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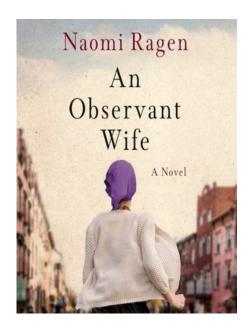
## An Observant Wife

by Naomi Ragen

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.

> at the home Elly Ehrlich 123 S. Adelaide Ave., #4H and Via Zoom

Zoom link for this discussion <a href="http://tinyurl.com/4am4zfbw">http://tinyurl.com/4am4zfbw</a>



In this rich and compassionate novel, An Observant Wife, Naomi Ragen continues the love story between newly observant California-girl Leah and ultra-Orthodox widower Yaakov from An Unorthodox Match.

From the joy of their wedding day surrounded by supportive friends and family, Yaakov and Leah are soon plunged into the complex reality of their new lives together as Yaakov leaves his beloved yeshiva to work in the city, and Leah confronts the often agonizing restrictions imposed by religious laws governing even the most intimate moments of their married lives. Adding to their difficulties is the hostility of some in the community who continue to view Leah as a dangerous interloper, questioning her sincerity and adherence to religious laws and spreading outrageous rumors.

In the midst of their heartfelt attempts to reach a balance between their human needs and their spiritual obligations, the discovery of a secret, forbidden relationship between troubled teenage daughter Shaindele and a local boy precipitates a maelstrom of life-changing consequences for all.

Please RSVP by February 21<sup>st</sup> to Elly Ehrlich ellyehrlich@gmail.com or 732-937-5698