

Foster care to be discussed Nov. 18

The National Council of Jewish Women Cleveland Section will host its annual Lois Zaas Advocacy Lecture at 6 p.m. Nov. 18 at Temple Emanu El, 4545 Brainard Road in Orange.

This year's lecture will focus on "Aging Out of Foster Care: Overcoming the Odds." The program will feature Paula McLain and Jeff Lox.

McLain, a bestselling author, became a ward of the California Court System after her parents abandoned her and her two sisters. When she aged out of the system, McLain supported herself by working as a nurse's aide, a pizza delivery girl, an auto plant worker and a cocktail waitress before discovering her talent as a writer. Her book, "Like Family: Growing Up in Other People's Houses, A Memoir," tells the story of her time as a foster child.

Lox is the COO of Bellefaire JCB in Shaker Heights. He serves as the agency's chief clinician and clinical liaison to the community and is responsible for administering operations of the agency's program divisions, program development, agency performance improvement initiatives and clinical training programs.

The lecture is free, but reservations are requested. A dessert reception will follow the program. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new stuffed animal that will be given to foster children.

For more information, call 216-379-2204, ext. 100 or visit ncjwcleveland.org.

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