

CHAI CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

AUTHOR CHAT

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WHEN

**Thursday, April 26
7:15 pm**

WHERE

**Chai Center for Jewish Life
20 Shawnee Drive - Watchung**

Seating is limited, so please RSVP :

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**LEV GOLINKIN IS THE
AUTHOR OF THE
ACCLAIMED
"A BACKPACK, A BEAR,
AND EIGHT CRATES OF
VODKA: A MEMOIR:"**

A compelling and heart-breaking story of two intertwined journeys: a Jewish refugee family fleeing persecution and a young man seeking to reclaim a shattered past.

In 1990, 9 year old Lev and his family cross the Soviet border with only ten suitcases, \$600, and a vague promise of help awaiting in Vienna. Years later, Lev, as an American adult, seeks to retrace his family's long trek, locate the strangers who fought for his freedom, and in the process, gain a future by understanding his past.

He additionally writes on the Ukraine crisis , Russia, and immigrant and refugee identity.



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