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**Alex George - *The Paris Hours***

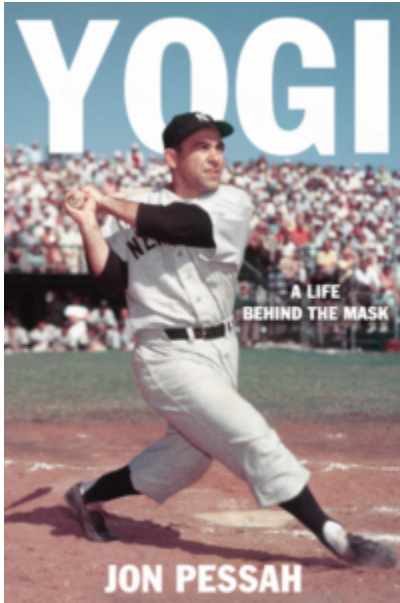
**Wednesday, November 4, 2pm**

[Tickets: \\$18](#)

Interviewed by Momta Chaudhry, author of *Haunting Paris*

In glittering 1927 Paris, Josephine Baker dances with Ernest Hemingway, Maurice Ravel plays a lonely piano, and Gertrude Stein hosts her legendary salons. Yet alongside these creative geniuses, a quartet of ordinary men and women are forging their own extraordinary stories. *The Paris Hours* shows us that even the forgotten residents of Paris are as dazzling as the glorious city they inhabit. Alex George is a writer, a bookseller, a director of a literary festival, and a lawyer. He was born in England, received a law degree from Oxford University and worked for eight years as a corporate

lawyer in London and Paris. He now lives in Columbia, Missouri, where he and his wife own an independent bookstore, Skylark Bookshop. His two previous novels, *A Good American* (a national and international best seller) and *Setting Free The Kites* received a variety of awards and recognition.



**Sports Night with Jon Pessah (*Yogi: A Life Behind the Mask*) & Ben Cohen (*The Hot Hand*)**

**Wednesday, November 4, 7pm**

[Tickets: \\$20](#)

Moderated by Benjamin Hochman, Sports Columnist, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

## **Jon Pessah**

*Yogi: A Life Behind the Mask* is the first biography to cover the entire arc of Yogi Berra's life, from his hardscrabble Depression-era childhood in St. Louis, through his reign as a Hall of Famer and Greatest Living Yankee, and up to his death at age 90 in 2015—just before Barack Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Pessah pushes past existing accounts of Berra to create a poignant and revealing portrait, to take readers inside the triumphs and disappointments of a professional ballplayer. Jon Pessah is a founding editor of ESPN Magazine. He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for editing and writing an examination into the role of racism in Major League Baseball. A 45-year veteran of sports and business journalism in newspapers and magazines, Pessah was Assistant Managing Editor/Sports at Newsday and Sports Editor at the Hartford Courant.



## Ben Cohen

How can you maximize success—and limit failure? Wall Street Journal reporter Ben Cohen brilliantly investigates the mystery and science of streaks in *The Hot Hand*. For decades, statisticians, social scientists, psychologists, and economists (among them Nobel Prize winners) have spent massive amounts of precious time thinking about whether streaks actually exist. After all, a substantial number of decisions that we make in our everyday lives are quietly rooted in this one question: If something happened before, will it happen again? Is there such a thing

as being in the zone? Can someone have a “hot hand”? Or is it simply a case of seeing patterns in randomness? Or, if streaks are possible, where can they be found? In *The Hot Hand*, Wall Street Journal reporter Ben Cohen offers an unfailingly entertaining and provocative investigation into these questions.

## ABOUT THE J:

The J is an interactive, multi-generational gathering place that offers a variety of programs and services to both the St. Louis Jewish community, and the community at large. The Jewish Community Center provides educational, cultural, social, Jewish identity-building and recreational programming and offers two, state-of-the art fitness facilities, all designed to promote physical and spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome at the J.

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