

# NATIONAL YIDDISH THEATRE

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Established in 1915, the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene translates to “the people’s stage,” and emerged as the country’s first socially minded theatre by giving a voice to an underserved audience of immigrants. NYTF’s unique programming celebrates a rich cultural heritage brought to this country from afar—like so many traditions that shape contemporary American culture.

NYTF aims to bridge Jewish culture with a secular world utilizing the arts as a connector to a rich cultural legacy, identity and global citizenship. Through strategic programming in theatre, music and educational outreach, NYTF provides access to a culture that is familiar or foreign, enriching cultural identity and expanding cultural awareness.

As NYTF commits to a global outlook of socially-aware, relevant and impactful programming, it extends its mission to restore a cultural inheritance almost eradicated 80 years ago. Now in cooperation with the Museum of Jewish Heritage, it has become NYTF’s responsibility to celebrate Jewish culture as a mainstay of American life, to reflect the advances, collaborations, and innovations that helped shape a land of opportunity, music and stories. As these stories pass from one generation to the next, Folksbiene remains the people’s stage, offering a collective voice and affirming the cultural relevance of the Jewish experience. For more information visit NYTF.org.



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IN COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL YIDDISH THEATRE FOLKSBIENE

# BEST OF THE YEAR

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TRUTH  
**DENIED**  
IMMIGRATION

**BANNED**  
LOVE  
**CONDEMNED**

IT’S TIMES LIKE THESE  
WHEN ART MATTERS MOST.

**INDECENT**

A CELEBRATION OF JEWISH CULTURE AND  
THE PASSIONATE ACTORS WHO RISKED  
EVERYTHING FOR THEIR ART



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A NEW PLAY BY  
**PAULA  
VOGEL**

DIRECTED BY  
**REBECCA  
TAICHMAN**

**BROADWAY PREVIEWS BEGIN APRIL 4**

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NATIONAL YIDDISH THEATRE FOLKSBIENE  
AT THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE  
2017 SPRING / SUMMER SEASON



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Wednesday, April 19th at 7pm

**A Memorial for the 74th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising**  
Featuring readings from *Der Nes in Geto (The Miracle in the Warsaw Ghetto)*

This gripping 1944 drama by H. Levick chronicles the historic act of resistance which kept Nazi forces at bay for 30 days in the spring of 1943. Originally produced in New York just 18 months after the uprising. In Yiddish with English and Russian translation supertitles.

Tickets: \$15 / \$12 MJH & NYTF members



April 26, 2017 - May 13, 2017

**Old New Year** | FolksbieneRU presents a new staged production by Lost & Found Project  
345 East 104 Street New York, NY 10029

This engaging narrative reveals a mosaic of interrelated stories about the private and public sacrifices, struggles, and passions faced everyday by New Yorkers just trying to find their way home. **For full schedule visit NYTF.org.**

Tickets \$18 - \$35

FolksbieneRU is the Russian division of NYTF and a partnership initiative with Genesis Philanthropy Group



# AMERIKE THE GOLDEN LAND

*A musical celebrating the immigrant experience that shaped America.*

**JULY 4, 2017 - AUGUST 6, 2017**

Conceived by Moishe Rosenfeld and Zalmen Mlotek  
Directed by Drama Desk Nominee Bryna Wasserman

The musical journey of an immigrant people as told through the songs and stories which inspired and sustained generations who built new lives in the land of the free. In Yiddish and English with English and Russian supertitles.

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Edmond J. Safra Plaza | 36 Battery Pl. | NY, NY 10280 (unless otherwise specified)



Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 8pm | Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 9:30pm

Based on the dramatic poem by I. L. Peretz  
Conceived and directed by Alexandra Aron  
Composed by Grammy winner and Klezmer giant Frank London  
Lyrics and text by Glen Berger (Spiderman: Turn off the Dark)

**A Night in the Old Marketplace** is a theatrical mad mash-up of psychedelic Klezmer, Kurt Weill, and folk tunes from the Old Country gone electric." It tells the story of the Badkhn, a traditional Jewish wedding jester, who over the course of one long night challenges G-d's authority by attempting to resurrect the dead and bring on the end of days. Performed in English.

