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*Coming in December: **The New Diaspora** from Wayne State University Press
An Exciting, Adventurous Anthology of Contemporary American Jewish Fiction*

DETROIT—August 1, 2013—In *The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction*, editors Victoria Aarons, Avinoam J. Patt, and Mark Shechner, who have all served as judges for the prestigious Edward Lewis Wallant Award, present vital and wide-ranging fiction by writers whose work has been considered or selected for the award. Founded by the family of Dr. Irving and Fran Waltman in 1963 and supported by the University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, the Wallant award is given annually to an American writer, preferably early in his or her career, whose fiction is considered significant for American Jews.

In a mix of stories and novel chapters, *The New Diaspora* reprints selections of short fiction from such well-known writers as Rebecca Goldstein, Nathan Englander, Jonathan Safran Foer, Dara Horn, Julie Orringer, and Nicole Krauss. The first half of the anthology presents pieces by winners of the Wallant award, focusing on the best work of recent winners. *The New Diaspora's* second half reflects the evolving landscape of American Jewish fiction over the last fifty years, as many authors working in America are not American by birth, and their fiction has become more experimental in nature. Pieces in this section represent authors with roots all over the world—including Russia (Maxim Shrayer, Nadia Kalman, and Lara Vapnyar), Latvia (David Bezmozgis), South Africa (Tony Eprile), Canada (Robert Majzels), and Israel (Avner Mandelman, who now lives in Canada).

This collection offers an expanded canon of Jewish writing in North America and highlights the exemplary place of the Wallant award in Jewish letters. Readers of contemporary American fiction and Jewish cultural history will enjoy *The New Diaspora*.

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