

BOOK TALK: MEET AUTHOR LEWIS KOSTINER

"CHOOSING FATHERHOOD: AMERICA'S SECOND CHANCE"



THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center 320 E. 94th Street Between 1st/2nd Avenues New York, NY 10128 212-423-2900

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Light refreshments will be served

Lewis Kostiner: Choosing Fatherhood A Photographic Journey

Choosing Fatherhood features a selection of photographs from Chicagoan, Lewis Kostiner's photographic project of the same name. Between 2007 and 2009, the artist traveled to 39 American cities meeting fathers and their families while photographing scenes that allude to the importance of the fathers role in the lives of their children.

The American family comes in all sizes, shapes, and traditions. Forty years ago, only 11 percent of America's children lived in homes without fathers. Today, more than one-third do. Unfortunately, the absence of fathers from their children's lives is a social problem directly related to high rates of poverty, high school dropouts, incarceration, and multiple behavioral issues.

President Barack Obama declared, "Of all the rocks upon which we build our lives, we are reminded today that family is the most important. And we are called to recognize and honor how critical every father is to that foundation. They are teachers and coaches. They are mentors and role models. They are examples of success and the men who constantly push us toward it."