40pm

This film is a dramatized account of the true story businessman who saved the lives of more than one thousand during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. Students will view film, read book and write essay.

Art Exhibit

Location: Great Neck Senior Center

Date: TBA

Participants will present drawings/paintings with relevant to The Shawl.

Intergenerational Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 24, 2010



Intergenerational Discussion of The Shawl - Students from Queens High School of Teaching meet with nursing home residents to discuss The Shawl.

Book Discussion of The Shawl

Location: Samuel Field Y Senior Center

Date: March 24, 2010

Senior's Group Discussion of The Shawl.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 25, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

Knitting Workshop

Location: Project Independence at Great Neck Senior Center

Date: TBA

Four one-hour sessions will be offered on knitting. Participants will assemble squares to create a large shawl. Please call ahead to confirm.

Book Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Great Neck Senior Center - Veteran's Group

Date: March 25, 2010

Veteran's Group Discussion of The Shawl.

Intergenerational Discussion of *The Shawl*

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 25, 2010

Teens from Sam Field Y to meet with nursing home residents to discuss The Shawl.

For Questions or to Register for an Event:

Who to contact:

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Capstone Event

Location: Parker Jewish Institute Auditorium

Date: March 26, 2010, 10:00 am

Holocaust survivors, nursing home residents, community members, and scholars come together to discuss their experiences and answer questions. Event will include music and refreshments.

Book Discussion of The Shawl

Location: Clearview Assistance Program (NORC)

Date: March 25, 2010

Community group discussion of The Shawl.

Knitting Workshop

Location: Project Independence at Great Neck Senior Center

Date: March 25, 2010

Four one-hour sessions will be offered on knitting to nursing home residents.

Book Discussion of The Shawl

Location: VNS Choice Adult Day Center

Date: March 28, 2010

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 29, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

The Shawl Read Aloud

Location: Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

Date: March 30, 2010

Nursing home residents meet to read the book aloud and discuss.

Book Discussion of The Shawl

Location: Parker Adult Day Health Care, Community Room

Date: March 30, 2010

Book Discussion of The Shawl

Location: Queens Public Library, Auburndale

Date: March 31, 2010, 1:30 pm

Film Series:

COMING SOON!

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