

# Yiddish Culture Festival 2012

*In Memoriam Seth Brody*

This free, informal gathering meets periodically to enjoy film, music and speakers encompassing all things Yiddish. It is not necessary to speak or understand Yiddish to fully enjoy these events. Meetings are held **Wednesdays at 7:30pm (promptly!)** in Chase Hall Auditorium (**except the Monday April 2 concert, which begins at 5pm in Roberts Hall.**) For more information or directions, see our website [www.haverford.edu/ycf/](http://www.haverford.edu/ycf/) or contact Jeff Tecosky-Feldman ([jtecosky@haverford.edu](mailto:jtecosky@haverford.edu), 610-896-1199). All are welcome! **Organizers:** Professors Dan Gillis, Mel Santer, Jeff Tecosky-Feldman.

NOTE: These programs will be held during inclement weather UNLESS the campus is closed, which happens only rarely. You can call campus security (610-896-1111) to check.

**Wednesday, February 1:** *An Interview with Yosl Birshteyn* (2011). Yosl Birshteyn (1920-2003) was a Yiddish writer and storyteller. This filmed interview, conducted by Boris Sandler from The Forward, explores the writer's creative process. In Yiddish with English subtitles (53 minutes).

**Wednesday, February 15:** *Romeo & Juliet in Yiddish* (2011). Set in modern day Brooklyn, this drama involves rival Hasidic groups reimagining the traditional Shakespeare tale. Written, directed by and starring Eve Annenberg. In Yiddish and English, with English subtitles (92 minutes).

**Wednesday, March 14:** *Selected Video & DVD Clips of Klezmer, Folk & Theater Songs presented by Bob and Molly Freedman.* They are the founders and curators of the Jewish Sound Archive at the University of Pennsylvania, which is the beneficiary of their more than fifty years of collecting and thirty years of cataloging over some 33,000 songs.

**Monday, April 2:** *From Holocaust to Life: Music of David Botwinik.* This concert features Yiddish songs by Vilna-born composer David Botwinik, sung by internationally acclaimed singer Lisa Willson, soprano, and The Chamber Singers of Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, under the direction of Thomas Lloyd. English translations provided. **NOTE: This special concert starts at 5pm, and is in Roberts Hall, Marshall Auditorium, a 500ft walk from our usual meeting place. Signs will be posted.**

**Wednesday, April 18:** Yiddish readings, stories and jokes. Members of our circle will share favorite tales in Yiddish, with English translation.

**Directions:** If arriving by car, enter the campus by the College Avenue entrance, and park in any spot marked FACULTY/STAFF on the right of the driveway. To find Chase Hall, continue on the driveway until you reach the end of the building on your left (Stokes Hall). Turn left and follow the path up a gentle slope to a stone building with a few steps outside its double-door entrance—this is Chase Hall. We're in the first floor in the back of the building. There is an entrance without steps around the right hand side.

**Support the Festival:** We need your contribution to support this ongoing celebration of Yiddish culture, so please send a check made out to **Haverford College**, with **Yiddish Culture Festival** written on the check or on an accompanying note to: **Catherine Toia, YCF Donations, Haverford College, 370 Lancaster Ave, Haverford PA 19041.** Be sure to include your name and address so that you can be mailed a receipt for tax purposes. We appreciate donations large and small, which we'll use to pay screening fees, enlarge our library of videos and continue to bring interesting speakers and performers for your enjoyment.