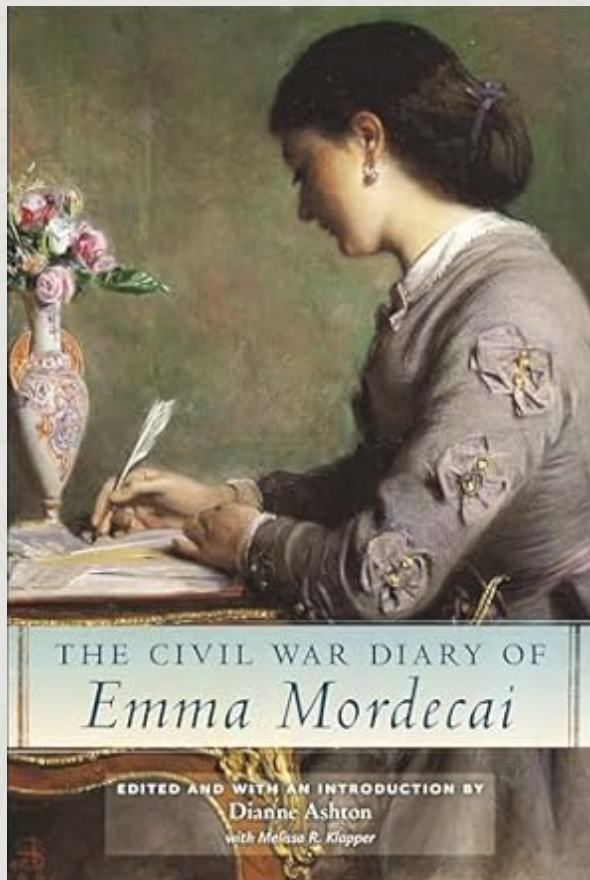


# The Annual Edith Askin Book Review

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 | 12:00 P.M.**

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## BOOK DISCUSSION:

*The Civil War Diary of Emma Mordecai*

Featuring Author

**Dr. Melissa R. Klapper**

Professor of History & Director of Women's  
Gender Studies | Rowan University



Dr. Melissa R. Klapper



(Co-authored with the late  
Dianne Ashton)

**\$20 per person - includes lunch & book talk**

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## ABOUT THE BOOK & AUTHOR:

This compelling work offers a vivid and complex portrait of Emma Mordecai, a Southern Jewish woman and slaveholder whose life was upended by the Civil War. Through her diary, readers gain insight into family loyalty, Jewish identity, displacement, and the Confederate values that shaped her world.

Dr. Melissa R. Klapper is an award-winning scholar and author of numerous books on American Jewish women's history and the history of childhood, including *Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace*. She is a frequent lecturer in academic and community settings nationwide.