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A Few of the Star-Studded List of the IAYC Conference Presenters

Lovers of Yiddish are in for a real treat at the upcoming Minneapolis conference of the IAYC in June 2 - 5, 2005. These are just a few of the presenters. This should be the best conference.

Zachary Baker is Curator of Judaica Collections at Stanford University and past Head Librarian at YIVO. He is particularly interested in Yiddish book and magazine publishing among Hasidim. Several of his papers have appeared in *Oyfn Shvel* and *Pakn Treger*.

At our conference his topic will be Hasidica Americana. It will provide an overview of the present state of Yiddish in North America. What does the future have in store for the language? Books and magazines directed at today's Hasidic reader provide fascinating evidence of how this small but rapidly growing group maintains *mame-loshn* as a language that sets it apart from the world around them yet.

Sabell Bender is Chair of the Theater Arts Dept. at a high school in N. Hollywood. She has directed over 50 productions of plays ranging from those of Moliere and Gogol, to Miller, Shaw and Wilder. Sabell is a graduate of The American Repertory Theater and acted in the Los Angeles Yiddish Folksbiene. Her programs portray the world of the Yiddish theater that has thrilled, educated, informed, and entertained enthusiastic millions on both sides of the Atlantic. This is an excellent eye and ear which provides a clear perspective of the modern world.

Sabell returns with a new program. She will discuss love scenes from the Yiddish Stage taken from a melodrama—Sholem Asch, *The Dybbuk*.

Chava Lapin is Adjunct Assoc. Prof. of Yiddish at Queens College. She is a Yiddish scholar and teacher, and often participates in lecture series on East European and contemporary Jewish life. Her expertise is in Yiddish language, literature, culture, tradition and folklore. Prof. Lapin has been teaching Yiddish at Queens College, Columbia University, and Stern College in NYC, Oxford and Moscow. She was Educational Director of the Workmen's Circle.

Sheva Zucker is the new Executive Director of the League for Yiddish. She has taught Yiddish language and literature at Columbia, Duke, Bar-Ilan, and Russian State Humanities University. She is the author of, *Yiddish: An Introduction to the Language, Literature Culture, Vols. 1 & II*. She was the translation editor of *The Pakn Treger*, the magazine of the national Yiddish Book Center. She writes and translates mostly on topics related to women in Yiddish literature.

Zucker's conference topic will be *Territory and Language: The Search for a Yiddish-Speaking Home*. She will explore the history of Yiddish-based territorialism and the way in which the dreams and ideals of Yiddish community are still present in our lives today.

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