JEWISH WOMEN'S VOICES

PAST & PRESENT



A WEEKEND OF CULTURE,
SCHOLARSHIP
AND CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 19-21, 1993

TORONTO, ONTARIO

GENERAL INFORMATION

When: Friday, February 19, 1993 to Sunday, February 21, 2 PM. Registration begins 3 PM.

Location: Ontario Institute for Studies in Education 252 Bloor St. West Toronto, Ontario M5S 1V6

Fees: Early Registration

Before December 15, 1992:

\$75.00 includes Shabbat dinner,
Saturday breakfast, lunch
and all events.

After early deadline: \$85.00.

(Limited number of scholarships.)

\$10.00 Saturday reading and music evening only.

- * Daycare available.
- * All meals vegetarian. Kosher dinners can be specially ordered.
- * Wheelchair accessible.
- * Hotel, guest houses and billets available. Forms will be sent upon registration.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:
Address:

Phone:

Enclosed is a cheque for_____.

- () I will require a billet.
- () Please send me a list of hotels and guest houses.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHEQUE, MADE OUT TO:

Women's Educational Resources Centre, OISE

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Jewish women are active as feminists in a broad range of political and cultural activities. Rarely, however, have we had the opportunity to articulate our feminism in the context of our Jewish experience, history, literature, and socialization.

The aim of our event is to create a link of continuity between our past and present as Jewish women. It is through our feminism that we are able to understand and articulate the relevance of our past to our lives today. We hope Jewish Women's Voices: Past and Present will illuminate and celebrate this continuity.

This gathering of women will be a starting point for many of us. The aim of the weekend is to focus on a number of themes and allow women to explore them through workshops, panels, readings, music, films and rituals.

THEMES TO BE EXPLORED ARE

- * Jewish Feminism
- * Historical & Contemporary Issues
- * Yiddish Women Writers
- * Jewish Women's Creativity

PROGRAMME EVENTS INCLUDE

A Feminist Perpective on Jewish Life and Values from the Shtetl to the Present

Jewish Women's Creativity in the Arts

Jewish Lesbian Experience

Daughters of Holocaust Survivors

Antisemitism & Racism

Violence in the Jewish Family

Early Yiddish Women's Literature: 17th Century and Beyond

Culture and Radical Politics: Yiddish Women Writers in America, 1890 -1940

Jewish Women in the Toronto
Labour Movement, 1900-1939

A Feminist Perspective on Yiddishkayt

Jewish Women in Therapy: New Approaches

Feminists Transforming Jewish Religious Life

Oral History: Retrieving Women's Stories

Organizing Ourselves: Networking for the Future of Jewish Feminism

OTHERS EVENTS WILL INCLUDE

* Feminist comedy by Judith Sloan

- * Women in Yiddish Folk Songs, performance by Adrienne Cooper
- * Readings by women writers & poets including Miriam Waddington,
 Rhea Tregebov, Irena Klepfisz
- * Concert by Cantor Elizabeth Bolton
- * Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein & Norma Joseph
- * Friday evening dinner and Saturday lunch for all participants
- * Singing and dancing for all
- * Films and videos

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Elizabeth Bolton
Aviva Cantor
Adrienne Cooper
Ruth Frager
Elyse Goldstein
Irena Klepfisz
Norma Joseph
Michele Landsberg
Norma Fain Pratt
Rachel Josefowitz Siegel
Judith Sloan
Miriam Waddington
and many more.

Co-ordinators: Frieda Forman, Sarah Swartz, Margie Wolfe

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