Tickets \$30 / \$20 NYTF & MJH members



Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7pm

Central Park SummerStage and the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene proudly present  
**YIDDISH SOUL 2017**  
Central Park SummerStage | Central Park near E. 72nd St. & 5th Ave. | New York, NY 10021

**FEATURING**

The Grammy Award Winning KLEZMATICS  
ZUSHA the Chassidic hipster Band  
THE MACCABEATS the world class a capella group  
with appearances by Cantor Yanky Lemmer of Lincoln Square Synagogue  
and Cantor Chaim Dovid Berson of Manhattan Jewish Center

ADMISSION IS FREE Doors open at 6pm

# APRIL

TUE

Running through September

**4 INDECENT**  
 In collaboration with National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene  
 Cort Theatre - 138 W 48th St New York, NY 10036  
 INDECENT, created by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel and award-winning director Rebecca Taichman, is a deeply moving new play with music, inspired by the true events surrounding the controversial 1923 Broadway debut of Sholem Asch's GOD OF VENGEANCE — a play seen by some as a seminal work of Jewish culture, and by others as an act of traitorous libel. **Indecent** charts the history of an incendiary drama and the path of the artists who risked their careers and lives to perform it. NYTF is the proud Associate Producer of this show. Tickets \$39 - \$129 Visit [IndecentBroadway.com](http://IndecentBroadway.com)

WED 7pm

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Family Programming Music Event Theatrical Event

YOM HASHOAH / HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AT THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE – A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST



Remember • Never Forget

Join the Museum in honoring the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust and paying tribute to those who survived. From Wednesday, April 19 through Sunday, April 30, find special programs and activities, including opportunities to hear the powerful testimonies of survivors.

On Sunday, April 23, join 2,000 people at New York's Annual Gathering of Remembrance, presented by the Museum at Temple Emanu-El (advance ticket reservations required).

To learn more about all of the Museum's Yom HaShoah commemorative events and programs, visit [www.mjhnyc.org/yh](http://www.mjhnyc.org/yh).

# MAY

THURS + SAT 8pm | 9:30pm

**4 + 6 A NIGHT IN THE OLD MARKETPLACE**  
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WED 7pm

**10 BELLE OF TOMBSTONE**  
 Presented by the Museum of Jewish Heritage with New York Theatre Barn  
 Book by Thomas Edward West and Sheilah Rae  
 Music by Michele Brouman  
 Lyrics by Sheilah Rae  
 An all-female musical about the Jewish wife of legendary frontier lawman, Wyatt Earp, and the women of the American West.  
 Tickets \$20 / \$15 NYTF & MJH members



SUN 6:30pm

**14 OUR LEADING LADIES**  
 A Gala Concert Honoring the Special Women in Our Lives  
 NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts  
 566 LaGuardia Place | New York, NY, 10012  
 Co-Hosts TOVAH FELDSHUH and LAINIE KAZAN  
 Featuring ALICIA SVIGALS and the LEADING LADIES ORCHESTRA  
 Join NYTF as we pay special tribute to the Jewish leading ladies of the stage and screen in an all-star gala concert.  
 Tickets \$300, \$500, \$750  
 Packages start at \$2,500 - Call 212-213-2120 Ext. 208

SUN 2pm

**21 DI KISHEFMAKHERIN (THE WITCH)**  
 By Avrom Goldfaden  
 Directed by Motl Didner  
 Music Direction by Zalmen Mlotek  
 An 1879 operetta by the "father of Yiddish theater" and the first Yiddish theater piece produced in America by a 14 year old Boris Thomashevsky. A fairy-tale like story of an innocent young heroine, her wicked stepmother, dashing fiancé, an itinerant peddler and a local witch set to a delightful musical score full of memorable tunes. In Yiddish with English translation supertitles.  
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# JUNE

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TUE 4-8pm

**20 NIGHT AT THE MUSEUMS**  
 Co-presented by Museum of Jewish Heritage and Downtown Culturals Group  
 Fifteen museum and historic sites in Lower Manhattan open their doors to celebrate summer. Visit [NightAtTheMuseums.org](http://NightAtTheMuseums.org) for more information.  
 FREE



# JULY - AUGUST

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# FOLKSBIENE ON TOUR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE FOLKSBIENE TROUPE IN "MAMA'S LOSHN KUGEL"

Saturday, April 29th at 8 PM  
 Jewish Congregation of New Paltz  
 30 N Chestnut St, New Paltz, NY  
 For information call: 845-255-9817

### "YIDDISH THEATRE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE" an illustrated lecture with NYTF Associate Artistic Director, Motl Didner

Sunday, April 30th at 2:30 PM  
 Poughkeepsie Public Library, Boardman Road Branch  
 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie  
 This is a FREE event. No reservations required.

