



MEET THE AUTHOR



November 8, 2017 - 8:00 pm

**Congregation Beth Judea
Hilltop & Route 83 in Long Grove**

Cost: FREE for CBJ Members | Non-Members \$5/pp

Annette Gendler is a writer, photographer and blogger. She writes literary nonfiction and focuses on the photography of place. In 2014-15 she had the privilege of serving as [writer-in-residence](#) at the [Hemingway Birthplace Home](#) in Oak Park, Illinois.

Her memoir *Jumping Over Shadows*, the story of a German-Jewish love that overcame the baggage of the past, was released in spring 2017 from She Writes Press. One essay excerpted from the manuscript, 'Thrown Out' of the Family Home, was published in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Her essays have appeared in many literary journals. She regularly writes for the [Washington Independent Review of Books](#) and the [Jewish Book Council](#). Her photography has been featured in [Bella Grace Magazine](#) and [Artful Blogging](#).

She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Queens University of Charlotte. After 15 years of working in consulting, she left the corporate world. She teaches memoir writing at [StoryStudio Chicago](#). Annette lives in Chicago with her husband and three children.



"In this extraordinary work, Annette Gendler illuminates the borders and meeting points between Judaism and Christianity, Germans and Jews, American Jews and Israeli Jews. Writing with eloquent precision, she reminds us why converts to Judaism are among the most precious gifts to the Jewish people. This book confirms Annette Gendler as an indispensable Jewish voice for our time."

Yossi Klein Halevi, author of *Like Dreamers*, Senior fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem

**JUMPING OVER SHADOWS, the memoir written by
author Annette Gendler is
Sisterhood Book Club Discussion - October 25, 2017**

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