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**New Center for Arts & Culture Announces
I'm Glad You Asked -- An Evening of Jewish Advice
featuring
Artist/Author Liana Finck and Advice Columnist Margo
Howard, Moderated by The Boston Globe's "Love Letters"
Author Meredith Goldstein**

**Tuesday, October 7, 7:30pm
Arsenal Center for the Arts, Watertown**

[Newton, MA—September 23, 2014] The New Center for Arts & Culture presents *I'M GLAD YOU ASKED, AN EVENING OF JEWISH ADVICE*, a conversation with artist/author Liana Finck and advice columnist/author Margo Howard, moderated by author and Boston Globe "Love Letters" columnist Meredith Goldstein. The event takes place Tuesday, October 7 at 7:30pm, at the Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, in Watertown, MA. Tickets are \$48 and \$25 and may be purchased by calling 617.531.4610 or at newcenterboston.org.



Liana Finck



Margo Howard



Meredith Goldstein

How did the public dispensing of advice become such an important part of Jewish American culture, and why have so many advice columnists been Jewish? Artist and author Liana Finck and advice columnist Margo Howard tackle this question in a conversation moderated by *The Boston Globe's* Meredith Goldstein. They explore the history of advice from the "Bintel Brief" of the Jewish Daily Forward to "Miss Lonelyhearts," to "Dear Abby" and "Ann Landers" to today's advice columns, and share some of their favorite questions and answers.

About Aritst/Author Liana Finck

Liana Finck is a graphic novelist. She was a Fulbright Fellow in Brussels in 2009-10 and is a Six Points Fellow in New York. She publishes in The Forward Newspaper and Tablet Magazine. She studied graphic design at Cooper Union College. Her graphic novel *A Bintel Breif, Love and Longing in Old New York* was published by Harper Collins earlier this year.

About Advice Columnist Margo Howard

For several years, Howard wrote the Dear Prudence column featured in Slate magazine. Dear Prudence also was featured on National Public Radio and syndicated in more than 200 newspapers. In February 2006, she left the Dear Prudence column, and began writing a Dear Margo column for *Women on the Web* (wowowow.com), and for *Creators Syndicate*. In 2013, Howard ended the Dear Margo column, announcing that she was retiring from writing on a deadline and published a book about her four marriages and her life called "Eat, Drink and Remarry: Confessions of a Serial Wife."

About Meredith Goldstein

Meredith Goldstein is an advice columnist and entertainment reporter for *The Boston Globe*. Her column *Love Letters* is a daily dispatch of wisdom for the lovelorn that gets about 1 million page views every month on Boston.com. Love Letters appears in *the Globe's* print edition every Saturday. Meredith also writes about fake rock stars, former boy banders, female werewolves, self-help books, last picture shows, and how to sound like Matt Damon in *Good Will Hunting*. Her first novel, *The Singles*, was released by Penguin/Plume in April. Not surprisingly, it's a story about complicated relationships. She was born in New Jersey, raised in Maryland, went to Syracuse University, and now lives in Roxbury, Massachusetts. She appears on WBUR, WFNX, MIX 104.1, NECN and FOX.

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The New Center for Arts and Culture celebrates the rich diversity of the Jewish imagination. The only Boston organization of its kind, the New Center explores universal themes through a Jewish lens, presenting world-class thinkers and artists through riveting conversations and performances. Aiming to strengthen the Jewish community and share the vitality of Jewish culture with a broad audience in Boston and beyond, the New Center delves into Jewish thought and culture through three strands of programming: New Center Live, New Center On Stage, and New Center Now. For more information about The New Arts Center for Arts & Culture, visit newcenterboston.org.

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