

2025 WINNERS



SUNDAY  
**OCTOBER 26, 2025**  
2:00 P.M.

AL GREEN THEATRE  
MILES NADAL JCC  
750 Spadina Ave. | Toronto, ON  
Reception and Book Signing to follow

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THE IRVING ABELLA AWARD IN HISTORY

Simon Rabinovitch  
*Sovereignty and Religious Freedom*

BIOGRAPHY

Ezra Gliner  
*Menachem Mendel Schneerson*

SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Beizer and Ann Komaromi  
*A Time to Sow: Refusenik Life in Leningrad, 1979-1989*

FICTION

Ayelet Tsabari  
*Songs for the Brokenhearted*

JEWISH THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Andrew Kear  
*Mashel Teitelbaum: Terror and Beauty*

POETRY

Ruth Rifka  
*To All the Mirrored Doors of Beginning, a Journey Ending*

YOUTH

Sheila Baslaw and Karen Levine  
*The Light Keeper*

YIDDISH

Anna Miransky  
*Poem by Poem, Fable by Fable*  
*Discovering My Father and Learning His Language*

MEMOIR

John Lorinc  
*No Jews Live Here*

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