

## KlezKanada presents the Yiddish Culture Jam, a Celebration of Yiddish Arts and Culture

*A New Winter Event in Montréal Focusing on Contemporary Yiddish  
Cultural Creation and Cross-Cultural Collaboration*

**Montréal - February 6, 2026** – Join KlezKanada for a heymish weekend of Yiddish culture in the heart of Montréal's historic Jewish neighborhood of Mile End from **February 26 - March 1, 2026**. The [Yiddish Culture Jam](#) is a weekend-long urban winter companion to KlezKanada's internationally-acclaimed Summer Retreat. The program will showcase and explore the tremendously rich outpouring of new Yiddish art and performance being created today and offer creative skill-building workshops.

Alongside this focus on new work, the program will highlight the rich tradition of cultural exchange in Yiddish culture by connecting with our neighbouring cultural communities and cultivating spaces for collaboration. For the inaugural event, **the program will explore intersections between Yiddish and Québécois culture**. The weekend will feature a curated program of workshops, talks, concerts, and social events led by guest faculty, as well as a series of participant-led workshops that highlight the talent and knowledge of the Yiddish cultural community.

Highlights include the **Klezmer Kitchen Party (February 28)**, bringing Jewish culture to a classic Québécois tradition. Featuring Québec-based musicians Isaac Beudet Lefebvre, Zafer Mamilli, Eden Glasman, Josh "Socalled" Dolgin, Maia Dagher, and Everest Witman, plus dance leaders Avia Moore and Ghislain Jutras! Raise a glass with them as they swap tunes from the klezmer and Québécois fiddle repertoire and share translations of Yiddish and French songs.

KlezKanada is also pleased to welcome **Liz Alpern** and **Jeffrey Yoskowitz**, the culinary experts from [The Gefilteria](#) sharing their mission to reimagine Eastern European Jewish cuisine. They will be offering multiple sessions including a hands-on workshop "The Art of Jewish Pickling" and a talk about Ashkenazi Jewish gastronomy, "The Shtetl Kitchen."

The Yiddish Culture Jam will run from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon, with concerts, talks, hands-on workshops, a Friday shabes program, and a skating party.

“The Yiddish Culture Jam brings the vibrant cultural atmosphere of KlezKanada’s internationally-acclaimed Summer Retreat into the heart of Montreal, making klezmer music and Yiddish arts and culture accessible to wider audience while contributing to the distinctly rich and diverse artistic fabric of Montréal,” said KlezKanada’s Executive Director, David Moss.

**Where:** Mile End, Montréal (Casa Del Popolo, Centre des musiciens du monde, Ukrainian Federation)

**When:** February 26 - March 1, 2026

**Tickets Available Online:** <https://klezkanada.org/year-round/yiddish-culture-jam/>



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### **About KlezKanada**

KlezKanada was founded in 1996 to teach, nurture and present to a broad public the best of Jewish traditional arts and Yiddish culture. Its mission is to foster Jewish cultural and artistic creativity worldwide as both an ethnic heritage and a constantly evolving contemporary culture and identity. From its start as a small summer festival, KlezKanada has become one of the leading Jewish cultural organizations in the world.

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