



JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

On **January 18** our guest speaker will be **MIN JIN LEE**. **Registration closes on January 11** – don't delay, contact us now to register!

TIP: Conveniently register & pay online at our website.

TIP: Mail delivery is sometimes slow. When mailing in your luncheon reservation, it's always a good idea to call or email us to let us know it's on its way.

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Min Jin Lee, *Pachinko*

Friday, January 18, 2019 | 12:00pm at Temple Israel

The registration deadline is January 11th

Register online or by email / phone / mail

Min Jin Lee is a recipient of fellowships in Fiction from the Guggenheim Foundation and the Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study at Harvard. Her novel *Pachinko* was a finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction, and a *New York Times* 10 Best Books of 2017.

Her writings have appeared in *The New Yorker*, NPR's *Selected Shorts*, *One Story*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Guardian*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *The Times of London*, and *Wall Street Journal*. She served three consecutive seasons as a Morning Forum columnist of the *Chosun Ilbo* of South Korea.

In 2018, Lee was named as an *Adweek* Creative 100 for being one of the "10 Writers and Editors Who are Changing the National Conversation" and a Frederick Douglass 200. She received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Monmouth College.

She was born in Seoul, South Korea and immigrated to Queens, New York with her family in 1976 when she was seven years old. Lee is a graduate of the Bronx High School of Science and was inducted into the Bronx Science Hall of Fame. At Yale College, she majored in History and was awarded the Henry Wright Prize for Nonfiction and the James Ashmun Veech Prize for Fiction. She attended law school at Georgetown University and worked as a lawyer for several years in New York prior to writing full time.

From 2007 to 2011, Lee lived in Tokyo where she researched and wrote *Pachinko*. As of the fall of 2018, she is based in Boston, where she is working on *American Hagwon*, the third diaspora novel of "The Koreans" trilogy.

A Bit About the Book

A *New York Times* Bestseller, *Pachinko* was also a Top 10 Books of the Year for BBC, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and the New York Public Library. *Pachinko* was a selection for "Now Read This," the joint book club of PBS NewsHour and The New York Times. It was on over 75 best books of the year lists, including NPR, PBS, and CNN. *Pachinko* will be translated into 24 languages.

A saga about four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan, exiled from their home.

Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan.

So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity.

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Upcoming 2019 Luncheons

We meet at noon at

Temple Israel of Greater Miami – Wolfson Auditorium

(enter at BridgePrep gate)

137 NE 19th Street, Miami FL 33132

Friday, January 18: Min Jin Lee, *Pachinko*

Thursday, February 14: Madeline Miller, *Circe*

Thursday, March 21: Elliot Ackerman, *Waiting for Eden*

Thursday, April 18: John Burnham Schwartz, *The Red Daughter*

For additional event details and to register, please visit our website.

Each author event carries a per-person charge to cover lunch, a signed copy of the speaker's book, and parking; for Couples and Individuals, the fee is \$50, and for Young Professionals (ages 35 and younger), the fee is \$30.

Please note that we must give a firm count of participants five days prior to each event; regretfully we cannot refund for cancellations not received without at least five days' notice.