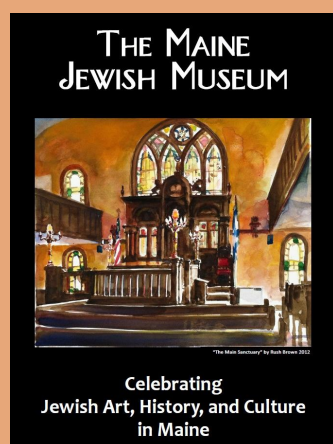


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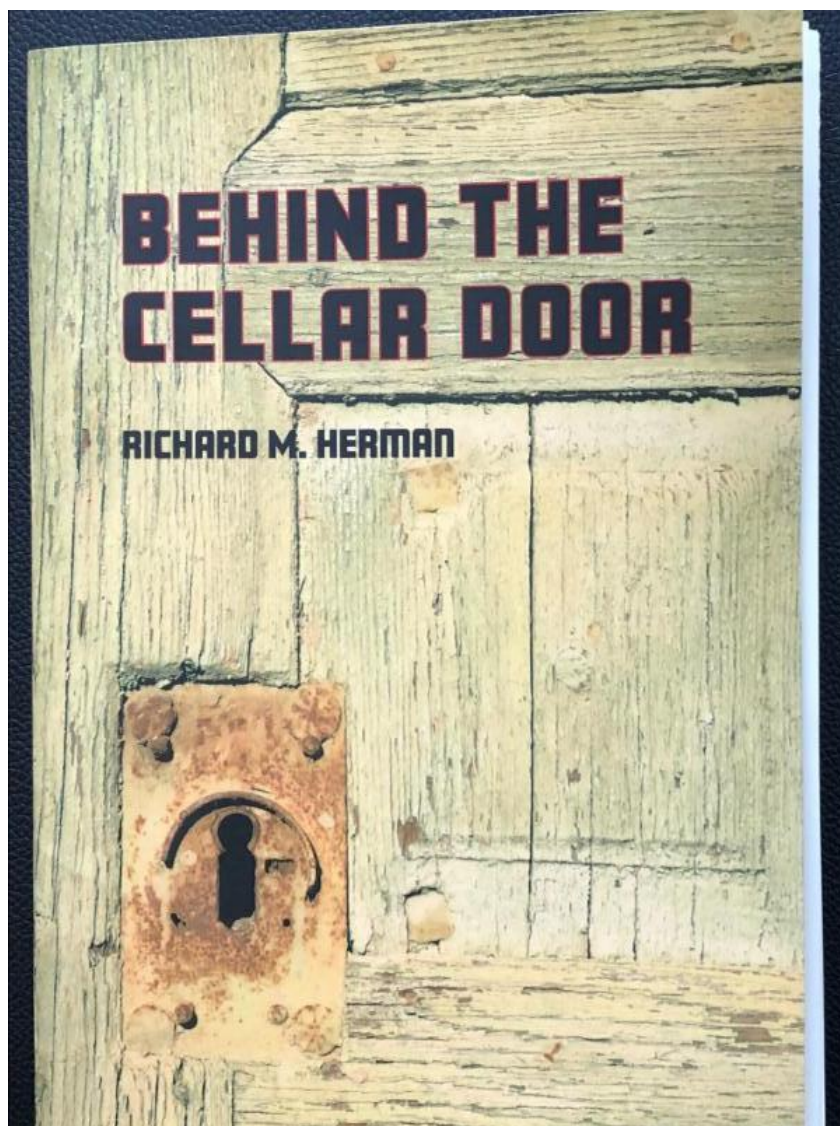
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**Due to circumstances  
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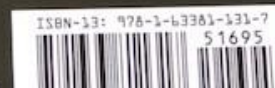
They shut down her father's newspaper and detain him on trumped up charges.

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**RICHARD M. HERMAN** grew up on Long Island, studied medicine at Hadassah Medical School and had a family practice, in Maine. He's always taken a keen interest in the performing arts, and in recent years writing has become his passion. He lives part time in Maine and Florida along with wife, Diane, and dog, Findley.



**Richard will be happy to sign books for you after his talk if you wish to purchase one. Beverages and snacks will be served.**

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