NYTF is passionate about sharing Yiddish theatre with audiences unable to attend events at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. NYTF Associate Artistic director Motl Didner brings lectures and Folksbiene Troupe productions across the country. All troupe productions are performed in Yiddish with English translation supertitles. Russian supertitles available upon request.

\*For more info or to book a lecture or performance by the troupe please call **Motl Didner** at 212-213-2120 x202 or [mdidner@nytf.org](mailto:mdidner@nytf.org)

*This program is supported by a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and The David Berg Foundation.*

# Our Leading Ladies

## A GALA CONCERT

Honoring the Special Women in our Lives  
 PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 6:30pm

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Hosted by **TOVAH FELDSHUH** and **LAINIE KAZAN**  
 Featuring **Judy Kaye, Eleanor Reissa, Joanne Borts,**  
**Cantor Magda Fishman, Daniella Rabbani, Rachel Yucht and more**  
 With **Alicia Svigals and The Leading Ladies Orchestra**

From the early female stars of Yiddish Theatre who shaped Broadway, to those who championed workers and women's rights, to the mothers who kept families strong, our lives have been shaped by great women. Join NYTF as we pay special tribute to the Jewish leading ladies of the stage and screen in an all-star gala concert.

Tickets \$300, \$500, \$750  
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# MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS

Become a member of NYTF and enjoy...

Membership (at all levels) Includes :

- Preferred seating to all performances and our Annual Gala
- Discounted access to the Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Exclusive discounts to programs and events at MJH
- Concierge service
- Waived ticket fees

**BASIC**  
**\$36.00**

All benefits listed above plus:  
 • 10% off for Main Stage shows  
 • 10% off Annual Gala (1 ticket)

**BRONZE**  
**\$90.00**

All benefits listed above plus:  
 • 1 FREE ticket to Main Stage shows  
 • 20% off all other events (up to 2 tickets)  
 • 10% off Annual Gala (2 tickets)

**SILVER**  
**\$180.00**

All benefits listed above plus:  
 • 2 FREE tickets to Main Stage shows  
 • 20% off all other events (up to 4 tickets)  
 • 15% off Annual Gala (2 tickets)

**GOLD**  
**\$360.00**

All benefits listed above plus:  
 • 2 FREE tickets to Main Stage shows  
 • 20% off all other events (up to 6 tickets)  
 • 20% off Annual Gala (2 tickets)

For more information call **Itzy Firestone**  
 at 212-213-2120 Ext. 204 or email [groupsales@nytf.org](mailto:groupsales@nytf.org)

## PARTNERS



**CAGNEY** is the award-winning new musical that follows the life of the legendary James Cagney... Hollywood's Tough Guy in Tap Shoes. With a score that includes classic George M. Cohan favorites Give My Regards to Broadway, Grand Old Flag, and Yankee Doodle Dandy.

"A CRACKERJACK CAST! EXHILARATING TAP ROUTINES!" - Time Out NY  
 "NOTHING BUT JOY - AND PLENTY OF IT!" - Rex Reed, NY Observer

Tuesday - Sunday  
 Tickets: \$89  
[cagneythemusical.com](http://cagneythemusical.com)  
 212-239-6200

Westside Theatre  
 407 W 43rd St, NYC 10036



Don't miss **NOT THAT JEWISH**, the endearing and witty new comedy written and starring Emmy® Award-winning and Golden Globe® nominated writer, actress and comedian Monica Piper. Reminiscent of Billy Crystal's 700 Sundays with a peppering of Neil Simon's Lost In Yonkers, Piper turns "laughter and tears into a memorable theater experience" - THE HUFFINGTON POST

Through April 30, 2017  
 Tickets \$49-\$99  
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 212-239-6200

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 "Funny... Delicious... A Gem" - THE NEW YORK TIME

