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### Alan Paul Returns to the JCC to Speak about His Adventures in China

Author Alan Paul, a native of Pittsburgh, will speak about his book, “BIG IN CHINA: My Unlikely Adventures Raising a Family, Playing the Blues, and Becoming A Star in Beijing,” on Monday, June 27 at 1:15 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh’s Levinson Hall, 5738 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill. There is no fee and the event is open to the community. Light refreshments will be served and copies of Paul’s book and CD will be available for purchase.

Paul, who grew up in Squirrel Hill, graduated from Allderdice High School and attended the JCC’s Emma Kaufmann Camp for many summers.

As a suburban dad, Paul moved to China for his wife’s once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become *The Wall Street Journal’s* China Bureau Chief. He ended up with an adventure of his own, founding and fronting a Chinese blues band that would be named “Beijing’s Best Band.” He also became an award-winning columnist as he sought to capture the exciting vibrancy of his new home in the capital of the world’s largest and most rapidly developing nation.

In his book, Paul recounts these life-changing years playing music and raising three American children in Beijing. Paul wrote “The Expat Life” column for the Wall Street Journal Online from 2005, when he moved to China, until June 2009, shortly after he moved back to the United States. He also reported from Beijing for NBC, *Sports Illustrated*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and others. He is a senior writer for *Slam* and *Guitar World* magazines, and his writing has also appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *People*, ESPN.com, RollingStone.com, and many other publications and websites.

For information about the event, contact Sybil Lieberman at the JCC, 412-521-8011, ext. 135. For general information about the JCC, visit [JCCPGH.org](http://JCCPGH.org).

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