

# Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club



## BOOK Club



**Join us for the next meeting of the Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club, open to the community.**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting in Classroom 2

***The Fortuneteller's Kiss***, by Brenda Serotte (2006)

There was always the incantation: “Whoever wishes you harm, may harm come to them!” And just in case that didn’t work, there were garlic and cloves to repel the Evil Eye—or, better yet, the dried foreskin from a baby boy’s circumcision, ground to a fine powder. But whatever precautions Brenda Serotte was subjected to, they were not enough. Shortly before her eighth birthday, in the fall of 1954, she came down with polio—painfully singled out in a world already marked by differences. Her bout with the dreaded disease is at the heart of this poignant and heartbreakingly hilarious memoir of growing up a Sephardic Jew among Ashkenazi neighbors in the Bronx.

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