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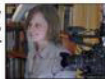
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Saturday, February 7 at 10:30 A.M.

Service & Christa Whitney on "Yiddish Book Center's Wexler Oral History Project – A Growing Archive"

Following our 10:30 A.M. Shabbat Service, including the voices of the Humanaires, Christa Whitney, Director of the Yiddish Book Center's Wexler Oral History Project, will talk to us on the "Yiddish Book Center's Wexler Oral History Project – A Growing Archive."



The Wexler Oral History Project is a growing collection of in-depth video interviews with people of all ages, exploring Yiddish cultural topics and issues of modern Jewish identity. Whitney went to Poland and traversed more than 1,000 miles during which time she recorded oral history interviews with scholars, actors, musicians and Yiddish activists. Together these stories and reflections provide a glimpse into the ways in which cultural heritage is transmitted, adapted, and reinterpreted by each generation, and illustrate the ways in which the Yiddish language and culture inform Jewish identity.

Whitney discovered Yiddish while studying comparative literature at Smith College, the Yiddish Book Institute, and at the Vilnius Yiddish Institute. Her story with the Yiddish Book Center started in 2007 when, as an intern, "they were schlepping books every afternoon in a ninety-something degree warehouse." She returned in 2009 as the first fellow in the, then, brand-new Fellowship Program. In her spare time she likes to dance, read, cook and do genealogy research.

The Program is Sponsored by Marilyn & Sy Golden

Friday, February 20 at 7:30 P.M.

Darwin Day Service and Dr. Steven L. Derfler Speaking on "Jerusalem at the Time of King Herod"

After our 7:30 P.M. Darwin Day Service, we welcome back Dr. Steven L. Derfler, who will speak on "Jerusalem at the Time of King Herod."

Derfler is a retired professor from the University of Wisconsin River Falls, and is Executive Director of Educational Resources, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote understanding and tolerance among different ethnic and religious groups. He is also an international educational consultant, archaeologist, historian, researcher, teacher and writer, and has been uncovering the histories of ancient civilizations for over 35 years.



He has been associated with institutions both in the Midwest, and in Israel, including Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archaeology, the Israeli Antiquities Authority, and The Negev Museum of Beersheva. Archaeological work in Israel has included serving as staff of Tel Sheva, Arad, Tel Michal and Tel Gerishe Expeditions, and as American director of the Nahal Yattir and Tel Keriot excavations.

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