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Author and City College of New York Professor

**Mikhal Dekel**

reading from her newest book:

**4:00 PM**  
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## ***TEHRAN CHILDREN*** ***A Holocaust Refugee Odyssey***

*Tehran Children* is the culmination of Mikhal's decade-long journey to understand her father and the odyssey at the core of his young adulthood—an experience he never talked about, though it informed every aspect of his being. His wartime odyssey was part of a larger chapter in the history of World War II, that of refugees in Central Asia and the Middle East. The fact that most Polish Jews who survived the war had followed this path was virtually unknown at the time when Dekel began writing.

**MIKHAL DEKEL WAS BORN IN HAIFA, ISRAEL, TO A HOLOCAUST REFUGEE FATHER AND AN ISRAELI-BORN MOTHER. SHE TEACHES ENGLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AT THE CITY COLLEGE AND THE CUNY GRADUATE CENTER, AND DIRECTS CCNY'S RIFKIND CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES AND ARTS.**

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