

Jennifer Weiner Featured at National Council of Jewish Women's Opening Program

World-renowned author, Jennifer Weiner, brings her charm and wit to Cleveland on Wednesday, September 17, as the featured speaker at the National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland's (NCJW/Cleveland) Opening Meeting. The program takes place at 1 p.m., at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, 23737 Fairmount Boulevard, Beachwood. The cost is \$25, which includes a dessert reception. The program will be preceded by a luncheon at 11 a.m., where Weiner will provide personal anecdotes and stories. The luncheon costs \$75 for Patrons and \$125 for Benefactors.

A Princeton University graduate, Weiner has authored 11 books, including the popular *Good in Bed*; and *In Her Shoes*, which was made into a major motion picture in 2005, starring Cameron Diaz and Shirley Maclaine. Weiner's newest book, *All Fall Down*, takes on the controversial topic of women and addiction, with a sparkling comedic touch.

Weiner worked as a journalist for ten years before her first book was published. Prior to the success of *Good in Bed*, Weiner worked as a staff writer and



columnist for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, where her stories ranged from profiles of Wendy the Snapple Lady and Adam Sandler to long Sunday stories, about teenage drug abuse, sex and college students, and her grandmother's gefilte fish.

Weiner has been a vocal critic of what she sees as the male bias in the publishing industry and the media, alleging that books by male authors are reviewed more often and are more highly praised by critics than those written by women. Weiner lives in Philadelphia with her family.

Barb Shane and Leslie Levine are co-chairs for the program. To purchase tickets, please call 216.378.2204. For more information, visit www.ncjwcleveland.org.