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 PHOTO BY STEPHEN BAKER
 Entertaining the children at Milton Library's sesqui-centennial celebration was Mike Harding of Applefun Puppetry (www.applefun.ca)

Come Meet Children's Author Jean Little

Come celebrate Canadian children's literature (and meet Jean Little too) at Milton's Book Festival for Children! This family-friendly festival will feature book readings, displays, music and a puppet show too! Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and include the chance to win door prizes.

It's a fun way to learn about Canadian children's authors, illustrators and storytellers and to enjoy their stories.

Other presenters include Silver Birch nominee Natale Ghent, Ruth Ohi and Hugh Brewster who won the 2005 Silver Birch non-fiction award for his book *On Juno Beach: Canada's D-Day Heroes*. The festival will be take place at Chris Hadfield Public School in Milton on November 6.

For more info, visit <http://bookfestival.mpl.on.ca> or call (905) 875-2665.

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from the bookshelf

A REVIEW BY DIANE DINEEN

Four Meals

Meir Shalev, translated from the Hebrew by Barbara Harshev Canongate Books, first published 2000, paperback edition 2002, 331 pages.

Judith gave her son a most unusual name, she called him Zayde or "Grandfather". She reasoned that if Death were to come looking for him, seeing a small boy called "Grandfather" Death would assume there had been a mistake and would leave the boy alone. Zayde also had another unusual characteristic, he had three fathers. There were three men in his small village who claimed him as their own and contributed to his upbringing.

This novel by the acclaimed Israeli writer Meir Shalev tells the story of hard-working Judith, a woman who comes to a small Palestinian village to work for the widower Moshe. Moshe gradually falls in love with her as do Globerman, a loud-mouthed cattle dealer and Jacob, a breeder of canaries who happens to be married. Judith never acknowledges any of these men as the father; since Zayde has characteristics of all three men he is never sure who might be his biological father, he just knows that all three men claim him, support him and love him.

Through the stories and actions of the three men Zayde comes to know more about his mother and about the sad life that brought her to a place where she would be loved.

Locations and characters are skillfully drawn and as the story progresses we feel we can see the streets and hear the voices. Daily life in a small village is represented well and Zayde's unusual situation is presented with sympathy. This is an unusual and beautiful story.

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Creating Community with the Arts

Friday, November 11, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Milton Concert Presentations:
SERENADE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
 Music for friends by friends. Selections from Beethoven, Spohr, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Gershwin and more. "To charm the company of mind and soul with music." Featuring Arkady Yanivker. St. Paul's United Church. \$30/adults \$25/seniors & students. 905-878-4732.

Saturday, November 12, 7:00 pm
 Milton Choristers: **REMEMBRANCE**
 With the Milton Historical Society & the Milton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion we invite you to join us as we honour those who fought in World War I & II. We welcome Erin Tipping, soprano and local resident, to our stage as she joins the choir in this act of remembrance. Knox Presbyterian. \$18/Senior \$15/ Child \$10. 905-876-3203 www.miltonchoristers.com

Thursday, November 17, 7:30 pm
 Milton Historical Society:
MILTON'S CHANGING WAYS
 Historical presentation by Jim Dills and Ed Goodall. Waldie Blacksmith Shop. 905-875-4156

Friday, November 18, 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 and Bus Tours start at 3:30 and at 4:00 pm
 United Way of Milton: **A TOWN & COUNTRY CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR**
 All homes professionally decorated for Christmas. New this year - 3 Tours 3 Prices. Friday Night Bus Tour \$65. Saturday Self Directed Tour \$25. Saturday Late Afternoon Bus Tour \$50. 905-875-2550

Saturday, November 19, 7:00 pm approx
 Halton Museum Foundation:
NONIE CRETE & FRIENDS
 Join our Museum family for a Celtic Celebration. Internationally recognized singer, songwriter Nonie

Crete and friends, featuring Eugene Rae of Ireland's famed Sands family, returns to kick off the holiday season in true Celtic style. Nonie's range covers traditional to contemporary folk, Celtic, country and acoustic blues. \$45/person. Cash bar. **ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY**. Tickets call 905-875-2200 ext. 21.

Thursday, November 24, 7:30pm
Fr. Mark Curtis: IN CONCERT
 Join Canada's Sing Priest for a Christmas Special to be filmed by COGECO, Rockwood United Church, 519-856-9043

Friday, November 25, 8:00 pm
Fr. Mark Curtis: IN CONCERT
 St. James Anglican Church, Fergus, 519-843-2141

Saturday, November 26, 8:00 pm
 Milton Concert Presentations:
A CELTIC CHRISTMAS
 A magical evening of traditional Celtic music and dance, especially for the Christmas season. Rob Crabtree, a multi-award winning bagpiper, will be joined by the Scottish Dance Company of Canada with fiddle, guitar and piano, in this sight and sound spectacular. Knox Church, Milton. Tickets \$30/adults \$25/seniors and students. 905-878-4732.

Saturday, November 26, 8:00pm at St. John's United Church, Georgetown.
Sunday, November 27, 3:00pm at St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East.
 Georgetown Bach Chorale:
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO
 The Chorale performs with the Baroque Chamber Orchestra. Conductor: Ronald Greidanus, Trumpet: Norman Engel. Missa "Assumpta est Maria" ~ M. A. Charpentier. Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F major ~ J. S. Bach. Gloria, RV 589 in D ~ A. Vivaldi. \$25.00. 905-877-8321

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