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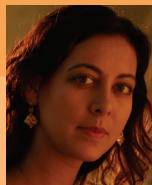
The Jewish Week

FAMILY SECRETS UNVEILED: *Literary Journeys to India and Iraq*

Ariel Sabar, author of *My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*, in conversation with **Sadia Shepard**, author of *The Girl from Foreign: A Search for Shipwrecked Ancestors, Forgotten Histories, and a Sense of Home*. Moderated by **Sandee Brawarsky**, book critic for The Jewish Week.



Ariel Sabar grew up in Los Angeles, a skateboarder and drummer with no interest in his Kurdish-Jewish roots. In fact, he was a bit embarrassed by his father, a Jew from northern Iraq who became a renowned scholar at UCLA. After having a son of his own, however, Ariel set out to discover his father's story. His memoir takes readers on a remarkable journey that culminates in a reckoning with a forgotten past.



Sadia Shepard was raised near Boston by a Muslim mother and a Christian father. She was unaware that her beloved grandmother, who she believed was a Muslim, was born Rachel Jacobs, a descendant of a tiny Jewish community in India called the Bene Israel. Several years after learning of her Jewish ancestry, Sadia took a journey to India to unlock the secrets of her past. Her new memoir tells the story.

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