

## **Second Annual Betsy/FIU Exile Studies Yiddish Symposium**

RECLAIMING THE WORLD OF YIDDISH:  
PRESERVING A HERITAGE ROOTED IN EXILE

Directed by Dr. Asher Milbauer, Florida International University  
Sunday, November 12, 2017  
The Betsy South Beach Hotel

Welcoming Remarks:

Mr. Jonathan Plutzik, Chairman, The Betsy South Beach  
Dr. Deborah Briggs, VP of Marketing and Philanthropy, The Betsy South Beach  
Dr. Asher Z. Milbauer, Director, The Exile Studies Program, FIU

**Session I: 10:00-11:00**

*Survival Against All Odds:*

*The Role of Yiddish Immigrant Newsprint in Heritage Preservation and Identity Formation*  
Mr. Boris Sandler, Author, Journalist, Editor-in-Chief (1998-2016) of the *Yiddish Forverts*

**Session II: 11:15-12:15**

*Reviving the Golden Age of Chazanut: A Son's Tribute to the Great Cantor Leib Glantz*  
Dr. Jerry Glantz, Political Scientist and Author of The Man Who Spoke to God

**Session III: 1:30-2:30**

Memoir Writing: Bearing Witness to the Destruction of the World of our Mothers and Fathers  
Professor Miriam Hoffman in Conversation with Mr. Boris Sandler and Dr. Asher Milbauer on her  
memoir, A Breed Apart

**Session IV: 3:00-4:15**

*Exercising the Power of Creativity to Keep Yiddish and Yiddishkayt Alive*

Moderator: Professor Asher Milbauer

Panel participants:

Dr. Deborah Briggs, VP of Marketing and Philanthropy, Betsy Hotel  
Professor Henry Greenspan, Psychologist and Playwright, University of Michigan  
Mr. Avi Hoffman, Actor and Artistic Director of the *Yiddishkayt Initiative*  
Professor Erika Meitner, Poet and Director of the MFA Program, Virginia Tech University

**Session V: 4:30-5:15**

Musical Performance: Singing my Way Through the Land of Yiddish and Beyond  
Ms. Alejandra Charny, Argentinian-American Singer, Composer and Music Educator

**Session VI: 7:30-9:00**

Yiddish is Coming, Yiddish is Coming: Screening *Menashe*, a cinematic phenomenon in Yiddish  
Introduction and Talkback: Drs. Holli Levitsky and Asher Milbauer



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