

THE FLORIDA STORYTELLING ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

STORYLAB INTENSIVE***

**Maggidim (Storytellers), Menshin (Folk) & Memories:
The World of Jewish Storytelling
WITH THE LEGENDARY ROSLYN BRESNICK-PERRY**

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Roslyn's home, Deerfield Beach, Florida (just south of Boca Raton)

Fee: \$99

Before the Book, there was the Word. So while Jews have long been known as the People of the Book, they are, first and foremost, the People of the Spoken Word. Jewish stories link us to 5,000 years of wisdom and values that form the foundation of Western civilization. These stories are not only valuable for their content, but also delight audiences with their wit and humor. They are appropriate for general audiences and for telling in churches, schools and other venues.

Topics of discussion will include

- what is a Jewish story
- how to find Jewish stories and make them your own
- Yiddish and Hebrew vocabulary and pronunciation, Jewish cultural background, etc
- how Jewish stories promote cultural understanding
- how to tell a Jewish story with the most effective tone, gesture and timing
- diving more deeply into the soul of Jewish stories for those who are familiar with the traditions and want to deepen their insights and wisdom for a richer experience.

Participants will each have a minimum of 45 minutes to explore any story or topic that resonates with them or connects them to their own traditional or personal values. Handouts include stories and an extensive bibliography.

The presenter: Roslyn Bresnick-Perry was born in Wysokie Litewskie, Belarus. She is the recipient of the National Storytelling Network 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award. Her upcoming book, *I Loved My Mother on Saturdays* (Ben Yehudah Press, 2008) features her heartfelt personal narratives, many of which feature Jewish life and lore and the travails and triumphs of immigration. Perry's wisdom and humor have captivated audiences at festivals and workshops throughout the country and overseas, including at the prestigious National Storytelling Festival in Tennessee and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. She has performed at the Victory Theater on Broadway, and for the Library of Congress, and she has served as teller-in-residence at the International Storytelling Center. Her stories have also been broadcast on National Public Radio.

Note: As a StoryLab intensive, this workshop is limited to SIX participants only. First come, first served. Bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

REGISTER:

Send: Name, e-mail, phone, address, special needs, member of FSA? to Mary Ooton at maryooton@excite.com

Make checks out to Roslyn Bresnick-Perry and sent to:

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PLUS: Sunday, March 2: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton. Two free Jewish storytelling concerts featuring acclaimed teller Gail Rosen, founder of the National Storytelling Network Healing Story Alliance.

1) "For Tomorrow/Ich hoff" auf morgen: The Story and Poetry of Hilda Stern Cohen." This performance is a series of powerful vignettes in Holocaust survivor Hilda's own words, framed by many of her poems as well as the Jewish prayers that were so much a part of her daily life. Rosen has performed this story throughout the U.S., Canada, Israel, Poland, Austria and Germany.

2) Following a break for dinner, Gail will perform a second show, the story behind the making of "For Tomorrow," called "Choose Hope," at 7 p.m.

Performance sponsored by the Palm Beach County Storytelling Guild, South Florida Storytelling Project at Florida Atlantic University, Professor Alan Berger, Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair in Holocaust Studies, and FAU Women's Studies Department.