

Morsels for the Mind Book Group

Date: October 28, 2010

Book Title: Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

Hostess: Sandy Oato

Food Served: Brie w/ Challah toasts, fresh Challah w/ butter, hot mulled cider, Pierogies w/ frizzled onions, veggie plate, Biscotti, Merlot, Chablis, low-fat & low-sugar Cheesecake

Book Synopsis: Believing that she would return soon to let him out, 10-yr-old Sarah locks her little brother in a hidden cupboard when the French gendarmes come to round up her family on July 16, 1942. Present day Julia, an American journalist married to a French architect, researches this calamitous event at Vel'd'Hiv' where thousands of French Jews were kept under horrendous conditions.

Review: All enjoyed this book. Interesting way de Rosnay tells Sarah's story through Julia. All thought Julia's husband was a real heel.

Highlights of Discussion: Good discussion about human resilience in adversity – nature or nurture? Jack contributed a couple of primary source documents from his tenure as an AP History teacher.

<i>Attendance: Anne S.</i>	<i>Nancy D.</i>	<i>Nancy M.</i>	<i>Ginny</i>
<i>Anne H.</i>	<i>Julie</i>	<i>Laura</i>	<i>Sandy</i>

Suggestions/Business : Bring unwrapped children's books for Santa Claus Girls. Bring suggestions for new book list. Next Morsels meeting at Nancy D.'s on November 18, 2010 - Girl With the Dragon Tattoo