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Roz Chast in Conversation October 29
At Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan
Event Part of NYC's Reimagine End of Life Festival

New York, NY (October 12, 2018) – Since starting at The New Yorker in 1978, Roz Chast has established herself as one of the greatest chroniclers of the anxieties, superstitions, furies, and insecurities of modern life. Join Chast in conversation with Rabbi David Ingber. The talk will take place at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan on Monday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m, followed by a book signing cohosted by Book Culture. The event is part of the New York City Reimagine End of Life Festival, and is cosponsored by What Matters: Caring Conversations About End of Life, a program of the JCC. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased [here](#).

Chast, a Brooklyn native, is the author/artist of more than a dozen books, including the best-selling “Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?”, which chronicles her relationship with her aging parents as they shifted from independence to dependence. She has also authored numerous children’s books, including “The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter Z!” with humorist Steve Martin.

She received her BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design with studies in graphic design and painting. At age 24, The New Yorker added her to their roster of approximately 40 artists under contract, and has published her work ever since. She had provided cartoons and editorial illustrations for nearly 50 magazines and journals. Chast lectures widely and has received numerous prestigious awards, including honorary degrees from the Pratt Institute and the Art Institute of Boston as well as the Heinz Award. She was inducted as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2013. In 2015, she received the Reuben Award from the National Cartoon Society and was nominated for the Eisner Award. Chast lives in Connecticut with her family and several parrots.

Ingbar was named by Newsweek as one of 2013’s top 50 most influential rabbis in the United States and by The Forward as one of the 50 most newsworthy and notable Jews in America. Raised Modern Orthodox in New York, Ingber studied at several distinguished yeshivot in Jerusalem and New York, including Yeshiva University, Beit Midrash L’Torah, Yeshivat Chaim Berlin, and Yeshivat Chovovei Torah Rabbinical School. He also studied philosophy, psychology, and religion at New York University. He has taught at the Academy for Jewish Religion, Columbia University, CUNY, Jewish Theological Seminary, Limmud LA, and others. He was ordained in 2004.

The JCC is pleased to host numerous other events as part of Reimagine, including a Family Art Day, Advance Care Planning sessions, a screening of “Lives Well Lived,” dramatic readings of Sophocles’ “Philoctetes” and “Women of Trachis” with Kathryn Erbe, Frankie Faison, and Joshua Hamilton, and Death Over Dinner: Jewish Edition. A complete schedule, along with registration information, is available at jccmanhattan.org/reimagine.

About the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan

Together with its community, the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan creates opportunities for people to connect, grow, and learn within an ever-changing Jewish landscape. Located on 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, the JCC is a vibrant non-profit community center on the Upper West Side. The cornerstone of progressive programming in Manhattan, the JCC serves over 55,000 people annually through 1,200 programs each season that educate, inspire, and transform participants' minds, bodies, and spirits. Since its inception, the JCC has been committed to serving the community by offering programs, classes, and events that reach beyond neighborhood boundaries, reaching people at all stages of their lives. Learn more at jccmanhattan.org.

About Reimagine End of Life Festival

Reimagine is a citywide exploration of death and celebration of life through creativity and conversation. Drawing on the arts, spirituality, healthcare, and design, the weeklong event sets out to spark dialogue, break down taboos, and bring diverse communities together around one universal topic. It will be held in New York City from October 27 through November 3, 2018. Learn more at letsreimagine.org.

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