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## **AUTHOR'S LOVE LETTER TO AMERICA**

Author Xianna Michaels crafts her love letter to America in *Lily of the Valley – An American Jewish Journey*, scheduled for launch in March.

Inspired by a friend's request, Michaels, a long-ago, award-winning historical novelist, embraced her first love of poetry and set out to craft a reading fit for a Jewish banquet. Combining her love for storytelling and her reverence for Jewish life, Lily's story began to take shape through Michaels' words.

In the story five generations of American Jewish women struggle to steer their family journey, moving further away from the Jewish observance of the Old Country. Each generation strives to fulfill their family's interpretation of the American Dream: freedom to live without fear of persecution, to realize creative and economic potential, and to worship G-d in the way of one's ancestors and conscience.

A story with widespread appeal, *Lily of the Valley* speaks about the importance of holding fast to dreams and deep convictions in the face of the obstacles most immigrants face. In the verse narrative of Lily's story, interwoven with memories and tales passed down through her own family, Michaels takes us on an emotional journey toward the American Dream. Crafted through word and detailed illustration, the story evokes the vision of medieval manuscripts, complementing the generations of Lily's world.

Xianna Michaels – a poet, novelist, artist, calligrapher, teacher, grandmother, and publisher – holds a Master of Arts degree in Linguistics and was a high school teacher for many years. She now creates and teaches poetry, art and verse fairytales in the pursuit of spiritual and even mystical connection. Michaels created her publishing company after realizing her writing style didn't fit into a typical publishing category. Knowing she had to share her stories with the world, Alcabal Press® was born. To learn more about Xianna Michaels, visit [XiannaMichaels.com](http://XiannaMichaels.com). For more on Alcabal Press, visit [AlcabalPress.com](http://AlcabalPress.com).

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