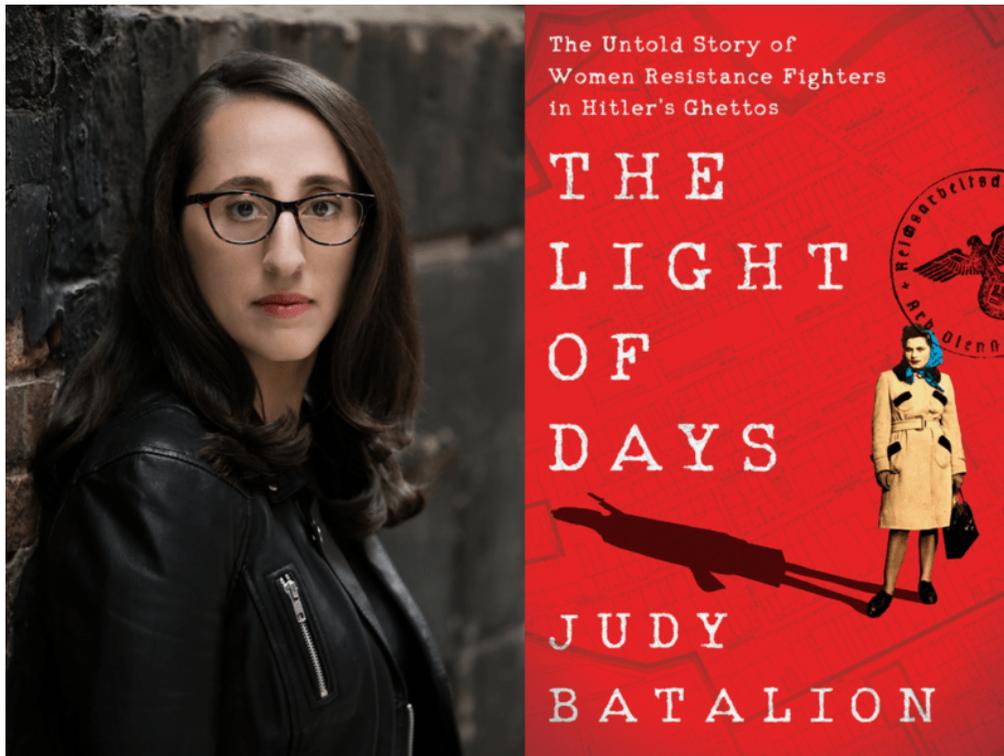




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Please join us this Sunday, November 14th at 8:00 PM EST for

**The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance
Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos**

A virtual author talk with Judy Batalion in conversation with Stephanie
Butnick, deputy editor of Tablet Magazine

*Presented by the JCA in partnership with the JCCs of Albuquerque, Ann Arbor, Cincinnati, Houston,
Marblehead, Richmond and Tenafly
Hosted online by the Houston JCC*

Advanced registration required by 12PM on Sunday 11/14 to receive the Zoom link.

Tickets: \$10 – JCA Members | \$12 – General Public

A New York Times Bestseller, and one of the most important stories of World War II, this spectacular, searing history brings to light the extraordinary accomplishments of brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters—a group of unknown heroes whose exploits have never been chronicled in full... until now.

Witnesses to the brutal murder of their families and neighbors and the violent destruction of their communities, a cadre of Jewish women in Poland—some still in their teens—helped transform the Jewish youth groups into resistance cells to fight the Nazis. With courage, guile, and nerves of steel, these “ghetto girls” paid off Gestapo guards, hid revolvers in loaves of bread and jars of marmalade, and helped build systems of underground bunkers. They flirted with German soldiers, bribed them with wine, whiskey, and home cooking, used their Aryan looks to seduce them, and shot and killed them. They bombed German train lines and blew up a town’s water supply. They also nursed the sick, taught children, and hid families.

Yet the exploits of these courageous resistance fighters have remained virtually unknown. *The Light of Days* at last tells the true story of these incredible women whose courageous yet little-known feats have been eclipsed by time. Judy Batalion—the granddaughter of Polish Holocaust survivors—takes us back to 1939 and introduces us to Renia Kukielka, a weapons smuggler and messenger who risked death traveling across occupied Poland on foot and by train. Joining Renia are other women who served as couriers, armed fighters, intelligence agents, and saboteurs, all who put their lives in mortal danger to carry out their missions. Batalion follows these women through the savage destruction of the ghettos, arrest and internment in Gestapo prisons and concentration camps, and for a lucky few—like Renia, who orchestrated her own audacious escape from a brutal Nazi jail—into the late 20th century and beyond.

Powerful and inspiring, *The Light of Days* is an unforgettable true tale of war, the fight for freedom, exceptional bravery, female friendship, and survival in the face of staggering odds.

Finances should not be a barrier to participation. Please contact Deena at dschoenfeld@mainejewish.org to request subsidized or free tickets to this event.

The book is available to order locally from our friends at **Longfellow Books**:
<https://www.longfellowbooks.com/event/community-event-light-days-judy-batalion>

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“Pulses with pride and rage.”
—[New York Times Book Review](#)

“Written with passion...Batalion’s research is prodigious, and her dedication to her story obvious and moving.”
—[Boston Globe](#)

“Gripping, haunting and superbly told...Judy Batalion brings to light half-forgotten tales of astounding courage.”
—[The Economist](#)



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