

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE IAYC

Vision

- * To access leyenkrayzn, shraybkrayzn, shmues grupes, shtudir, choral, choirs, large or small clubs, classes from elementary, secondary, post secondary to adult and make them aware of their rich heritage.
- * To become a clearinghouse for the creation and distribution of Yiddish educational and program materials.
- * To encourage and initiate research of existing or new material—be it educational, music, art, or literature and make it available to the clubs.
- * To encourage new writers by giving them a forum in our newsletters or local papers which have a Yiddish column.
- * To encourage the formation of new groups in various formats wherever possible, be they large or small.
- * To encourage groups to issue newsletters even if it is only once or twice a year.
- * To lobby Holocaust committees to include Yiddish poetry and songs in their memorial programs.
- * To encourage younger people to take classes, or form them, wherever possible. To those who are already learning the language, encourage them to explore their Ashkenazi roots through history, music and literature—the history and literature in translation, if necessary.
- * To lobby all types of Jewish schools, be they Hebrew Day Schools, Hebrew Schools or Sunday schools, to include Yiddish classes in their curriculum.
- * To lobby universities to include Yiddish courses in their Jewish Studies Program. They should include Yiddish language, literature and eastern European history.

Benefits of Belonging to IAYC

- * To support Yiddish club conferences. To take Yiddish out of isolation, unite, and give it a strong international presence. The IAYC conferences are a source of interaction for groups, and meeting like-minded people to hearing and meeting the best resource people be they writers, scholars, teachers, musicians, actors singers, or organizers.
- * To access and arrange touring groups, speakers, singers, theatre groups, musical performances etc., via currently existing newsletters or the electronic media.
- * To have Yiddish groups and organizations benefit from such efforts. *Cooperation is the basis of success.* Each type of activity adds greatly to the overall knowledge and interest of the Yiddish Community.
- * To join with other like-minded people all over the world in sharing the camaraderie, joy, pleasure, knowledge, ideas and support of a larger group activity.

MISSION

- * To provide a global perspective and network for Yiddish groups—be they large or small.
- * To exchange educational and cultural materials produced by the clubs and by associated organizations.
- * To experience a sense of unity while striving to keep our language, literature, and culture alive.

As the sole international organization fostering Yiddish clubs, the IAYC is in the forefront of extolling the benefits of our *mameloshn*. Your participation is needed.

The greater the number of us participating in Yiddish activities the greater will be the pleasure and enjoyment.