Keynote Address  
Jonathan Kirsch and Adam Kirsch


Inspired by Adam Kirsch's recent *Who Wants to Be a Jewish Writer?* (Yale UP, 2019), this conversation between Adam Kirsch and his father, Jewish Journal Books Editor Jonathan Kirsch, will trace issues in the reviewing of Jewish books: past, present, future. They will be joined by moderator Erika Dreifus. Q&A will follow the discussion.

Jonathan Kirsch is an author, book reviewer and publishing attorney. He serves as book editor of the *Jewish Journal*, a contributor to the *Washington Post*, and a judge for the National Jewish Book Awards. His thirteen books include, most recently, *The Short, Strange Life of Herschel Grynszpan: A Boy Avenger, a Nazi Diplomat, and a Murder in Paris.*

Adam Kirsch is the author of *Who Wants to Be a Jewish Writer?* (Yale University Press) and *The People and the Books: Eighteen Classics of Jewish Literature* (WW Norton), among other books. He is an editor at the Wall Street Journal and a regular contributor to *Tablet*, the *New Yorker* and other publications.

Erika Dreifus is the author of *Birthright: Poems*, published by Kelsay Books in Fall 2019. She is also the author of *Quiet Americans*, a short-story collection that was named an ALA/Sophie Brody Medal Honor Title. Erika earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard University, where she taught history, literature and writing for several years. Currently, she lives in New York City.