

# Community-Wide Selichot

**Saturday night, September 24  
at Congregation Beth Ahm  
5075 West Maple Road in West Bloomfield**

Beth Ahm is proud to host the Conservative community for Selichot and a special presentation by award-winning novelist Dara Horn.

**Refreshments will be available at 9:30 p.m.  
and will be followed by Dara's presentation at 10:00 p.m.**

## ***Technology, Memory and the Past that Lives in the Present***

Our technology is quickly reaching the point where everything we do can be recorded forever. What does this mean for our tradition's ways of understanding the past and our ways of understanding atonement and forgiveness?

In this talk exploring the significance of a massive medieval Jewish document dump, Torah stories, and the work of the philosopher Moses Maimonides, Dara will explore what it means to remember the past and how we turn a bottomless pit of information into stories that give our lives meaning.

**Selichot services will begin at 11:00 p.m.**

### **About our featured guest:**

Dara Horn was born in New Jersey in 1977 and received her Ph.D. in comparative literature from Harvard University in 2006, studying Hebrew and Yiddish. In 2007 she was chosen by Granta magazine as one of 20 "Best Young American Novelists." She has published 4 award-winning novels. Her fourth novel, *A Guide for the Perplexed* was selected as one of Booklist's Best Books of 2013 and was longlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. She has taught courses in Jewish literature and Israeli history at Sarah Lawrence College, City University of New York, and Harvard. She has lectured at over two hundred universities and cultural institutions throughout North America, in Israel and in Australia. Currently at work on her fifth novel, Dara Horn lives in New Jersey with her husband and four children.

