

Norman H. Finkelstein was born in 1941 to working-class Jewish immigrant parents who had settled in Chelsea, a city that teemed with Jewish life at that time. Chelsea is where Norm, as he preferred to be called, met Rosalind, to whom he was married for fifty-six years. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Hebrew College, and a bachelor's degree from Boston University. Norm taught Jewish history at Hebrew College for more than thirty-five years; was the Brookline public school librarian over that same period; and was a teacher at Hebrew College's Prozdor Hebrew High School for nearly 40 years

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Norm was an acclaimed author of twenty-one nonfiction histories and biographies for older children and young adults, including many on Jewish subjects. He was a two-time winner of the coveted National Jewish Book award, for *Heeding the Call: Jewish Voices in America's Civil Rights Struggle* and *Forged in Freedom: Shaping the American Jewish Experience*.

Norm also received the Golden Kite Honor Award for Nonfiction for his 1997 young adult biography of newsman Edward R. Murrow. Two of his books that will be published posthumously in 2024 are *Amazing Abe: How Abraham Cahan's Newspaper Gave a Voice to Jewish Immigrants*, a biography of the legendary Yiddish Forward editor, and *Saying No to Hate: Overcoming Antisemitism in America*.

Norm's books highlighted the contributions of Jewish Americans, immigrants, and workers to U.S. history and culture. He was the keynote speaker at the April 2009 opening of Temple Emmanuel's Jewish Chelsea History exhibit.

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