

**GSP Readers Group: *Judas* by Amos Oz**

**Friday, April 12 at 9:30 am in the Bloom Room**

Jerusalem, 1959. Shmuel Ash, a biblical scholar, is adrift in his young life when he finds work as a caregiver for a brilliant but cantankerous old man named Gershom Wald. There is, however, a third, mysterious presence in his new home. Atalia Abravanel, the daughter of a deceased Zionist leader, a beautiful woman in her forties, entrances young Shmuel even as she keeps him at a distance. Piece by piece, the old Jerusalem stone house, haunted by tragic history and now home to the three misfits and their intricate relationship, reveals its secrets. At once an exquisite love story and coming-of-age novel, an allegory for the state of Israel and for the biblical tale from which it draws its title, *Judas* is Amos Oz's most powerful novel in decades. [Amazon.com] Short-listed for the Man Booker International Prize and winner of the International Literature Prize.

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