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## **SHABBOS MIT A YIDDISHER TAM (SHABBAT WITH A YIDDISH FLAVOR)**

October 21, 2007, New York NY – Yiddish, the *mama loshen*, or mother tongue, is the theme at three special Shabbat programs, to be held at **The Village Temple**, in the heart of Greenwich Village. This is the second in a series of Synaplex™ Shabbat experiences.

The evening begins **Friday, November 2**, at 6:00 p.m., with Kol Ram, a meditative, musical warm-up. It is followed by a 6:30 p.m. Shabbat worship service with Yiddish songs and music traditions. Rabbi Chava Koster and Cantorial Soloist Daniel Leanse lead the service and sing-a-long that will transport you to *olde* New York.

A special Junior Congregation worship service for children ages 8-12 will be held, also at 6:30.

A buffet feast of Eastern European delicacies will follow.

The evening concludes with a *tanz* at the *Klezmer Dance Party*, with musicians Sruli and Lisa.

“Yiddish is a highly colorful language whose spirit and vocabulary have infused Jewish daily life and worship for centuries. We hope to capture its joy in yet another alternative Shabbat experience. Synaplex at The Village Temple is designed to speak to a broad range of those who live in downtown Manhattan, many of whom have no formal contact with the organized Jewish community at this point in their lives. We will import Jewish culture and traditions from far flung corners of the planet from Ethiopia to Argentina to India to our little Temple on East 12<sup>th</sup> Street for all to learn and enjoy,” said Donald Kent, Co-president of The Village Temple.

The program continues at 10:30 a.m. on **Saturday, November 3** with Shabbat worship services. Author and translator Leonard Wolf, together with Yiddish-o-phile Alizah Brozgold, will delight children and adults of all ages with a selection of stories and poems from the classic tale by A. A. Milne (*Vini-der-Pu* read in Yiddish and English). Bring your *bobbe*, *zayde* and a favorite stuffed animal.

At 6:00 pm on **Saturday, November 3**, join us for *Instant Yiddish*, led by Nikolai Borodulin, Assistant Director, Center for Cultural Jewish Life, The Workmen’s Circle/Arbeter Ring.

*Lomir alle zingen* (Let's all sing together) at the traditional Havdallah service at 7:00 pm.

At 7:30 pm, the film, *Grine Felder*, the last Yiddish feature to be filmed in Poland before WWII, will be shown. *Green Fields* is based on a trilogy by Peretz Hirschbein. Alizah Brozgold, who acted in the Yiddish stage version produced by the Folksbiene Theater in 1974, will introduce the film. The program is part of the Rose and Adolph Alexander Film and Lecture Series, a component of The Well – Adult Education Institute of The Village Temple.

All programs are FREE and open to children and adults, all ages.

Synaplex is an initiative of STAR (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Synaplex is made possible by grants from UJA-Federation and the STAR Foundation.

For more information, please call 212-674-2340 or visit [www.villagetemple.org](http://www.villagetemple.org).

### **About The Village Temple**

The Village Temple, led by Rabbi Chava Koster and Cantorial soloist Daniel Leanse, has served the Reform Jewish community in Greenwich Village and Lower Manhattan for almost 60 years. It blends the beauty of tradition with the creative expression of modern Judaism, providing community and worship experiences that are both participatory and joyful. The Congregation is inclusive, progressive and diverse, reflecting the community it serves. The Village Temple is committed to social justice, supporting many community outreach activities. It has operated a Soup Kitchen for almost 20 years that continues to serve hot meals to over 150 people each week. The Temple sponsors a vibrant religious school for students in grades Pre-K through high school, exciting adult education programs, and many enjoyable social events. For further information on this event or other Village Temple programs, please contact Marina Gorbunova, 212-674-2340, or visit the Village Temple website, [www.villagetemple.org](http://www.villagetemple.org).

### **EVENT SUMMARY**

**Event Type: Worship Services, Dinner, Music, Reading, Language Lesson and Film**

**Subject: Shabbat With a Yiddish Flavor**

**Date and Time: Friday, November 2 at 6:00 pm and Saturday, November 3 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm**

**Location: The Village Temple, 33 East 12 Street, New York NY 10003 (Between University & Broadway)**

**Cost: FREE**

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