

Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club



BOOK Club



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

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting in Classroom 2

The Strangers We Became, by Cynthia Kaplan Shamash (2015)

This riveting and utterly unique memoir chronicles the coming of age of Cynthia Shamash, an Iraqi Jew born in Baghdad in 1963. When she was eight, her family tried to escape Iraq over the Iranian border, but they were captured and jailed for five weeks. Upon release, they were returned to their home in Baghdad, where most of their belongings had been confiscated and the door of their home sealed with wax.

This vivid, beautiful, and very funny memoir will appeal to readers intrigued by spirituality, tolerance, the personal ramifications of statelessness and exile, the clashes of cultures, and the future of Iraq and its Jews.

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