The Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland, a partnership program of the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture, aims to nurture the revival of Jewish life in Poland, further awareness of this resurgence among Jews and non-Jews, and foster positive interest in Poland and Polish Jews among American Jews, the majority of whom have Polish roots.

The Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland

Please Join Us for a Festival of Jewish Cultural Renewal

October 18-27, 2006

Where We Come From

Our Jewish Heritage in Poland Past, Present & Future
October 18
Curator’s Preview of 2006-07 Exhibitions related to Polish Jewish Heritage
Wednesday, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
A behind-the-scenes look at two special art exhibitions at the Judah L. Magness Museum. “Through the Eye of the Needle: The Fabric Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz” and “They Called Me Meyer July: Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland before the Holocaust.”
Judah L. Magness Museum
2911 Russell Street, Berkeley, 94705
R.s.v.p. 510.549.6950

October 18-19
Wednesday, October 18
6:30 PM
Dr. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, New York University
Dinner Board Room
Hewlett Library, GTU
2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, 94709

Thursday, October 19
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Symposium Topics:
“Culture, Memory & Renewal”
“Post-Communist Identity Formations”
“Secular Jewish Culture, Then & Non”
“Art, Loss & Recovery”
Easton Hall, GTU
2401 Ridge Road, Berkeley, 94709
For information or to register call 510.649.2495. Free and open to the public. Limited seating.
Co-hosted by the Center for Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union, and Institute for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies at UC Berkeley

October 21
“Even the Birds Sang in Yiddish” Concert
Saturday, 8:00 PM
Three great artists. Songs of love and mastery, of war, tragedy and sorrow, and the struggle to survive. Songs of hope and humor…and the sweep of generations. Reminisce about a time when Polish Jewish life was lived, amidst poverty and despair, in such joy and abundance that even the birds sang in Yiddish.

Theodore Bikel with Michael Alpert & Tamara Brooks

October 22
“Telling Our Stories, Tracing Our Roots: Polish Jewish Heritage & Cultural Renewal
Sunday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
The Taube Center for Jewish Life at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco invites you to a day of workshops, panels and cross-cultural dialogue about Jewish cultural renewal, reflections from Europe & the U.S.
Morning Sessions:
- Our Endangered Past & Heritage Preservation
- The Jewish Arts & Non-Jewish Audiences
- Jews Making News
- Third Generation on Campus

Afternoon Workshops:
- Telling Our Stories
- Tracing Our Roots
- Photo-documenting Our Heritage Sites
- Producing Culture Festivals

Jewish Community Center of San Francisco
3200 California Street at Presidio Avenue, San Francisco, 94118
To reserve tickets, call 415.292.1233

October 24
For Students Only: Jewish Student Peer Exchange
Tuesday, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Students involved in Jewish life at Stanford and in Poland will meet to share their understandings about Jewish identity and Jewish student life on campus.
Taube Hillel House at the Ziff Center for Jewish Life
565 Mayfield Avenue, Stanford
Light dinner provided.
Students: Please R.s.v.p. to adanzig@stanford.edu

“Remembering and Renewing Jewish Culture in Post-Holocaust, Post-Communist Poland”
Tuesday, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
A roundtable discussion on the post-war changes in Polish Jewish life, with Stanford faculty and visiting presenters.
Building 200, Room 107 (History Conference Room)
Stanford University
For information, email rolvy@stanford.edu
Cosponsors: Hillel, Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Stanford University, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies.

October 26
“Where We Come From: Polish Jewish Relations—Past, Present & Future”
Thursday, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
A panel presentation and dialogue with survivors, their children and grandchildren.

Three generations of Polish Jews share their life experiences as the stewards of Holocaust memory in Poland and as the builders of Jewish community today. Presentations by writers, artists, educators and students from Poland.

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2150 Post Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
R.s.v.p.: 415.449.3843

October 27
Erev Shabbat
Friday, 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM
Congregation Emanu-El
Two Lake Street
San Francisco, CA 94118
Welcome Remarks:
Tad Taube, President, Taube Philanthropies
Presentation:
“Poland: An Ally of Israel,” Konstanty Gebert, founder-publisher, Midrars Magazine