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Exciting, Young Yiddish Presenters At the Minneapolis IAYC Conference

The International Association of Yiddish Clubs (IAYC) is proud to feature a group of young and talented Yiddish presenters and performers.

Kristine Peleg grew up in the Midwest and went to Israel on a semester-abroad program, and stayed 20 years. She returned to the U.S. for her Ph.D. program. Kristine has 2 children, and her husband has a computer consulting firm.

She has an MA from Hebrew University, Israel, in Political Science and a Ph.D. in English Literature at the Univ. of Ariz. She teaches at Century College and has articles forthcoming in *American Jewish History* and the *Encyclopedia of Ethnic American Literature*.

Her dissertation begins a study of Rachel Calof's Story using a new translation of Calof's Yiddish manuscript and archival work at the American Jewish Archive and the Jewish Heritage Center.

Amanda Miriam-Khaye Seigel iz a zingerin un shrayberin fun lider af mame-loshn. Zi arbet in der yiddisher kultur-velt in Nyu-york. Zi iz a graduantke fun Hampshire College un fun der YIVO zumer-program.

"Ikh hob gehert nor a por yidische verter in der heym, ober der interes tsu yidish hot zikh antviklt ven ikh hob zikh bateylikht in a yidish-klas in universitet. Ikh hob zikh gelernt vayter, say in der akademisher svive, say fun stam azoy farbrengen mit eltere fraynd. Ikh halt az me muz ufhaltn yidish vi a geredte shprakh, un azoy muz men redn af yidish (befrat mit natirlekhe yidish-reders) vifl es lozt zikh."

Margie Newman grew up in a Yiddish speaking home in Brooklyn NY. She learned Yiddish at the Canarsie Branch of the I.L. Peretz Workman's Circle School and at Camp Hemshekh in Mountandale, New York.

Margie was awarded a University of Minnesota fellowship to attend the Vilnius Yiddish Institute where she studied with Hanan Borden and Eli Katz.

She currently teaches a Yiddish course at Beth Jacob synagogue in Minnesota.

Margie is a writer whose essays and stories have been internationally published. Her writing focuses on Yiddish, the Shoah and Jewish culture.

She lives in St. Paul Minnesota with her two children and works as an investigator for the Minnesota Attorney General.

The Ninth IAYC Conference will be held from Thurs., June 2nd to Sun., June 5th, 2005 in beautiful Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Yiddish Vinkl co-chair, Roz Baker is coordinating the conference. Roz can be reached at: 612-377-5456 or the Publicity chair, Annalee Odessky at: annalee@mn.rr.com or 952-544-5423.

Greater Milwaukee/Chicago area attendees can travel by a chartered Greyhound bus roundtrip for only \$100. Contact Paul Melrood at: 414-961-1715 or e-mail majpaulww2@sbcglobal.net