

'Sex in the Suburbs' Literary Café to Bring Communities Together

London, 15 June 2007 - Two of Britain's most exciting young writers will be coming together for a literary event on 26th June, hosted by the Jewish Community Centre for London. The event, which hopes to bring together people from different sections of the Jewish community as well as non-Jews, forms part of a vision to create a space which unites, rather than separate London's many diverse communities, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

'Sex in the Suburbs' will feature writers Naomi Alderman and Niven Govinden, who will regale the audience with shocking tales of what really lurks behind the hedges of London's sleepy suburbs. The evening promises to be lively and to stimulate dynamic and contentious debate about sex, identity, politics and community. It will be chaired by Daily Mail Fiction Editor, Hephzibah Anderson.

Naomi Alderman said, "London's cultural texture is always more complex and more exciting than it appears on the surface. The Jewish Community Centre for London provides a unique forum for the expression of these complexities, where all are welcome to take pleasure not only in what unites us, but also in our diversity. I'm thrilled to be a part of this event and I can't wait for the building to open on the Finchley Road in a couple of years so that the Jewish Community Centre can host more and more such events."

Date: Tuesday 26th June
Time: 8.30pm
Venue: The Roebuck, 15 Pond Street, London, NW3 2PN
Price: £5

further information

- * Call Alex Mankovitz on +44 07793 209 865 or Josie Dobrin on 07958 397 407
- * Visit the JCC website at www.jcclondon.org.uk

Notes to editors

The Jewish Community Centre for London (JCC)

The JCC aims to foster and develop an inclusive Jewish community for anyone and everyone who associates with being Jewish, to whatever extent.

It seeks to attract all sorts of Jews of all ages, persuasions and lifestyles, as well as their non-Jewish friends and families, by creating a welcoming environment in which all feel at home.

Rooted in Jewish values, the JCC's social, cultural, educational and recreational programme provides multiple pathways into the richness of Jewish life.

In the longer term, it will be able to do this within its own unique building, a meeting place for all those attracted by any aspect of Judaism.

Naomi Alderman

- * Naomi Alderman was born in 1974 and was brought up in the Orthodox Jewish community in Hendon, London, where she now lives.
- * She is a graduate of the UEA creative writing course and has published short fiction in a number of anthologies.
- * Her first novel, *Disobedience*, won the Orange Award for New Writers.
- * *Disobedience* tells the controversial story of love, rebellion and homosexuality in Hendon's orthodox community

Niven Govinden

- o Niven Govinden was born in East Sussex in 1973 and studied at Goldsmiths, making conceptual films.
- o His second novel, *Graffiti My Soul*, is the story of a half-Tamil, half-Jewish teenager's complicated Surrey adolescence
- o *The Independent on Sunday* said Govinden was "one to watch...*Graffiti My Soul* is quite an achievement ... Govinden has provided us with a powerful and sobering social commentary"