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## Jewish Women's Theatre to Present Novelist Christopher Noxon

## Bagels & Bestsellers Program to Host Noxon's Take on Family, Marriage, Hollywood and the Perils of Becoming a Househusband – or Rather a Domestic First Responder

Santa Monica, CA (October 20) Jewish Women's Theatre's popular Sunday morning Bagels & Bestsellers program will host comic novelist Christopher Noxon, on November 6 at 10:30am at The Braid, 2912 Colorado Ave., Suite 102, Santa Monica. Noxon will discuss his novel *Plus One,* which *Elle* magazine describes as "A rather delicious read."

*Plus One* is the story of what happens when the wife, instead of the husband, gains enormous success in Hollywood. "Behind every great man there's a great woman," writes novelist Jennifer Weiner. "And in Noxon's telling, behind every great woman there's a charming, deeply conflicted guy (sometimes holding a very expensive handbag)."

"It's a laugh-out-loud, big-hearted novel of a marriage threatened by the success of the wife while the husband scrambles to find his place," writes *Foreword Reviews. Plus One* tells the story of what happens when Figgy, the wife, writes a TV show that earns her an Emmy and a new life as a major celebrity. As a result, *Plus One's* main character, Alex Sherman-Zicklin, (whose character may or may not be an autographical sketch), suddenly finds himself responsible for his two kids and all that goes with raising them.

*Plus One* tracks Alex's voyage from shock and distress over his newfound domestic demands and daddy duties, to heartfelt satisfaction with his new role as the steady anchor of his loving marriage and family. Trust us, it wasn't easy.

It also discusses Alex's conversion to Judaism and the part that his new religion played in childrearing, temple-going and celebrating Shabbat each week.

Noxon was a successful journalist before he started writing fiction. His work appeared in The *New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Magazine* and *Playboy* among others. In 2006, he discussed his nonfiction book "*Rejuvenile: Kickball, Cartoons, Cupcakes, and the Reinvention of the American Grown-up,*" on TV shows including *The Colbert Report* and the *Today* show.

Noxon will be speaking and signing copies of his book at Bagels & Bestsellers, Sunday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are $15 (includes light brunch—with lox). For reservations and more information, visit www.jewishwomenstheatre.org.

JWT provides a home for the diverse and eclectic community of artists and creators who comprise L.A.'s Jewish women's (and now men's) community. Both at its home in The Braid theatre and art gallery in

Santa Monica's Bergamot Arts District, in intimate salons throughout the city, and on tour throughout the country, JWT stages and displays traditional and contemporary works that provide a forum for the development, performance and showcasing talent. JWT aims to leave no Jewish story untold, while celebrating the truths that connect us all.

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