

IAYC XVI Conference – Partial List of Breakout Presenters

Dr. Dror Abend-David

Life & Work of Dovid Hofshsteyn - Soviet Yiddish Poet
Dr. Abend-David teaches at the Univ. of Florida. He will speak on the life and work of Dovid Hofshsteyn. His latest book is, *Media and Translation: An Inter-disciplinary Approach*.

Prof. Refoyl Finkel

Lomir lernen a blat sholem-aleykhem! Prof. Finkel is co-president of IAYC. His Yiddish website is one of the foremost on the Internet. The group will read a short story by Sholem Aleykhem and discuss matters of grammar, word choice, and style.

Riva Ginsburg

Jewish Resistance and the Generation After the Holocaust
Riva's parents Motke and Yudis Ginsburg were Partisans. She will speak of their, resilience survival, and residual effects on the 2nd and 3rd generations

Karen Goodman

Yiddish in Motion: The Dance Theatre of Benjamin Zemach
Karen is a Yiddish Dance Documentarian and Writer, Modern Dance Choreographer and Teacher. Zemach's dances came from Yiddish life, literature, and song.

Frank Handler

The Heroism of Mendel Beilis and the Jews of the Ukraine.
Frank lectures on "Exploring Jewish History" for Elderhostels, communities, and organizations. He is one of our most popular conference speakers.

Marlis Glaser Humphrey

Jewish Genealogy. Marlis is the industry's foremost expert on next generation family history publishing. Her specialty is on how technology advances in multimedia applications can enrich our sharing of family history.

Genia Kutner

My Illegal Aliyah to Palestine. Genia chairs this XVI IAYC conference. In 1947 the British intercepted the ship and she was sent to Cyprus Detention Camp. In 1948, Genia was freed and went to Israel legally.

Dr. Caren Schnur Neile

From Belarus to the Bronx: The Hero's Journey of Storyteller Roslyn (Raisele) Bresnick-Perry. Roslyn is a well-known storyteller. Dr. Neile edited Ms. Perry's *I Loved My Mother on Saturdays and Other Tales from the Shtetl and Beyond*, and will perform Ms. Perry's tales.

Roberta Newman

Dear Mendl, Dear Reyzl: Yiddish Letters from Russia and America. Robert's articles appear in *Yedies fun YIVO* (News from YIVO) as well as YIVO's director of digital initiatives.

Jane Pepler

Yiddish Music from the Jazz Age: Sing Along! Jane's band, Mappamundi, plays music of Poland between the wars. Jane will share Yiddish cabaret songs of miracle workers, poverty emigration, and *parnose*.

Hilda Rubin

Yiddish Poetry for Clubs and Classes. Hilda has been a Vice Pres. of Yiddish of Greater Washington, chairs Café Kasrilevke, leads Yiddish conversation groups and is artistic director of *Di Shpilers*, the Yiddish theatrical group in the Washington DC area.

Elizabeth Schwartz

"Romania, Romania: Searching For Schwartz". The film relates to her search for her roots and Jewish life in Romania. She explores the ties between klezmer / Yiddish music and Romanian folk and Roma music.

Yale Strom

The Music of Chagall's Childhood: The Khasidim and Itinerant Klezmerim. Chagall is the world's most famous Jewish artist. Much of his inspiration came from the Khasidik klezmers. Yale will speak about the influence they had on Chagall's paintings.

Harold Ticktin

Adam Biro - Yiddish Comic Writer. Harold will present Yiddish stories you probably have not heard. These stories have great punch lines. He also chaired the Cleveland IAYC conference.

Dr. Leon Weissberg

Yiddish: A Kingdom of Its Own. Dr. Weissberg will be presenting a review of the origins and history of a language that created its own nation, culture and identity. He has been Executive Director of the Jewish Education Commission in Boca Raton, FL

Rochelle Zucker

Tribute To Three Women of Song - Adrienne Cooper, Chana Mlotek Beyle Schaechter Gottesman. These women all left an indelible mark. Rochelle hosts a Yiddish radio program in Winnipeg, Canada and is on the IAYC Board of Directors.