



The Y's Women

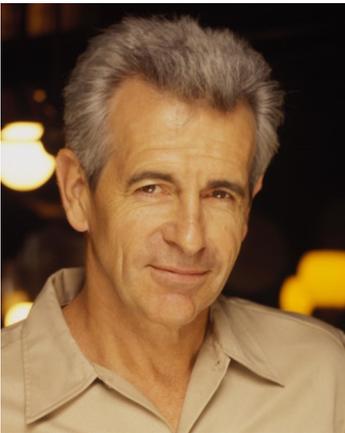
September/October

The Y's Women Newsletter

General Meetings

In her recent email to all Y's Women, our new President, Barb Stephen, told you about the new system we will be using to hold our October and November general meetings online. The system, which has been recently installed by Temple Israel, uses a high-definition two-camera webcasting program that should provide excellent acoustics as well as visual clarity. Barb and Margaret Mitchell, our new Vice President/Programs, will be with the speaker and will be able to take questions by email to be answered after the presentation. We will be sending you more specific information later on explaining how to access these meetings on your computer. Meanwhile, we are extremely grateful to Temple Israel and Rabbi Friedman for making it possible to hold our meetings in this manner until we can get together again in person.

October 12 at 11:30 am - James Naughton



James Naughton is an actor and director with a wide range of accomplishments in live theater, movies, and television. He is probably best known for his leading roles in both Broadway's *City of Angels* and *Chicago*, for which he received Tony Awards for Best Actor in a Musical.

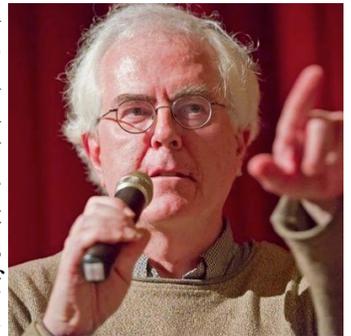
Jim's films include *The Paper Chase* and *The First Wives Club*, among many others, and he has starred in numerous television programs over the decades. He is a frequent narrator on PBS television's *Nature* series, and has been the official voice of Audi in the US since 2007.

Jim has also directed several plays, including the 2002 revival of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, starring his close personal friend Paul Newman.

We welcome Jim back to Y's Women to share his many and varied experiences, and look forward to his interesting, entertaining, and informative observations about life at this unique time in history.

October 26 at 11:30 am - Joe Meyers

Joe Meyers is a film and literary critic who has spent his life immersed in movies, theater, and books. He has held many positions including features writer for the Hearst Media Group, and is currently the Director of Programming for Focus on French Cinema. Joe is a frequent guest on panels discussing all aspects of the movie industry. He also works as a freelance journalist, editor, and podcaster. In 2012, he received the Ellery Queen Award for his writing on crime fiction from Mystery Writers of America.



We are pleased that Joe will share his knowledge and experience with the Y's Women by discussing the many changes in the movie industry – where we watch movies, when we watch movies, the devices used to watch movies, and the types of movies available to us today. He will address changes in the viewing habits of movie audiences and the priorities of the movie industry, some of which have been occurring for decades and others taking on new meaning as we all adjust to the dramatic changes of 2020.

SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, October 12 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm via Zoom. The book to be discussed is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, and the discussion will be led by Jill Meyer. The November meeting will also be held on Zoom on Thursday, November 5 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm to discuss *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. The discussion will be led by Arlene Bloom.

Book Group 3 will meet via Zoom on Thursday, September 10 at 10:30 am to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Marie Coppola will lead the discussion. In October we will meet on Thursday, October 8 at 10:30 am, also on Zoom, to discuss *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson. Links to Zoom will be sent the day before each meeting. New members are welcome to join our group. Questions? Please contact Doris Levinson at drjlevinson@gmail.com or 227-3371.

The **Movie Club** will have a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 16, at 1:30. We plan to discuss *Fearless* and *Tender Mercies*. Both movies were shown on the WNET network of PBS as part of Reel 13 Classics (*Fearless* on August 15, 9:00 pm; *Tender Mercies* on August 22, 9:00 pm). If you did not see or record these movies, you may be able to see them through a PBS playback system (such as Thirteen Passport), another streaming service, or DVD.

Fearless tells the story of “Max Klein (Jeff Bridges) [who] survives a plane crash that kills many others.... Instead of contacting his wife (Isabella Rossellini) after the crash, he sets off on a trip to see his old girlfriend, eats foods he was allergic to previously, and is strangely unafraid to fly again. Can a psychologist (John Turturro) and a fellow guilt-ridden survivor (Rosie Perez) help bring him down to earth?”

Tender Mercies tells the story of “‘Down-on-his-luck’ country singer Mac Sledge (Robert Duvall) [who] has nowhere to turn when he wakes up in a motel, short on cash.... He takes a job from Rosa Lee (Tess Harper), the kindly widow who runs the place. Mac begins to fall for Rosa, who helps him confront his drinking, and [he] also finds an unexpected bond with Rosa’s young son (Allan Hubbard). When the opportunity for a career comeback



The Y's Women Board held a number of Zoom meetings throughout the summer to decide on the new online format for our General Meetings.

surfaces, Mac must choose between his new life and the life he let slip through his hands.”

If you wish to be added to the email list for future events, please contact Margaret Mitchell at 255-9094 or margaret06824@yahoo.com.

The **Memoir Group** has met outside at the Levitt Pavilion all summer, and will do so as long as the weather holds. We haven't decided about winter yet. Some people haven't liked the Zoom format, but we will discuss it at our next meeting scheduled for September 23. If you have questions, contact Cary Peterson at carypeterson3@gmail.com or 918-6481.

Solos has not been meeting on Zoom during this pandemic. Joan Weinstein is looking for someone to take over the leadership of this great group of women when we are able to meet live. If you're interested, please contact Joan at 46tannery@sbcglobal.net or 216-0266.

SAVE THE DATES

- **November 9: Harold Bailey, head of TEAM Westport**
- **November 23: David Pogue, technology writer and TV science presenter**