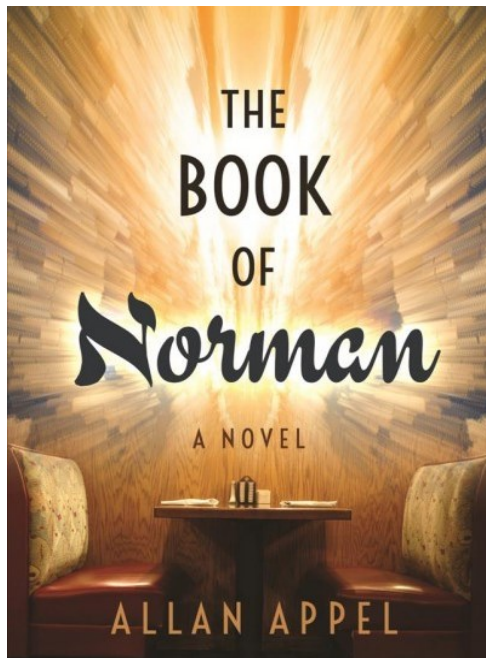


**Author Talk and Discussion;
Allan Appel and Rabbi Jon Jay Tilsen
on *The Book of Norman***

Monday March 5th at 6:30pm
at Mitchell Library



Allan Appel, born in Chicago and raised in Los Angeles, is a prize-winning novelist and playwright whose books include *Club Revelation*, *High Holiday Sutra*, winner of a Barnes and Noble Discover



Great New Writers Award, *The Hebrew Tutor of Be Air*, and *The Rabbi of Casino Boulevard*, a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. Allan is a reporter for the New Haven Independent. *The Book of Norman* was published in 2017 by Mandel Vilar Press.

Join Novelist Allan Appel in Conversation with Rabbi John Jay Tilsen of Congregation Beth El Kesser Israel for a lively reading and conversation of Appel's new novel, *The Book of Norman*, and solve such problems as sibling rivalry, and which religion has got the truth about the afterlife.

"Allan Appel does it again! His unique blend of rabbinic play, stand-up comedy, religious obsession, has led him to produce a sly novel that explores how America's hunger for redemption bumps up against world-weary, Jewish hope and disbelief."—**Rabbi James E. Ponet**, Howard M. Holtzmann Jewish Chaplain, Emeritus, Yale University.

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